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UFAA Board Chairman Francis Njenga said the state agency has collected Sh32 billion in cash and an additional Sh1.7 billion unit shares worth Sh31 billion

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA) is holding more than Sh60 billion in cash and assets, which it seeks to reunify with the rightful claimants.

UFAA Board Chairman Francis Njenga said the state agency has collected Sh32 billion in cash and an additional Sh1.7 billion unit shares worth Sh31 billion.

The figure, Njenga said, is part of abandoned cash and shares in financial institutions and mobile money companies, which the agency has gone all out to collect and hand over to the rightful owners.

Dr. Njenga attributed the success in recovering the money from the institutions to partnerships with other national government departments and the media, which have enhanced the voluntary submission of the assets.

The money, he added, has been secured at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) in the form of Treasury Bills and

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The Week In numbers

453

ECDE teachers in Makueni whose contractst have been converted to permanent and pensionable positions

25

Boreholes where Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company sources its water from within the county.

500

Farmers in Olkaria Ward, Naivasha who have benefitted from a donation of 3,200 one month-old chicks from the Nakuru County

1,700

Number of people whot so far over have been rehabilitated and assisted to acquire various skills to create livelihoods.

129

Number of artisanal miners marketing co-operatives have been formed and registered in mining areas



Government's war against illicit brews making progress, says DP

BY JOSEPH WANGUI (DPCS)

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has assured Kenyans that the Government is on course to eliminate illegal brews and narcotics from the market.

Gachagua issued this statement while cautioning security teams and National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) against sabotaging and politicizing

the fight against the sale and consumption of illicit brews, drugs, and substance abuse.

"I discussed the issue of illicit brews, drugs, and substance abuse with President William Ruto, and we agreed there was a problem. He instructed me to lead the war against illicit brews and drug abuse, particularly in the Mount Kenya region, which is widely affected.

"We were losing an entire generation. The matter was brought to the Cabinet and endorsed. We formed a multi-agency team and made substantial progress; illegal bars were closed. People were happy and supported the exercise," said Mr. Gachagua.

Urging the security teams and National Government

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Government’s war against illicit brews making progress, says Deputy President

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Administration Officers to disallow re-opening of illegal bars that were closed for violating Alcoholic Drinks and Control Regulations, Mr Gachagua said the move amounts to undermining the President and Kenyans.

This, he emphasised, is because in March this year, the Cabinet ratified enforcement measures to tackle the problem of illicit alcohol and drug abuse in the country.

Arising from the Cabinet decision, illegal liquor joints and alcohol manufacturers were closed, he said, adding that the Cabinet resolution is still in force.

“No decision has been made by the Cabinet stopping war against illicit or allowing the illegal liquor joints to reopen. Anybody stopping or undermining the fight is setting the President and the government against the people of Kenya,” he said.



“Popularity of this administration will depend on interference or non-interference with the war against illicit brews. Parents were happy with the government because of the war. The Interior (Ministry of Interior and National Administration) officers re-opening the bars should know that they are spoiling for the President, and causing political damage for him,” he added.

He asked the officers to disregard instructions from politicians in the fight against illicit brews and drug abuse.

Prior to the Cabinet decision, many people had lost their lives to the illicit and poisonous

brews while others were left blind. Families and livelihoods had also been broken.

“Stop playing politics with the lives of the people. There are officers introducing primitive politics to undermine the programme. I believe the President is not part of it and some people are using his name to cause damage,” he said.

For her part, Pastor Dorcas asked young people to observe law and order even as they push for their rights.

She said she will continue with the Boy Child Rehabilitation and Mentorship programme, so as to restore the dignity of the youth affected by drugs and alcoholism.

“I won’t stop the boy child programme. I urge the Church to participate and open doors for those affected by illicit brews and drug abuse. The Church has power and authority to do what is supposed to be done. Some people have been reformed and made families,” she said.

Agency seeks owners of Sh60b in unclaimed financial assets

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Bonds to ensure that it is not misappropriated as the agency looks for the rightful owners.

“We have really suffered to secure this money because there is a section of our community that believes that anything that is money should be stolen to benefit them,” he said.

To ensure the money is handed over to the rightful owners, Dr. Njenga said the agency has rolled out a partnership with the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) and other state departments to create awareness so that the money is collected.

Speaking in Kisumu during a sensitization meeting for NGAO officers, Dr. Njenga said so far UFAA has received over 30,000 claims worth over Sh2 billion already paid out.

He added that the agency has rolled out regional clinics to sensitize Kenyans on the services while offering free legal assistance to initiate the



Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority Board Chairman Dr. Francis Njenga (center) addressing the media in Kisumu. Looking on is UFAA Chief Executive Officer John Mwangi left and Kisumu Central Deputy County Commissioner Bosek Lang’at (right). Photo By Chris Mahandara

process of reclaiming the money.

“We have a partnership with the Judiciary, and we are appealing to all Kenyans to take advantage of this so that all succession cases are fast-tracked for them to receive their money,” he said.


UFAA, he said, has 21 million active accounts, and through the various interventions, the agency targets to pay out Sh7-10 billion by the end of the year 2028.

To reach the target, he said, the agency is working with the National Assembly to review the

Unclaimed Financial Assets Act 40 of 2021 to reduce the turnaround time of processing claims.

“We are currently taking between one to three weeks to process the claims. With these reforms, we hope to make payments, where possible, within a day,” he said. He asked Kenyans to reach out to the agency and find out whether they have any unclaimed financial assets so that they can claim them.

“This is the only institution that calls you to come and collect your money at no cost,” he said.



KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
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STAKEHOLDERS VIEWS ON GRADE TEN (10) CURRICULUM DESIGNS

The Ministry of Education has been implementing the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) since the year 2019; and the first cohort of the CBC are currently at Grade Eight (8). This cohort shall be in Grade Nine (9) in the year 2025 and will proceed to Grade Ten (10), which is the first year of Senior School in the year 2026.

In this regard, the KICD has developed Grade 10 Curriculum Designs and uploaded them on the KICD website www.kicd.ac.ke as drafts.


Therefore, KICD invites all stakeholders in Education, especially secondary school principals and teachers, to study and provide feedback on the Grade 10 Curriculum Designs on the following aspects:


1. Essence statements and expected learning outcomes
2. Scope and sequence as captured in the strands and sub-strands
3. Suggested learning experiences
4. Mainstreaming of core competencies, pertinent and contemporary issues and values.
5. Suggested assessment, learning materials and non-formal activities.
6. Any other suggestions relevant to the Grade 10 curriculum designs in particular and implementation of CBC at Senior School in general.

Please send your comments and suggestions to the following email address: grade10feedback@kicd.ac.ke or info@kicd.ac.ke by **31st July, 2024**.


The feedback should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development,
P.O. Box 30231-00100,
NAIROBI.**





THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL


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TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya National Examinations Council Act No. 29 of 2012. The Council is mandated to conduct national assessments and examinations at both basic and tertiary levels and certify learners.


1.0 KNEC invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Tenders below:

S/No.	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER TITLE	TARGET GROUP
1.1	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/01	Renewal of Apex Enterprise Suite Licenses (Independent database audit tool).	Open
1.2	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/02	Renewal of Microsoft 365 A5 Suite for Education	Open
1.3	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/03	Maintenance and Repair of Tally Printers and Supply of related consumables	Open
1.4	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/04	Repair and Maintenance of Examination Storage Containers on a two year framework contract	Open
1.5	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/05	Framework Contract for Provision of Conference Facilities on as and when required basis for a period of two years	Open
1.6	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/06	Framework contract for Supply of General office Supplies on as and when required basis for a period of two years	AGPO
1.7	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/07	Framework contract for Supply of Printing Consumables on as and when required basis for a period of two years	Open
1.8	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/08	Repair and Maintenance of Digital Printers and supply of related consumables	Open
1.9	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/09	Pre-qualification of firms to Provide Clearing and Forwarding Services	Open
1.10	KNEC/ONT/2024-2025/10	Pre-qualification of Security Printing Firms	Open

2.0 Interested eligible Bidders may obtain tender documents from the following websites: www.knec.ac.ke or www.supplier.tresury.go.ke or www.tender.go.ke

3.0 The closing date for submission shall be as per the dates provided in the respective bid documents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PWDs urged to apply for Affirmative Action funds

BY DAVID MUTWIRI AND BLAISE GITONGA(KNA)
Persons Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) have been encouraged to apply for the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) to achieve economic empowerment and independence.
Addressing members of the Ganga PWD Community Based Organization, Tharaka Nithi Women Representative Ms. Susan Ngugi stated that her office is prepared to prioritize proposals from PWDs, emphasizing their unique needs within the county.
During a consultative meeting with the group at Igwanjau in Ganga Ward, the legislator reiterated her commitment to representing vulnerable groups in society. She aims to reduce poverty and inequality by enhancing access to funding for socio-economic empowerment.
“I advocate for affirmative action, and PWDs are a priority group in my representation. Their needs require specific attention and empowerment for independent living through access to financial resources provided by NGAAF,” she emphasized.


Hundreds of ECDE teachers in Makueni County secure permanent roles after years on contract

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI AND MITCHELL MWENDWA (KNA)
At least 453 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers, who had been on contract, have now been converted to permanent and pensionable positions.
Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. attributed the delay in confirming the ECDE teachers’ permanent and pensionable status to budgetary constraints affecting their salaries and allowances.
“In 2014, recognizing your crucial role, the county government hired 950 of you on contract due to budget limitations that postponed your conversion to permanent and pensionable positions,” Mutula stated outside his Wote office, where he handed over appointment letters to the ECDE teachers.
“However, your dedication and hard work have remained steadfast since 2014. In January, the first group of 497



Governor Mutula Kilonzo presenting letters of appointment to permanent and pensionable ECDE teachers outside his Wote office.
teachers were offered permanent positions, and I assured the rest of you that your turn would come in July,” the Governor added.
He emphasized that this development was not a political event but rather a recognition of the teachers’ hard work, acknowledging their modest earnings that often fail to cover their daily needs.
Consequently, Mutula said it was imperative for the national and county governments to treat and remunerate teachers well because they perform a duty of preserving the future and impacting positively the young children of this country.
Mutula said the county government has invested in building child friendly infrastructure besides providing essential materials to facilitate activities like music and digital learning in ECDE centres across the county.

“We can spend so much money to construct beautiful classrooms and teachers go home with Sh5,000 or 7,000.
This is not human, I say we are sorry for what you have gone through,” Mutula lamented.
“We recognize the security of your welfare is an extension and assurance that you will not abandon our alpha generation,” the Governor posed.
The diploma teachers who were earning Sh20,000 will now get Sh41,000 while certificate holders will earn Sh37,000 from Sh17,000 besides other allowances. The ECDE teachers will be transferable within the county.
He encouraged the ECDE teachers to embrace continuous learning so that they keep abreast of the technologies and teaching methodologies to enable them offer quality ECD learning to the young children of Makueni.
“We have completed 36 projects out of 44 in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
Through Anita Mbinya Foundation, we have distributed 1,000 kitty chairs and 125 kitty tables to enhance learning in our ECDE centres across the county,” Executive Committee Member (ECM) for ICT, Education and Internship Elizabeth Muli said.
Speaking at the same event, Makueni County Woman Member of Parliament Rose Museo lauded the county government for the efforts they have made to nurture the young children in the county.
Present at the function included the Deputy Governor Ms Lucy Mulili, Makueni County Service Board Chairperson Dr. Nicomeus Muteti, Devolution ECM Japheth Mang’oka and his counterparts for Lands, Urban Planning and Environment and Trade Nicolas Nzioka and Dr. Sonia Nzilani among other senior county government officials.



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TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders:

No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE
1.	KEBS/T034/2023-2024	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover	30 th July 2024 1000Hours (EAT)

Tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained from the **Supply Chain Office, KEBS Centre, Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi**, on normal working days between **0900 hours and 1600 hours** upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000** (One Thousand Kenya Shillings Only) as indicated in the **Tender Document** and the amount is payable in **Cash or Bankers Cheque** or be downloaded for **free** from KEBS website: www.kebs.org or Public Procurement Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke>. **All payments shall be made to the Kenya Bureau of Standards, Nairobi.**

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked **"TENDER NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE TENDER"** indicated on the envelope should be addressed and delivered to:

**THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARDS,
P.O. BOX 54974 - 00200
NAIROBI.**

Or be deposited in the Tender Box located at **KEBS Centre Main Reception** marked **"TENDER BOX"** to be received as **indicated above**.

Tender opening will be carried out immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at the **KEBS Conference Room One**


Bid security will be as indicated in the tender document.



MANAGING DIRECTOR

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TENDER NOTICE

The Engineers Board of Kenya invites interested and eligible bidders to submit sealed bids for the following:

No	Tender Reference No	Description of Tender	Eligibility	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	EBK/OP/001/2024-2025	Provision of Medical Insurance for Staff and Board Members	Open	30 th July, 2024 at 11.00am


A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1000** in form of a banker's cheque or deposited in EBK account at the **National Bank of Kenya, Hill Plaza Branch Account Number, 01001031539000**. Alternatively the tender documents may be obtained free of charge by downloading from EBK website: www.ebk.go.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal: www.tenders.go.ke. Bidders who choose to download the tender documents **MUST** forward their company's particulars to tenders@ebk.go.ke for recording and further addendum/clarifications if any.

Duly completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the **Tender Number** and **Name** should be addressed to:

**The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer
Engineers Board of Kenya
Fortis Suites, 9th Floor, Hospital Road, Upper Hill
P.O Box 30324-00100 Nairobi, Kenya**

And deposited in the Tender Box situated at the Reception of Engineers Board of Kenya at Fortis Suites 9th Floor, Hospital Road, Upper Hill so as to be received on or before **(the tender closing dates indicated on the above table)**. The submitted tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter at the EBK's Boardroom in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

**REGISTRAR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ENGINEERS BOARD OF KENYA**



State unveils multi-billion projects for mineral value addition across counties

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI (KNA)

The Government has engaged various strategic investors to establish local processing plants and facilities in parts of the country rich in mineral resources, aimed at mineral processing and value addition.

The immediate former Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Salim Mvurya, stated that his Ministry has initiated the establishment of several value addition projects.

These include a gold refinery in Kakamega County costing Sh5.8 billion, a granite processing plant in Vihiga County worth Sh2.5 billion, and a fluorspar plant in Elgeyo Marakwet costing Sh4.8 billion.

Mvurya also outlined plans for local mineral processing facilities: soapstone processing in Kisii County, copper processing in Kitui, an iron ore plant in Tai-



PS Elijah Mwangi in a past function. (File).

ta-Taveta County, and multiple clinkerization investments in Kitui, Kakamega, and Kilifi counties. He emphasized that these initiatives aim to create job opportunities through value addition.

“We are tracking minerals to ascertain where they come from for purposes of calculating the royalty,” he added.

Through the road registers issued free of charge

to mineral rights holders by regional mining officers, it has become easier to determine the origin of minerals which helps in the fair allocation of royalties amongst the national and county governments and the communities.

The former CS stressed that royalties at the regional level will be approved by regional mining officers, noting that that

all minerals should be categorized for them to be valuable.

He said to address the issue of artisanal miners, the De-

We encourage investors who want to invest in the sector to comply with the Mining Act 2016

partment of Mining has moved to formalize them into marketing cooperatives in addition to the gazettement and operationalization of artisanal mining committees.

“To date, 129 artisanal miners marketing co-operatives have been formed and registered while 29 artisanal mining committees are operational,” Mvurya said.

He said all miners will be required to adhere to the Mining Act 2016 on royalties and mining issues to get permits and licenses.

The former CS said the ministry is working with artisanal miners’ association to sensitize them on the importance of adhering to safety and security measures.

“We have closed down 13 mines across the country that were not safe, some of which were in Isiolo, Marsabit and Siaya,” he stated, adding that the ministry wants to register all miners into co-operatives so as to bring order in the sector



besides offering training.

Mvurya disclosed that the ministry has also closed at least 35 areas where mining was being done by foreigners who did not have proper documentation, some of whom he said were deported.

“We encourage investors across the globe who want to invest in the sector to comply with the Mining Act 2016 for them to be eligible for licensing,” he added.

In his remarks, KCM Chairman Dr. Kanyoro thanked Mvurya for according the miners an opportunity to engage on the issues affecting the sector that if solved will drive the sector to achieve a Gross Domestic Product of 10 per cent from 1 per cent.

He urged the government to allow miners to continue with their operations as they wait for the one-year transition period, stating that the members are ready to comply with the set regulations.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Geothermal, Green Energy for Kenya

TENDER NOTICE

The Geothermal Development Company Limited (GDC) invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE
GDC/GRM/OT/001/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Installation of 5 to 10MW Geothermal Wellhead Power Plant at Menengai Geothermal Project.	USD. 10,000.00	16.08.2024 at 11.00am

Mandatory Site Visit

There will be a mandatory site visit at **GDC Menengai Geothermal Project site in Nakuru County on Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 9.30 am**. Bidders are required to assemble at Nakuru Polo Center GDC Offices, Kenyatta Avenue 6th floor by 8.30am, then proceed to **Menengai Geothermal Project**.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from the office of **Ag. Manager, Supply Chain at Kawi House, South C off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road between 9.00am and 4.00pm during week days**.

A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by interested firms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1000 payable to our accounts office in cash or by banker's cheque. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.gdc.co.ke or PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to procurement@gdc.co.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.


The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **Tender No.** and **Tender reference name**; shall be addressed to:

**Managing Director & CEO,
Geothermal Development Company
P.O Box 100746-00101
NAIROBI, KENYA**

and deposited in the tender box at Ground Floor GDC office Kawi House, South C Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road on or before the dates specified above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor. **Late tenders will not be accepted.**

Ag. MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN





REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION

INVITATION TO TENDER

- The State Department for Investment Promotion invites sealed tenders for supply of Cleaning Services specified in part 2 (schedule of requirements) of the tender documents.
- Tendering will be conducted under National open competitive method using the standardized tender documents. Tendering is open to all eligible, qualified and interested tenderers and will be awarded on basis of Framework Agreement.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours from 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below.
- Tender documents may be obtained electronically free of charge from the Websites: www.investmentpromotion.go.ke, and www.ppra.go.ke and Tenderers downloading documents from the above Websites shall advise the Procurement Entity that they have downloaded the tender documents, giving full contact addresses (ie: email, telephone number and postal address).

After downloading the tender document, tenderers must forward their particulars immediately to ps@investmentpromotion.go.ke, psforinvestment@gmail.com to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

- All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of Kenya Shillings 500,000.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **10:00AM on Thursday, 25th July, 2024**. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline specified above at the board room situated on the 12th floor in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above is:

**The principal secretary,
State Department for Investment Promotion,**

**Bishops road, Upper Hill
12th floor, NSSF building, Block A, Eastern wing
P.O. Box 30057-00100 GPO Telephone: 020-4407917
Email address : ps@investmentpromotion.go.ke , psforinvestment@gmail.com
NAIROBI, KENYA.**

**Head of supply chain management services
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



Kenya YearBook Editorial Board aims for comprehensive digital overhaul with Five-Year Strategic Plan

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Government is strategically aligning its digital communication models in response to emerging communication and publishing needs, as well as dynamic global shifts in the production and consumption of information.

This alignment will be distinctly achieved through the recently launched Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) Strategic Plan 2024-2028, which aims to revamp the KYEB's business development landscape to align with the ever-changing digital space.

Speaking during the launch of the Strategic Plan, the immediate former Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Mr. Eliud Ow-



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Chair Wangui B Ng'ang'a (right) and CEO Lilian Kimeto during the launch of the Strategic Plan 2024-2028. in Nairobi last week.

alo, underscored the importance of a strategic plan in setting the pace for the actualization of organizational objectives.

"This is a very important document because, from now henceforth, it will give

you the roadmap to achieve set objectives for the next five years," the former CS said. Owalo called upon KYEB to build upon the milestones achieved in previous strategic plans and close any identified gaps to

avoid the recurrence of the same issues in the future.


Further pledging to fully support KYEB and ensure it is anchored on a strong legal mandate through an Act of Parliament, he acknowledged the impor-

tance of taking serious consideration of the key areas in the strategic plan that will enable KYEB to deliver its mandate.

Speaking at the event, the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani, appreciated the content in the Strategic Plan, noting that it is informative and enlightening for fully transforming society. The PS reiterated that the government is committed to ensuring the actualization of the Strategic Plan.

On his part, the Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui, expressed optimism about KYEB adopting the latest technologies to effectively communicate government achievements to various segments of the population. The KYEB

Board Chairperson, Ms. Wangui Ng'ang'a, said that the strategic plan reflects the dynamic information landscape at regional and national levels, mirroring the evolving needs and expectations of society. In her remarks, the KYEB CEO, Ms. Lilian Kimeto, acknowledged that the Strategic Plan focuses on digitizing all KYEB publications, majorly targeting the youth whose reading habits have changed. She noted that KYEB is mandated to periodically compile, edit, and publish the Kenya Yearbook; document and detail the work of the government in the Yearbook in partnership with the people; and convey in the Yearbook the immense resources in Kenya and the untapped potential, among other tasks.



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Email: tenders@jkuat.ac.ke, Website: www.jkuat.ac.ke

TENDER ADVERT NOTICE

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology invites Sealed Tenders from eligible bidders for the following tenders as indicated below.

S/NO	Tender Reference No.	Description of Tender	Eligibility
1.	REF: JKUAT/25/2024-2026	Provision of Sanitary Services at the Main Campus JUJA and all its satellite campuses for a period of two years (One-year renewable subject to satisfactory performance)	Reserved for AGPO (Youth,- Women & PWDs)
2.	REF: JKUAT/47/2024-2026	Provision of Cleaning Services for JKUAT Nairobi CBD Campus (3 rd , 11 th -14 th Floors) for a period of two years (One-year renewable subject to satisfactory performance)	Reserved for AGPO (Youth,- Women & PWDs)
3.	REF: JKUAT/72/2024-2025	Provision of Revaluation, Coding and Tagging of University Assets	Open

Interested and eligible candidates may inspect and obtain Tender Document from the University's Department of Procurement at JKUAT –Main Campus or download documents from our website: www.jkuat.ac.ke free of charge from PPIP portal: Public Procurement Information Portal www.tender.go.ke

DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE/OBSOLETE ITEMS

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology wishes to invite interested bidders for Unserviceable/obsolete items for disposal for the year 2023-2024.

S/NO	Tender Reference No.	Description of Tender	Eligibility
4.	JKUAT/66/2023-2024	Disposal of Unserviceable/ Obsolete Items for the Financial Year 2023-2024.	Open


Terms and conditions: -

- All bidders are requested to view and verify the item since the sale is offered on **"as – is where is"** basis. Viewing time is between 9:00a.m - 12: 30p.m and 2:00p.m - 4:00p.m. Bidders intending to view these items should liaise with the officer in charge University Central Stores for guidance.
- The Highest bidder will be declared winner subject to the reserve prices.
- The bidders shall be allowed a maximum of thirty days to settle the purchase price and collect the item. Thereafter storage charges shall be levied at the rate of 2,000/= per day for the uncollected goods payable Bankers Cheque.
- A deposit of **Ksh.5,000.00** will be required and shall be deemed as a bid security. Payable in Bankers Cheque.


The Tenderers should stamp and serialize all pages and **SHOULD NOT** alter the Bid Document Sealed Tenders must be accompanied by duly completed forms as specified in the Bid Documents and addressed to:

**Vice Chancellor,
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology,
P.O. Box 62000 - 00200, Nairobi.**



and placed in the Tender Box at the **Department of Procurement JKUAT Main Campus**. The documents should be in plain sealed envelopes indicating the Tender Number, without identifying the sender so as to reach the University not later than **Tuesday 30 July, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the University Assembly Hall in the presence of bidders/their representatives who wish to attend.**



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TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Teachers Service Commission was established under Article 237 of the Constitution 2010 as a Constitutional Commission with the mandate to register trained teachers, recruit and employ registered teachers, promote and transfer teachers, assign teachers employed by the Commission for teaching service in any public school, exercise disciplinary control over employed teachers.

To achieve its constitutional mandate through effective and efficient service delivery, the Commission invites interested and eligible bidders/tenderers to bid for the tenders listed below:

S/ No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TENDER SECURITY	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TSC/T/01/2024-2025	Renewal and Installation of Fortinet licenses on three years frame work contract (Re-advertised)	Open National Tender	80,000	Wednesday 31 st July, 2024 at 9.00am.
2.	TSC/T/02/2024-2025	Provision of Comprehensive Group Personal Accident (GPA) and Workman's injury benefit (WIBA) Cover for Commissioners and Secretariat Staff for a period of Two years (Re-advertised)	Open National Tender	20,000	Wednesday 31 st July, 2024 at 9.00am.

Detailed Tender documents may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Services Division, at the TSC House **2nd floor Podium Wing, Kilimanjaro Road, Upper hill** during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs.1,000.00** (One Thousand Shillings) payable to **Teachers Service Commission at National Bank of Kenya Account No. 01001000905000, Harambee Avenue Branch** or Banker's Cheque and present the bank slip to TSC Cash office for official receipt.

Interested bidders may also access the tender documents from TSC website: www.tsc.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke free of charge and forward their particulars to SCMS through email to ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke. The particulars should include: Name of the firm, address, Tender Name, Telephone number and email address.

Complete bid documents must be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number, Tender Description and should be addressed to: **The Secretary, Teachers Service Commission, TSC House, Upper Hill, Kilimanjaro Road, Private Bag, 00100, NAIROBI and deposited in the Tender Box located at TSC Headquarters, TSC House, Podium Wing, ground floor to be received on or before Wednesday 31st July, 2024 at 9.00am.**

Bulky documents shall be delivered and registered at the office of the Head of Procurement, Supply Chain Management Services on 2nd Floor, Podium Wing, TSC House. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at TSC House 3rd Floor Podium Wing in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

The Tender submission date will be on **Wednesday 31st July, 2024 at 9.00am** Late tenders will be rejected.

All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke

COMMISSION SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE



MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

The Ministry of Lands, Public Works Housing and Urban Development through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development wishes to invite bids from interested eligible bidders for the following tenders: -

S / NO.	CLUSTER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	MARKET	REMARKS	CONSTITU- ENCY	CATEGO- RY
1.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 01/2024-2025 Cluster 9	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in Kisii County.	Mogonga – <i>Re-advertisement</i>	2 Markets	Bomachoge	Open
			Nyamaturu		Bonchari	
2.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 02/2024-2025 Cluster 86	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in Kisumu County.	Holo	2 Markets	Kisumu West	Open
			Kaloka		Seme	
3.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 03/2024-2025 Cluster 87	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in Kakamega and Vihiga County.	Panpaper	2 Markets	Lugari	Open
			Esirulo		Emuhaya	
4.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 04/2024-2025 Cluster 88	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in Busia County.	Aroma	2 markets	Matayos	Open
			Mungatsi		Nambale	
5.	MLPWHUD/S DHUD/UDD/ 05/2024-2025 Cluster 89	Proposed Construction of ESP Markets in Uasin Gishu County.	Ainabkoi	2 Markets	Ainabkoi	Open
			Kapseret		Kapseret	
6.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/ UDD/06/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Kapsabet Modern Market in Nandi County	-	-	Emgwen	Open
7.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD /07/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Maji Mazuri Modern Market in Nairobi City County	-	-	Kasarani	Open
8.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 07/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of South B Modern Market in Nairobi City County	-	-	Starehe	Open
9.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 08/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Kilgoris Modern Market in Narok County	-	-	Kilgoris	Open
10.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 09/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Luanda Modern Market in Vihiga County	-	-	Emuhaya	Open
11.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 010/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Moi's Bridge Modern Market in Uasin Gishu County	-	-	Soy	Open
12.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 011/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Maua Municipal Modern Market in Meru County	-	-	Igembe South.	Open
13.	MLPWHUD/SDHUD/UDD/ 012/2024-2025	Proposed Construction of Iten Modern Market Modern Market in Elgeyo Marakwet County	-	-	Keiyo North	Open

- Interested bidders can access the tender document from the State Department's website www.housingandurban.go.ke free of charge. Bidders may download the tender documents from the website and are required to provide their details by registering with the Supply Chain Management Office, located at Ardhi House 6th Floor Wing B, 1st Ngong Avenue, during normal working hours. All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: procurement@housingandurban.go.ke.
- Qualified and interested Tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours between 8:00am-5:00pm at the address given below.
- Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **Tuesday, 23rd July 2024 at 9:00am**. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders shall be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are:

**Head Supply Chain Management Services
For: The Principal Secretary
State Department for Housing and Urban Development.
P.O. Box 30119 -00100 NAIROBI, KENYA**



MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Consulting Services-Firm Selection)

Name of Project:	Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2)
Credit No:	6759-KE
Project ID No:	P167814
Assignment Title:	Consulting Services for implementing partner to support Labour-Intensive Community Works (LICW) in (17 No) Selected Informal Settlements across Homabay, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, Nyandarua, Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties
Reference No:	KE-MOTI-434821-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya (GOK) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP II) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services (the Services) include: supporting Labour-Intensive Community Works (LICW) in (17 No) Selected Informal Settlements across Homabay, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, Nyandarua, Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties Republic of Kenya.
- The assignment is expected to take Seven (7) calendar Months.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.housingandurban.go.ke/tenders or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The State Department of Housing and Urban Development (the Client) in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, now invites eligible consulting firms ("**Consultants**") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in business: The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a firm with the core business in construction management/project management or related field for a period of at least ten (10) years
 - Relevant experience: The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed implementation and supervision of at least two (2) projects of similar nature both in scope and complexity in similar operating environment in the last ten (10) years. Details of the assignment-Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period shall be provided in the submitted expression of interest (Eoi);
 - Technical and managerial capability of the firm: The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s). Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraph, 3.14,3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by 30th July 2024 at 1100hours EAT. - using one of the following modalities:
 - Ddeposit in the tender box (One Original and One soft Copy (Flash drive) located on 6th Floor, Ardhi House Boardroom, Nairobi, Kenya **or**
 - send by e-mail to: kisip2.procurement@housingandurban.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For Expressions of Interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked with assignment title and reference/contract No. as above: Consulting Services for implementing partner to support Labour-Intensive Community Works (LICW) in (17 No) Selected Informal Settlements across Homabay, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, Nyandarua, Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties, Republic of Kenya Reference/Contract No. KE-MOTI-434821-CS-QCBS

Address:
**State Department for Housing and Urban Development,
Attn: Principal Secretary
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FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**



Gachagua calls for fiscal discipline in coffee cooperatives following Sh6.8b debt waiver

BY JOSEPH WANGUI(DPCS)

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has urged officials of Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Societies to cease irregular borrowing of funds and avoid expensive loans, especially after the government waived Sh6.8 billion in debts.

Speaking in Maragua, Murang'a County, Mr. Gachagua also cautioned officials against borrowing funds without authorization from coffee farmers through resolutions passed at general meetings.

He highlighted that the recent decision by the government to waive historical debts owed by coffee growers is part of President William Ruto's administration's efforts to revitalize the agricultural sub-sector and enhance profitability. Coffee is also a significant foreign exchange earner.

"The government has made significant progress in revitalizing the coffee sub-sector, including settling debts owed by farmers to financial institutions. Officials of coffee cooperative societies must refrain from unauthorized borrowing from farmers during AGMs," Mr. Gachagua emphasized.

Encouraging officials to relieve farmers of debt burdens, Mr. Gachagua noted that the waiver aims to alleviate farmers' hardships and unburden their



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (centre) in Murang'a

incomes from debt repayments.

"We aim to see the coffee sub-sector thrive and contribute to the nation's economic growth," he concluded.

Mr Gachagua further stated that the Mau Mau roads project will continue, and that the contractor will return to the site.

He was in the company of various political leaders who commended the government's intervention to stimulate economic development and turnaround the rural economy through revival of the agriculture sector.

"The Government has performed in the development agenda. It's time for work, not politics. Kenyans will have the opportunity to make leadership changes in the next election cycle. We are proud of what the Deputy President is doing in his mandates including the coffee reforms and the fight against illicit brews and drugs and substance abuse."

"The elected leaders are working with the National Government Administration Officers to eradicate the vices. You have saved a generation," said Maragua MP Mary Wamaua.

DP Gachagua has also been championing an increase of coffee production and premier grades. He said the changes being pushed by the government are strategic to reduce poverty among the coffee farmers.

MP Wamaua said on reforms in coffee, tea, mac-

adamia, avocado and dairy agricultural sectors, the Deputy President has done well, and the rural economy is roaring back.

Kiambu Senator Karungo wa Thang'wa together with MPs Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya), Kamande Mwafrika (Roysambu), James Gakuya (Embakasi North)

and Benjamin Gathiru Mejjadonk (Embakasi Central) and MCAs led by the host Kamahuha Ward Representative James Karanja Wa-kabera were also present. MP Gakuya, who is the Chairperson of the National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, said the government has initiated deliberate pro-

grammes and policies in the trade and agriculture sector to create job and income opportunities.

Since commencement of the reforms, farmers' income has been increasing, thanks to the government's interventions in various institutions involved in the production, distribution and sale of the crop.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	Development of Standard Operating Procedures and ISO Certification for Office of Data Protection Commission
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-388921-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("**the Services**") include Development of Standard Operating Procedures and ISO Certification for Office of Data Protection Commission. The assignment is expected to take Twelve (12) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment 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.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms ("**Consultants**") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of implementation of ISO 9001 consultancy or equivalent for a period of a minimum of Seven (7) years.
 - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two assignments of similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment in the last five years. Details of similar assignments, with name and address of the client, scope, value (if not confidential), and period should be provided and submitted.
 - Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s), with additional details on team qualifications as indicated below.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("**Procurement Regulations**"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **31st July 2024 at 1000hours EAT**. - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked Development of Standard Operating Procedures and ISO Certification for Office of Data Protection Commission; Contract No. KE-ICTA-388921-CS-QCBS

Address:
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The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
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Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



POLICYHOLDERS COMPENSATION FUND

Dhamana ya Bima Yako

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR FY 2024-2025 / 2025-2026

The Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) is a State Corporation governed by section 179 of the Insurance Act (Cap 487) and the Insurance (Policyholders Compensation Fund) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014. The Fund was established for the primary purpose of providing compensation to claimants of an insurer that has been put under Statutory Management and for the secondary purpose of increasing the general public's confidence in the insurance sector.

Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) invites applications for registration of suppliers and Framework Agreements as listed below.

S/ No.	Description	Tender No.	Eligibility	Closing/ Opening Date
1.	Registration of suppliers 2024/2025–2025/2026	PCF/REG./01/2024-2025	Open/AGPO	31 st July 2024
2.	Framework Agreement for the provision of Hotels, Accommodation and Conference Services 2024/2025 – 2025/2026	PCF/FRA. /02/2024-2025	Open	31 st July 2024

Interested bidders may view and download the above documents free of charge from the PCF website (www.pcf.go.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (www.tenders.go.ke).

Complete Registration of Suppliers /Framework Agreement documents in plain sealed envelopes, marked with tender number and description should be deposited in the tender box situated at **KWFT Centre, 6th Floor, Kiambere Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi** on or before **31st July 2024 at 10.00a.m.** and should be addressed to: -

The Managing Trustee,
Policyholders Compensation Fund,
6th Floor, KWFT Centre, Kiambere Road, Upper hill,
P.O. Box 24203-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya

Professionals call for adoption of Kiswahili as EAC's official language

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Stakeholders are appealing to the East African Community (EAC) Council of Ministers to fast-track the ratification of Kiswahili as the official language of the bloc to deepen integration in the region.

Out of the eight partner states, only the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Kenya, and the Republic of Uganda have adopted Kiswahili as an official language.

The Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Federal Republic of Somalia, and the Republic of South Sudan have not adopted Kiswahili as an official language.

More than 300 Kiswahili professionals converged in Mombasa for a two-day International East African Kiswahili Commission Conference themed "Kiswahili, Elimu na wingi-lugha katika ufanikishaji wa Amani" ahead of the commemoration of World Kiswahili Day.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) declared July 7th as Kiswahili Day during its 41st general conference.

According to UNESCO, Kiswahili is one of the ten most widely spoken languages in the world, with over 230 million users.

Article 119 of the EAC treaty states that partner states shall promote



Some of the participants keenly following proceedings of the International East African Kiswahili Commission conference in Mombasa organized by the East African Commission on Kiswahili. PHOTO: HANIEL MENGISTU/KNA

the development and promotion of indigenous languages, especially Kiswahili, as a lingua franca for the region. Speaking at the conference's official opening, immediate former Gender, Culture, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Aisha Jumwa urged professionals to propose solid recommendations to encourage ministers in charge of EAC affairs to facilitate the adoption of Kiswahili as an official language of the community.

"We must glorify Swahili. Speaking Kiswahili is not a weakness; its richness demonstrates its importance. If you're a Kiswahili speaker like me, be proud; not everyone has the knowledge and ability of the Kiswahili language," CS Jumwa said.

She proposed establishing a Kiswahili day for its

use in the Judiciary, Parliament, Cabinet, schools, and markets.

"I want us to recommend that laws and policies be written and published in Kiswahili. It will help many, especially in our courts," CS Jumwa proposed. She noted that Kiswahili has a rich history and plays a pivotal role in the region's societal, cultural, and economic development.

"It is a language that has connected nations, communities, cultures, and deepened our unity as East Africans," the CS said, adding that the global use of Kiswahili is a testament to stakeholders' efforts. "In the 21st century, we should continue promoting the use of Kiswahili in all spheres of our lives. We must ensure Kiswahili is used effectively in education, business, technology, and arts," she added.

CS Jumwa emphasized that this would protect the region's cultural heritage and preserve the noble language for future generations. She called for concerted efforts to make Kiswahili an international language of influence.

President of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) Nestor Kayobera clarified that while the EAC treaty recognizes English as the official language and Kiswahili as a lingua franca, the summit of EAC Heads of State pronounced French and Kiswahili as official languages over a year ago, but the treaty has not been amended.

Justice Kayobera noted that EACJ cannot deliver rulings in Kiswahili until the treaty is amended to make it an official language. Kiswahili scholar Prof Kimani Njogu stressed that laws should

be drafted in Kiswahili to be enacted and implemented.

"Most people in courts use Kiswahili, but judgments are delivered in English because the laws guiding the judiciary were enacted in English," Prof Njogu explained.

He added that Kiswahili will continue to contribute in the face of technological advancements, calling for Kiswahili commissions to standardize new terminologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI).

"For instance, Tanzania translates AI as Akili mnemba and Kenya as Akili Unde.

We need bodies to standardize these terminologies for effective communication," Prof Njogu said. "The creative economy in the region is anchored in Kiswahili. It is driven by East African youth who speak and compose music and movies in Kiswahili. We must empower them to contribute to the region's development," he added.



CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND INSURANCE COVER FOR STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**TENDER NO. CRVWDA/OT/MEDCOVER/1/2024-2025
CLARIFICATION NO. 1**

Reference is made to the invitation to bid for the tenders below published on my Gov on 9th July, 2024

Interested bidders may freely download tender documents from Agency's website <https://tenders.crvwda.go.ke> or at PPIP portal <https://tenders.go.ke>. The bidders who download the document should send their details to procurement@crvwda.go.ke to facilitate subsequent clarifications and/or addendum.

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Qualifications Authority to combat joblessness through the Prior Learning Recognition policy

BY SHARON ATIENO(KNA)

The Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) has launched a five-year strategic plan that prioritizes the implementation of the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy (RPL) to tackle unemployment in the country.

The KNQA Strategic Plan marks a significant milestone for the organization, representing the culmination of collaborative efforts, analysis, and forward-thinking.

It ensures that KNQA is well-positioned with a comprehensive roadmap aligned with its vision for the future.

The plan is committed to responsiveness, innovation, customer focus, and operational excellence. It aims to leverage KNQA's strengths, capitalize on opportunities, and navigate challenges with resilience and agility.

The DG also underscored the

critical role of the RPL policy which is currently being implemented to address unemployment in the country. Dr. Kande stated that the development and national roll-out of the RPL policy is paramount in recognizing diverse skills and competences regardless of when, where and how they are acquired against prescribed standards or learning outcomes.

"The policy is timely as it has come at a time when the country is experiencing youth bulge totaling to 29 per cent of the population aged between 18-34 years," Dr. Kande noted, adding that the large number of youths presents an opportunity for the country to be a force for a positive future by engaging them in economic and social activities for the national development.

She observed that RPL gives this critical segment of the population wings to fly through certification of competencies that they demonstrate and most

importantly the opportunities given to the marginalized communities including refugees and asylum seekers.

Dr. Kande noted that currently, the country hosts over 600,000 refugees and asylum seekers, the majority hailing from Somalia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), South Sudan, Sudan and Ethiopia. "Most of these refugees and migrants have vast experience and skills, while some have professional qualifications which are not recognized," she maintained, stressing that the comprehensive RPL will make such competences visible by facilitating smooth transition and integration into the communities and their countries of origin upon return. Further, the DG announced that over 900 individuals have been successfully assessed during the piloting phase of the RPL policy during the launch of KNQA Strategic Plan 2023-2027 in Nairobi.

"A total of 10,000 and above individuals shall be assessed per year through RPL and will be linked to the labour market so that they can benefit from decent and gainful employment. This is a key policy initiative that will address the paradox of skills mismatch and unemployment in the country," she added. She said the Authority has previously recorded a number of achievements including the establishment of the Kenya National Qualifications Framework which is being implemented.

"With the National Qualifications Framework in place, key challenges that have previously bedeviled the education and training sector amongst them, non-recognition of other forms of learning, fragmented and unstandardized qualifications system, unclear progression pathways, lack of a transparent and equitable qualifications systems, deteriorating quality

of qualifications and proliferation of fake and fraudulent certificates have gradually and continue to be addressed," Dr. Kande reiterated. On the other hand, the DG disclosed that the National Policy on Credit Accumulation and Transfer System has also been developed to facilitate credit transfers and exemptions as well as vertical and horizontal mobility at all levels, enabling entry, re-entry, and exit between and within QF levels, courses and institutions. "We sincerely appreciate the gradual responsiveness of Qualifications Awarding Institutions in submitting their respective data on qualifications to the National Qualifications Database and it is our endeavor in the current period that we shall have a robust database of qualifications. However, while several achievements were recorded, we also experienced several challenges," said Dr. Kande.

Nyeri unveils Five-Year Plan for gender equality integration

BY WANGARI MWANGI
(KNA)

The Nyeri County Government has unveiled a five-year plan to support its efforts in promoting gender equality by integrating gender into its programs and policies.

Nyeri becomes the seventh county to approve a gender policy, joining Makueni, Kajiado, Meru, Migori, Kiambu, and Isiolo Counties in taking deliberate steps to address gender disparity.

According to Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga, the Gender and Development Policy 2021-2025 will establish a solid foundation for promoting social inclusion across all sectors of the county's development agenda.

The adoption of the policy means that the county will also institutionalize gender functions within the county government.

"We are committed to eliminating


all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination, and to creating an environment where both men and women can reach their full potential," Kahiga said during a ceremony to unveil the policy in his office.

Among the issues that the policy will remedy include Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

The County Committee Executive Member in charge of Gender and Social Services, Ms Esther Ndung'u noted the county is still recording incidents of SGBV which have hampered the development efforts in the county.

To tackle this, Ms Ndung'u said the policy advocates for systemic eradication of GBV by tackling the different enabling factors.

Whereas the policy pegs more focus on the establishment of a strong SGBV prevention and response working group, the document has also underscored the need for the involvement of men in addressing GBV at all levels.



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION KENYA WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

Country:	KENYA
Name of project:	Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project
Project ID No.:	P117635
Credit No:	7423 - KE
Assignment Title:	Reference/Contract No.:
PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST.	MWSI/KWSCR - 1/001/ICPS/2023 - 2024

The State Department for Irrigation ("the Client") of the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (KWSCR) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be downloaded at the following website:
[https:// www.water.go.ke or tenders.go.ke](https://www.water.go.ke or tenders.go.ke).

The State Department for Irrigation (the "Client") now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (Attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable)). The shortlisting criteria can be downloaded at the following website [https:// www.water.go.ke or tenders.go.ke](https://www.water.go.ke or tenders.go.ke)


The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information and clarifications can be obtained through procurement@kwscrp.org and at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below: -


Principal Secretary
State Department for Irrigation
P.o. Box 49720-00100, Nairobi Maji House, Nairobi E-mail:
ps@irrigationkenya.go.ke;

by Monday 12th August 2024 at 1100 Hours (EAT) and the packages should be clearly marked as per the ASSIGN- MENT TITLE AND REFERENCE/CONTRACT NO ABOVE and notify the Procurement Office Room No. 316.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION



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UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
(ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL)

Ref: LU/ADMIN/R (ADMIN)/132/EA/112 July, 2024

Laikipia University was granted Charter, on 19th February, 2013. It is located 50 km from Nakuru City on Nakuru – Nyahururu road.

To fulfill its mandate for contributing to the world through education, training, research, outreach and consultancy; the university invites applications from suitably qualified candidates with excellent credentials to be considered for appointment to teaching and administrative positions listed below;

1. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (SOED)

DEPARTMENT	INPOST	VACANCY	SPECIALIZATION AREA	REFERENCE
Curriculum	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Physical Education	LU/AC/SOED/CEM/EA/01/7/2024
	Lecturer - Grade AC 12	1	Education Communication Technology	
	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Agronomy	
	Lecturer – Grade AC 13	1	Livestock Production	
Psychology	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Philosophy of Education	LU/AC/SOED/PSY/EA/02/7/2024
	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Research, Measurement and Evaluation	

2. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS (SOBE)

DEPARTMENT	INPOST	VACANCY	SPECIALIZATION AREA	REFERENCE
Economics	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Economic Theory, Econometrics and Applied Economics	LU/AC/SOBE/ECON/EA/ 03/7/2024
Commerce	Lecturer - Grade AC 12	1	Procurement, Logistics, Supplies and Chains Management	LU/AC/SOBE/COMC/EA/ 04/7/2024

3. SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (SHDS)

DEPARTMENT	INPOST	VACANCY	SPECIALIZATION AREA	REFERENCE
LITCOM	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Communication and Media preferably Specialist in Photography, Electronic, Visual	LU/AC/SHDS/LITCOM/EA/05/7/2024
	Lecturer – Grade AC 12	1	Information Studies	
Social Studies	Lecturer - Grade AC 12	1	Peace and Conflict Studies	LU/AC/SHDS/SS/06/7/2024

4. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY (SSAT)

DEPARTMENT	INPOST	VACANCY	SPECIALIZATION AREA	REFERENCE
Mathematics	Lecturer - Grade AC 12	1	Statistics	LU/AC/SSAT/MATHS/EA/07/7/2024
Earth Science	Senior Lecturer - Grade AC 13	1	Geography	LU/AC/SSAT/EASC/EA/08/7/2024
Computing & Informatics	Lecturer - Grade AC 12	1	Statistical Programming and Softwares	LU/AC/SSAT/COMP/EA/09/7/2024
	Associate Professor - Grade AC 14	1	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
Chemistry	Associate Professor – Grade AC 14	1	Chemistry	LU/AC/SSAT/CHEM/EA/10/7/2024

5. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

DEPARTMENT	INPOST	VACANCY	SPECIALIZATION AREA	REFERENCE
Human Resources	Principal Human Resources Officer - Grade AD 12	1	Human Resources	LU/AD/HR-AHC/EA/11/7/2024
Procurement	Senior Supply Chain Management Officer - Grade AC 12	1	Procurement and Supply Chain Management	LU/AD/SUPPLIES/EA/12/7/2024
Transport	Driver III – Grade AD 2	1	Driver; Mechanic; and Wiring	LU/AD/TRANSPORT/EA/13/7/2024
	Driver II – Grade AD 3	1		

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT:

For more information on duties/responsibilities and academic/professional specifications, kindly visit the University website at;

- www.laikipia.ac.ke for detailed advert, and
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hy4l-uTi4hw4TIm6ls_pur7diSNm6FcI/view?usp=drive_link on the criteria for appointment and promotion of academic staff (where applicable).

TERMS OF SERVICE:

Appointment to the position will be on a Three (3) year Contract, renewable subject to satisfactory work performance.

MODE OF APPLICATION:

Interested candidates MUST submit;

- Three (3) hard copies of the letter of application; academic certificates, ID/Passport testimonials and updated curriculum vitae to include full details of academic and professional qualifications, experience, publications, supervision of postgraduate students, attracted funds, developed academic programs, membership to professional bodies (where applicable).
- One soft copy (Running PDF file) of specifications in one (1) above, to radmin@laikipia.ac.ke.
- Contacts of at least three (3) referees with recommendations, under sealed envelopes (To be submitted to the undersigned before the deadline of the advert).
- Updated individual Google Scholar accounts to include all publications (where applicable).
- The NCPWD Certificate (where applicable).
- The Application(s) in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the position applied for and the respective reference number. For example;

a. Application for the position of Associate Professor – Grade AC 14, (School of Science and Technology, Department of Chemistry, LU/AC/SSAT/CHEM/EA/10/7/2024) – Laikipia University;

Or

b. Application for the position of Principal Human Resources Officer - Grade AD 12, (Human Resources, LU/AD/HR-AHC/EA/11/7/2024); Driver III-Grade AD 2 /Driver II-Grade AD 3 LU/AD/TRANSPORT/EA/13/7/2024 - Laikipia University and delivered to;

The Registrar Administration and Human Capital
Laikipia University
P. O. BOX 1100 – 20300
NYAHURURU, KENYA

To reach the above office on or before **Wednesday, July 31st 2024 by 5.00 p.m. (East African Time).**

NOTE:

- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The University does not charge any fee for the recruitment and selection process.

"Laikipia University is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and therefore, qualified applicants of either gender, marginalised group or persons living with disability (PWDs) are encouraged to apply."

Government to empower women through MSMEs

BY JUDY TOTARI(KNA)

The Government attributes Kenya's rapid economic growth in the East Africa region to the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector, which employs about 80 percent of the country's workforce outside agriculture.

Speaking in Nairobi at the 'She's Next' Kenya event, Ms. Harriette Chiggai, advisor on Women's Rights in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya, emphasized women's significant contribution to the economy.

She described women as innovators, problem solvers,

natural-born leaders, and incubators of ideas that translate into innovative solutions.

Chiggai highlighted the Kenyan government's efforts to empower women, noting a thriving network of women-led businesses ranging from handcrafted goods to innovative products. According to the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), approximately 31.4 percent of MSMEs in Kenya are women-led and owned, employing 14.9 billion Kenyans and contributing 40 percent to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with an annual job creation

rate of 30 percent. Chiggai said Visa partnering with Kenya creates and empowers women entrepreneurs while at the same time seeking to support, empower, and take their businesses to the next level. She stated that the 'She's Next' program understands the challenges faced by women including intimidation, harassment from government officials, lack of affordable credit, gender bias, lack of capital, and balancing business and family which through the partnership, women will be empowered to take their business to the next level.

"Mentorship is key to any business entity be it at personal level or corporate," she said.

She at the same time congratulated the government's contribution to gender inclusivity and women economic empowerment, which has already bore fruits for women across different sectors. Additionally, Chiggai said her office will continue to collaborate with stakeholders and bring about meaningful change to Kenyan women and girls. "We have signed our gender priority accelerator of the World Economic Forum,



The President's Advisor on Women's Rights in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya Harriette Chiggai speaking on women in business in Nairobi.

and we are collaborating with all private entities including banks to accelerate the gender space of all women where economic empowerment and investment are the key pillars," Chiggai revealed. She disclosed that the government's signing of the 'She Leads' campaign with the US government to accelerate the gender space within the country with key components on dealing with femicide technology assisted GBV and transformative agenda focusing on women in all economic, social and political decision-making processes.

Nakuru County donates 3,200 chicks to support over 500 farmers in Naivasha

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU (KNA)

Over 500 farmers in Olkaria Ward, Naivasha, have benefited from a donation of 3,200 one-month-old chicks from the Nakuru County Government.

Speaking in Naivasha during the distribution of the chicks to the farmers' groups, Nakuru County Director of the Livestock Department, Ms. Virginia Ngunjiri, said the distribution was conducted under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP), which the county has been implementing for several years.

"After conducting a public participation exercise, many farmers in Naivasha and other parts of the country chose poultry farming because it is a relatively inexpensive and straightforward venture," Ngunjiri explained.

She mentioned that they opted for improved chicken breeds such as Kenbrew and Rainbow roosters from the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) due to their high yield in eggs and meat, and their rapid maturity.

"Unlike indigenous chickens, which can take seven to eight months to mature, the improved breeds take four to five months, thus providing better returns for the farmer," the Director emphasized.

The department has been organizing farmers into groups, vetting and training them before supplying them with the chicks.



Olkaria Member of the County Assembly (MCA) Peter Palang'a (L) and Nakuru County Director of Livestock department Ms. Virginia Ngunjiri (far left in white) issuing improved one-month chicks to a farmer group in Olkaria in Naivasha on Thursday. BELOW: Improved chicks supplied to farmers in Olkaria in Naivasha on Thursday by the Nakuru county government under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP).



Ngunjiri noted that the project will significantly enhance the incomes and nutrition of the families.

Olkaria Member of the County Assembly (MCA) Peter Palang'a stated that farmers in his area chose poultry because it requires minimal land, which many in the area do not have.

The groups expressed

appreciation for the project and gratitude to the county government, believing it will improve their livelihoods.

Data from the Ministry of Agriculture indicates that in 2020, Kenyan farmers raised nearly 58 million birds, up from 44 million in 2016, with most being indigenous chickens.

Over 80% of these are indigenous breeds, including Rhode Island Red, Light Sussex, New Hampshire Red, Black Australorps, and White Leghorns, among others.

The poultry sub-sector contributes approximately 6.1% to the livestock sector's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 2.3% to Agricultural GDP, and 0.7% to the National GDP.

Poultry farming in Kenya is a profitable venture if well planned and executed. About 67% of Kenya's population lives in rural areas, with many households engaging in small-scale chicken farming for subsistence.

However, some of these farmers do not fully exploit their potential due to lack of proper

training and capacity building to maximize benefits from the business.

Agricultural productivity in the country has stagnated in recent years as smallholder farmers and agricultural enterprises continue to face challenges in expanding their operations and improving the quality and quantity of agricultural products, exacerbated by climate change and soaring prices of farm inputs.

It is for these reasons that the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) has undertaken studies and research to develop suitable chicken breeds that can thrive in various climatic conditions and enhance production.

State's nationwide wildlife census to shape conservation policy

BY CHERUIYOT KORIR(PCO)

The Government has initiated a wildlife census in national parks and reserves across the country to gather data that will guide wildlife policy development, management, and conservation efforts.

Dr. John Chumo, the Conservation Secretary in the State Department for Wildlife, visited the Amboseli-Magadi ecosystem to oversee the progress of the second phase of the wildlife census. He emphasized that this exercise is crucial for the government to accurately assess wildlife populations, map their distribution, identify different species' locations, and understand their migratory corridors. Dr. Chumo further explained that the census is conducted in compliance with legal requirements, mandating a wildlife census every three years to ascertain the wildlife population's contribution to national development. He expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of WRTI, KWS, and other conservation partners during the census and assured continued government support for its success. The national exercise, to run for twelve months, has already been conducted in the Maasai Mara Ecosystem. The second phase covering the Amboseli National Park and the adjacent wildlife dispersal areas, and Lake Magadi conservation areas is being conducted by the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and conservation stakeholders will run for five days.

Tourism PS advocates for enhanced tourism safety

BY DENNIS MALOBA (PCO)

The Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Tourism, John Ololotuaa, has emphasized on the critical importance of safety and security in sustaining the sector's growth.

The PS said this in a speech read on his behalf by the Tourism Secretary, Dr. Patrick Bucha, during the North Rift region stakeholders' Tourism Safety and Security Capacity Building Workshop, held in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

"The tourism sector is a vital pillar of our economy, providing jobs, generating income, and showcasing the beauty and diversity of our nation," he stated.

Highlighting its economic impact, the PS added that tourism accounts for 10.4% of the country's GDP and provides approximately 2.3 million jobs.

The Principal Secretary noted Kenya's remarkable recovery in tourism, with 2.086 million inter-



The Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Tourism, John Ololotuaa

national arrivals in 2023, a 35.4% increase from the previous year.

He projected further growth, expecting arrivals to reach 5 million by 2027 and inbound earnings to soar to Kshs. 825 billion by 2024.

To ensure this growth, the PS stated that the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is working closely with the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to strengthen security measures.

"We are leveraging technology and collaborating with law enforcement agencies to enhance safety in tourist hotspots," he explained.

The training aimed to equip stakeholders with skills in risk management and emergency response, fostering a cohesive approach to tourism safety.

"A safe environment enhances the visitor experience and builds a strong reputation, encouraging repeat visits and positive word-of-mouth," the PS added.

Emphasizing product development and diversification, he announced initiatives like the Kenya Home of Human Origins program, which collaborates with county governments to develop cultural tourism.

The programme aims to showcase archaeological findings at the Lake Turkana Basin, bolstering infrastructure in the northern tourism frontier.

Marketing efforts are also in full swing under the "Magical Kenya" brand, with widespread campaigns and collaborations with global influencers.

"Our focus is to revamp the tourism sector with strategies that impact a wider population, improving livelihoods," added the PS.



UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA

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OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

University of Kabianga invites interested and eligible bidders to submit bids for the tender as listed in the table below:

No.	Tender Name	Tender Number	Target Group	Bid Security	Closing/Opening Date
1	Provision of Security Guarding Services at University of Kabianga	UOK/T/001/2024/2025	Open	99,000.00	Thursday 25 th July, 2024 at 11.00am

Interested, eligible bidders may obtain detailed information and instructions by downloading the tender document free of charge from the University website: www.kabianga.ac.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal: <https://tenders.go.ke>.

Please note that **UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA DOES NOT CHARGE ANY FEE DURING ANY STAGE OF ITS PROCUREMENT PROCESS.**

The Vice-Chancellor
University of Kabianga
P.O. BOX 2030-20200
Kericho



KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COUNTRY	KENYA
PROJECT NAME	DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ROADS IN ARID & SEMI-ARID AREAS
PROJECT ID NO.	PROJECT ID CODE: 15117P
ASSIGNMENT TITLE	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN REVIEW, PREPARATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND WORKS SUPERVISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ROADS IN FIVE COUNTIES IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID AREAS PHASE 1 – (CONSTRUCTION OF WAJIR TOWN ROADS)
TENDER NO.	KURA/HQ/DEV/280/2024-2025

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the OPEC Fund for International Development towards the cost of Development of Urban Roads in Arid & Semi-Arid Areas Project and intends to apply part for Consulting Services.
- Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport, established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, are the implementing agency for the works and hereby invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing Consultancy Services.
- The Consulting Services ("the Services") include:
 - Design Review and Works Supervision for The Development of Urban Roads in Five Counties in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas Phase 1 – (Construction of Wajir Town Roads),
 - Preparation of Bidding Documents and
 - Works Supervision for Development of Urban Roads in Five Counties in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas Phase 1 – (Construction of Wajir Town Roads, 65.8 Km).
- The period of the services is 24 months comprising: 3 months for Design review and Bid documents preparation, 24 months for Construction Supervision plus a 12 months defects liability period. The estimated number of person-months of key professional personnel for both lump sum (Design review & bid documentation) and time based (supervision) Contract is 240 person-months comprising: 36-person months for design and 204-person months for Construction Supervision.
- The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Firm Registration. The firm shall be registered in the field of Civil Engineering and related services as its core business for a period of not less than ten (10) years;
 - Firm Experience. The firm should demonstrate capacity and experience in carrying out design and supervision of urban roads for a period not less than seven (7) years.
 - The firm must have undertaken at least 3 similar assignments in scope and value within the last 5 years;
 - Availability of Key Experts. The firm must demonstrate as having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment.
 - Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and capacity to perform the Services.

The Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.kura.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act 2015 section 66 on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In addition, International Consultancy firms are required to associate with local firms if submitting their expression of interest to undertake the works.
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in OPEC's Fund Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Mondays to Fridays from (0800 to 1700 hours local time), excluding public holidays.
- The Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (*in person, or by mail, or by email*), clearly marked,

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR:

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ROADS IN FIVE COUNTIES IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID AREAS PHASE 1 – (CONSTRUCTION OF WAJIR TOWN ROADS – 65.8KM)

TENDER No: KURA/HQ/DEV/280/2024-2025

By **Tuesday, 30th July, at 1100Hrs (East Africa Time).**

Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA)
Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA),
Off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road
Block D, Ground Floor, East Wing
P. O. Box 41727 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA
Tel: + 254 - 20 - 272 2222
Email: info@kura.go.ke

NOTE: Interested Bidders are required to continually check the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) website: www.kura.go.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL



info@kura.go.ke

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Kenya, Uganda partner with stakeholders to curb illicit medical products

BY JUDY SHERI(PCO) AND JOSEPH NG'ANG'A(KNA)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya and the National Drug Authority (NDA) of Uganda have forged a bilateral initiative which will focus on combating the shared threat posed by illicit medical products shipped into the two countries.

This collaborative effort involves participation from counterpart agencies in the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union, as well as multinational organisations and the regulated pharmaceutical industry.

Under an initiative known as Operation African Star, joint enforcement teams will target violative shipments of health products encountered via postal and air cargo in both countries in addition to reciprocal training.

Operation African Star aims to improve health outcomes by working collaboratively to better understand and disrupt the illicit trade in health products, pharmaceutical preparations, medical devices, and equipment across Africa.

PPB Chief Executive Officer Dr Fred Siyoi while speaking over the course of

four days, under the Operation African Star initiative, said that the threat posed by illicit trade in health products and technologies impacts negatively on global public health, and consumers in general.

“This risk increases when health products and technologies are obtained outside of the unregulated supply chain. Safety and efficacy which cannot be assured and threatens the East African Community and public health at large,” said Dr Siyoi.

He said that PPB is committed to protection of public health through collaboration with domestic and international partner agencies and organisations.

“PPB is proud to partner with the NDA to design and execute Operation African Star.

We envision this as an interactive initiative with the potential to develop into an internationally recognised best practice,” said Dr Siyoi.

He revealed that the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Kenya, adopted the multi-Agency approach in addressing the issue of illicit trade with participating Authorities and Agencies being drawn from Kenya Revenue Authority, The Immigration services, AntiNarcotics, National Intelligence Services, Directorate of Criminal In-

vestigations, Kenya Airports Authority, the PostMaster General, Communication Authority of Kenya and the Anti-Counterfeit Authority.

Dr Siyoi said that valuable contributions were provided by a host of international organisations, including the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board, Universal Postal Union, and the Pharmaceutical Security Institute.

During Operation African Star, joint enforcement teams examined shipments of human medicines, biologic products, and dietary supplements.

NDA chairman Dr Medard Bitekyerezo said that a multilateral initiative like Operation African Star allows stakeholders to exchange and develop best practices as they position themselves to collectively combat current threats to public health and safety and prepare for those yet to come.

“As evidenced by the wide array of support generated for this initiative, there is a growing recognition that to effectively combat these types of dangerous products requires crosscutting partnerships,” he said.

Dr Bitekyerezo said that the NDA is also committed to fighting these types of shared threats to public health and

safety by working across sectors and governments to target bad actors distributing these types of dangerous products.

“Individuals who purchase prescription medicines from unauthorized sources may be putting their health at risk because these medicines may be falsified, substandard, expired, or otherwise unsafe for use,” cautioned Dr Bitekyerezo.

United States Food and Drug Administration Assistant Commissioner for Criminal Investigations Jus-

tin Green said that while the global supply chain has made medicines more accessible, it has simultaneously made it increasingly challenging to identify illicit products and hold bad actors accountable.

“The FDA greatly appreciates the opportunity to work with Kenyan, Ugandan, and other key international partners to bring focus to a global public health threat and values the implementation of a pioneering initiative to combat it,” said Green.

Green said that Operation African Star benefited

greatly from the existing strong and mutually beneficial relationships between the governments of Uganda and Kenya.

“Operational outcomes included the initiation of criminal investigations, seizures of violative products, and the exchange of actionable intelligence.

Efforts are already underway regarding strategies to alert consumers of the dangers associated with illicit medicines and to aid in the decision-making of frontline personnel.



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

RECRUITMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IN THE MINISTRY

1.0 Introduction

Pursuance to Section 73(5) of the Public Financial Management Act, 2012 and its attendant Regulation 174 of 2015, and the guidelines for the establishment of the Audit Committee in all Public Entities contained in Kenya Gazette Notice VOL. CXVIII NO. 40 of 15th April, 2016.

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry is seeking to recruit a Chairperson and three (3) members of the Audit Committee.

2.0 Requirements for Appointment

2.1 Chairperson

- For appointment to the position of Chairperson of the Audit Committee, one must:
- i. Be a Kenyan Citizen;
 - ii. Holder of a Bachelor's Degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
 - iii. Have experience of not less than seven (7) years in; Audit, Finance, Accounting and or Risk Management;
 - iv. Be a member of a professional body and in good standing i.e. ICPAK or IIA;
 - v. Be knowledgeable and experienced in Risk Management;
 - vi. Not be a present or past employee or an agent of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry in the past two (2) years;
 - vii. Have the requisite business and leadership skills and shall not be a political office holder; and
 - viii. Be a person of integrity and in compliance with the requirement of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

2.2 Members

- For appointment to the position of Member of the Audit Committee, one must:
- i. Be a Kenyan Citizen
 - ii. Holder of a Bachelor's Degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
 - iii. Have working experience of not less than 5 years;
 - iv. Be a member of a professional body and in good standing;
 - v. Knowledgeable in public service and government operations ;
 - vi. Not be a present or past employee or an agent of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry in the past two (2) years : and
 - vii. Be a person of integrity and in compliance with the requirement of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

3.0 Application process

All interested applicants who meet the requirements above should submit their applications together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, a copy of National Identity Card/Passport, copies of Academic Certificates, Testimonials and any other relevant supporting documents in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: **"Application for the Position of Chairperson; Audit Committee - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry"**

or

"Application for the Position of Member; Audit Committee - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry" and delivered to:

Principal Secretary,
State Department for Environment and Climate Change
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry
Ragati Rd, NHIF BUILDING
P.O BOX 30126-00100
Nairobi
Tel: +254-20-2730808/9
Email: psoffice@environment.go.ke

Applicants are requested to drop their applications in a sealed envelope at the office of **Director, HRM&D NHIF BUILDING 11th Floor.**

Deadline for receipt of applications is at the close of business on the **5th August, 2024.**

Please note that Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry avails equal engagement opportunities to all Kenyans. Women, Persons Living with Disability, the marginalized and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Any form of canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification.

Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.



TAITA TAVETA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC, RESEARCH & OUTREACH)

P.O. Box 635 (80300) Voi, Kenya; Tel: 020-2437267/020-2422206; Email: registrar-aro@ttu.ac.ke www.ttu.ac.ke

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 7TH GRADUATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 2024

Taita Taveta University (TTU) wishes to inform ALL students who qualified for conferment of Degrees and award of Diplomas/ Certificates at the end of the 2023/2024 academic year and members of the public, that the **7th Graduation Ceremony** will be held on Friday, **16th August 2024 commencing at 8.00 a.m. at the University Sports Pavilion - Main Campus.**

TTU congratulates you on your success and extends a warm invitation to attend the ceremony. The following are the instructions pertaining to your participation in the Graduation Ceremony:

CLEARANCE

Each graduand must clear with all departments and sections shown on the clearance form. Only those graduands who will have completed paying fees due to the University by Wednesday, 24th July, 2024 will be allowed to graduate.

GRADUATION FEES/ HIRE OF ACADEMIC DRESS/ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

a) All graduands are required to pay mandatory non-refundable fees for graduation ceremony, hire of academic attire and membership to the Taita Taveta University Alumni Association as detailed in the table below:

S/N	Award	Mandatory Graduation Fees (KES)	Non-refundable Hire of Gown (KES)	Mandatory Alumni Membership (KES)	Total (KES)
1	Diploma	4,000	600	2,000	6,600
2	Degree	5,000	700	2,000	7,700
3	Masters	6,000	800	2,000	8,800

b) All Graduation and Alumni Fees should be paid on or before **Friday 9th August 2024** through the students portal on **e-citizen Pay Bill 222222**

c) The attire may be collected from **Monday 12th to Thursday 14th August 2024** during working hours from the respective Offices of Deans of Schools upon proof of payment.

d) All gowns shall be returned to the respective Schools by Wednesday, 28th August 2024; returning the gowns after this date will attract a charge of **KES 500 per day.**

For more details on the full Graduation list and Announcement kindly visit the University website: www.ttu.ac.ke

For further information please contact
The Registrar (Academic, Research and Outreach)
Email: registrar-aro@ttu.ac.ke; website: www.ttu.ac.ke

PSASB calls for enhanced risk management in public sector

BY MUTISO MBITHI)
(MYGOV)

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is calling upon all public sector entities to adopt comprehensive risk management practices which aims to safeguard resources, ensure continuity of services, and maintain public trust.

PSASB Acting CEO Ms Georgina Muchai Says that public sector entities face a wide array of risks, including financial uncertainties, operational challenges, strategic shifts, and compliance demands.

Muchai who was speaking in Machakos during the development of risk management templates for the public sector said that in order to address these issues, Treasury Circular 3/2009, dated February 23, 2009, formally introduced risk management

protocols for Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to in a bid foster good governance.

Following this directive, Ms Muchai said, the Internal Auditor-General Department published the first Risk Management Guidelines for public sector entities in 2011.

Also, the CEO added, the Public Finance Management Regulations 2015 mandates the Accounting Officer to ensure the development of risk management strategies, including fraud prevention mechanisms and establishes a system of risk management and internal control to build robust business operations.

“You get what you inspect, not what you expect. Therefore, public sector entities need to demonstrate how their core business serves the public interest and manage the inevitable externalities

of their production,” said the PSASB Acting Chief Executive Officer.

According to the World Economic Forum Global Risk Report 2024, some of the top ten risks that entities face include misinformation and disinformation, extreme weather, societal polarization, cyber-attacks, inter-state armed conflict, lack of economic opportunity, inflation, involuntary migration, economic downturn, and pollution and these risks pose a great threat to public sector entities.

“Senior management in the public sector have a role of ensuring that a risk management framework is established, building robust business operations and including fraud prevention mechanisms as stipulated by the Public Financial Management Reforms,” Ms. Muchai added.

Against this backdrop, she added, audit commit-

tees play a crucial role in the public sector regarding the integrity of an entity’s financial information, its system of internal controls, and the legal and ethical conduct of management and employees.

This, she said, is because the audit committee reviews the systems established to identify, assess, manage, and monitor financial risks.

She said public sector entities stand to gain significantly by adopting good risk management


principles and the benefits of such an approach include improved accountability and governance, enhanced performance, and greater organizational growth.

She added that effective risk management also leads to better recognition and exploitation of opportunities, facilitates risk-based decision-making and strategic planning, and ensures optimized resource allocation.

Additionally, the CEO said, it reduces the likelihood of unacceptable behaviours

such as fraud and other unethical practices, resulting in better overall financial management.

However, Ms Muchai said, in the pursuit of implementing risk management practices within the public sector, entities often encounter numerous challenges and one significant hurdle is the lack of sustained commitment from the Board of Directors and top management, which can impede the effective implementation of risk management strategies.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

TENDER NOTICE

Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd is implementing the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II Programme supported by the World Bank through Water Sector Trust Fund. The Programme is aimed at supporting financial recovery of WSPs to pre-COVID levels or better.

Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd now invites tenders from interested eligible bidders for the following tenders;

LIST OF TENDERS 2022-2023						
No.	Tender Number	Description of tender	Preference	Eligibility	Opening dates	opening time
1.	THIWASCO/006/ SDSWM/ 2024-2025	Supply, delivery and installation of 2031 No. smart water meters	Open	fixed	31/07/24	10.00am
2.	THIWASCO/007/ SITCBM/ 2024-2025	Installation of 4No. District Metering Areas (DMA's) in Ngoingwa, Gatunyaga, Riverside and Witeithie areas.	Open	fixed	31/07/24	11.00am

A complete set of Tendering Document(s) may be obtained by interested candidates upon payment of non-refundable fee of (Kshs.1,000.00) to **THIKA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY LTD, EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT:0090294392028, EQUITY PLAZA, THIKA BRANCH)** Tender documents code-027.


Bidders may also download the tender documents **Free of Charge** from Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd website **www.thikawater.co.ke**. Bidders who download the documents from the website **MUST** also forward their particulars before opening date via email to **procurement@thikawater.co.ke**


Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender number should be deposited in the tender box placed at our offices located near Blue Post Hotel, Along Haile Selassie Road, Thika or addressed to;

Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd
P.O. Box 6103 – 01000, Thika
Head office, near Blue Post Hotel,
Along Haile Selassie road, Thika.
Tell: +254720 418444
Email: procurement@thikawater.co.ke
www.thikawater.co.ke

Thus, to be received on or before: **the opening dates as above.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at Thika Water and Sewerage Company Ltd head office.





REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED

REQUEST FOR BIDS-GOODS

Project No:	MUSWASCO/CLSG II/ 2023-2024 (LOT 1 AND LOT 2)
Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	Water and Sanitation development Project-Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II
Contract Title:	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Meters Lot No. 1 and Supply, Delivery and Installation of Air Valves Lot No. 2
RFB Reference No.:	MUSWASCO/CLSG II/2023-2024

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water and Sanitation development Project-Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Meters Lot No. 1 and Supply, Delivery and Installation of Air Valves Lot No. 2** as contract No.: **MUSWASCO/CLSG II/2023-2024**

2. The Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible Supply and Delivery of the Goods indicated on the table

Lot No.	Tender Description	Eligibility	Closing Date
1	Tender for supply, delivery, and installation of Water Meters	Open	30th July 2024 11:00 Am
2	Tender For Supply, Delivery and Installation of Air Valves	Open	30th July 2024 11:00 am

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** dated July 2016, revised 5th Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), which can be found in the following website: **www.worldbank.org/procurement** and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the office of the MANAGING DIRECTOR, MURANGA SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY, via email **murangasouth@gmail.com** and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours excluding weekends and public holidays at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the company's website **www.muswasco.co.ke**.

Bidders who download the bidding documents are required to forward their particulars immediately by email as given as given above with full contact details that they intend to participate. This is for records and any further tender clarifications and addendum where necessary. The particulars should include: Name of Firm, Postal Address, Telephone Number, Email Address Tender Number, Tender Name.


6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **30th, July 2024 at 11:00am**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **30th July 2024 at 11: 15 AM**

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee as shown below:
Lot 1: Cold-Water Meters, - Ksh 300,000.00
Lot 2: Air Valves – Ksh. 300,000.00

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above is:

MANAGING DIRECTOR
MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED
P.O BOX 84-01034 KANDARA, NEXT TO DC'S OFFICE-KANDARA.
Telephone: +254716645345
Email: murangasouth@gmail.com , Website: www.muswasco.co.ke



Government to double milk earnings to Sh 80billion by 2027

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

The National Government plans to double milk earnings to more than Sh80 billion by 2027 through enhancing feeding programs, controlling diseases, and boosting extension services.

Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke said strategies have also been put in place to pursue increased earnings for farmers.

Speaking after the official opening of the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) headquarters and launching the Strategic Plan 2023/2027 in Kabete, the PS said that Kenya produces 5.2 billion liters annually but plans to increase that to 11 billion liters by 2027.

“Our focus is on increasing both volume and value, while at the same time ensuring the farmers’ financial base has been strengthened,” Mueke said.

Mueke noted that the Government has made some very significant policy changes, with the most notable being the movement from quantity-based payments to



The MD Kenya Dairy Board, Margaret Kibogy speaking during the launch of the Strategic plan.

quality-based payments. What this means, he explained, is that the government will now pay farmers based on the quality of milk they

We have mapped out and have developed an export strategy—MD

produce, and the higher the quality, the more money goes into their pockets.

He noted that improving the quality of milk further means a focus towards value addition not just on the production of milk but also on manufacturing high-value dairy products like chocolate, butter, ghee, milk powder, and ice cream, which

will put more money into the pockets of farmers.

Apart from value addition, the PS said that the government wants to expand production into the rest of the country moving from the highland areas around Mount Kenya and the Rift Valley and venturing into arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs).

“To grow the milk volumes, we will target the

ASALs, target the youth and women and this will help us get to our target of 10.5 billion litres by 2027 and also completely open up the economy in the pastoralists areas which is attainable,” he noted.

Mueke called on processors to invest by setting up factories and other processing plants in the ASALs.

He noted that the government wants to also ensure that production of milk is safe by getting rid of impurities and named the Bio Foods funded by USAID, which has taken the initiative to run safe milk campaigns.

“Dairy is one of those industries that is a key pillar in poverty reduction, in job creation, in wealth creation, and the strategies that we have put together here for the next five years is going to ensure that we achieve exactly that,” Mueke said.

Margaret Kibogy, the Managing Director (MD) KDB said they have been able to improve compliance when it comes to milk from 80 per cent in 2017 to 96 per cent by 2022. She added however that much more needs to be done especially in areas of hygiene, milk handling, antibiotics and aflatoxins to be able to reach 100 per cent compliance and ensure safety of milk and

milk products.

“We will be spending Sh4 billion in the next five years to finance interventions enhancing feeding, breeding, disease control and farmer extension services,” she said, adding that this will help in increasing productivity per cow from five to 10 litres per day.

Kibogy explained that ward-based feed centers will be established to supply feed to dairy farmers and that the increased production will require additional investments in milk cooling and processing to handle the estimated 3.3 billion litres of milk to be formally marketed per year.

She confirmed that the value of marketed milk increased to Sh40.5 billion at the end of 2023 compared to Sh35.8 billion in 2022, while the value of export value increased to Sh7.3 billion from Sh4.9 billion in 2022 and the volume of processed milk sold both locally and externally reached 810 million litres compared to 801.9 million litres.

“We expect to export 1 billion litres. We have mapped out and have developed an export strategy working very closely with industry champions and players to ensure that we are able to achieve the target,” she said.

Warring communities in Baringo celebrate peace, development through conservation

BY CHRISTOPHER KIPROP (KNA)

Pomp, dance, and feasting marked the atmosphere at Rugus area on the shores of Lake Baringo as three once-warring communities celebrated newfound peace and tranquility brought about by wildlife conservation efforts.

The formerly adversarial neighbors from the Tugen, Ilchamus, and Pokot communities gathered at Ruko Community Wildlife Conservancy to commemorate the peace achieved in 2004 through conservation initiatives pioneered by the Northern Rangeland Trust.

Residents from Rugus and Komolion, forming the acronym Ruko, shared testimonials of peace and prosperity. Mzee Erengeny Lemaitano, a pioneer of the initiative, recalled initial community resistance, accusing him of land giveaway. “Now we see that wildlife neither consumes our land nor harms our livestock. We are reaping benefits: educating our children through Ruko and witnessing thriving wildlife,” he affirmed.

Addressing politicians, Mzee emphasized that land cannot be built through propaganda, urging them to support conservancy efforts. He highlighted the need for alternative solutions for



Fiona Sandeman of Save Giraffe Now feeds a baby giraffe with milk at Ruko Community Conservancy in Baringo South, the foundation which funded the relocation of eight giraffes from Krugger Farm in Uasin Gishu at a cost of Ksh. 10 million promised to continue partnering with the Conservancy.

Lake Baringo’s fishermen, facing wood scarcity for traditional fishing rafts (‘Kaldich’).

Grace Lepene, representing the Pokot community, echoed the benefits derived from the conservancy, including educational bursaries funded by giraffe-related initiatives and revenue from camera traps spotting wildlife.

Jarso Gwalicha, a peace ambassador from Isiolo, attributed current harmony between the Ilchamus and Pokot communities to wildlife conservation, encouraging continued peace

for mutual benefits.

Rebecca Jepchumba, the conservancy manager from the local community, detailed its positive impacts, including employment of 17 rangers trained at Man-yani KWS school and the ‘Ujuzi Manyatani’ program, providing vocational skills to youth.

Alloyce Naitira of the Northern Rangelands Trust highlighted their role in providing expertise and community-government collaboration for conservancy success.

Ian Craig, founder of NRT, celebrated the journey from initial



Residents drawn from Rugus and Komolion in Baringo South and Tiati East celebrate with song and dance during a feast for peace and development brought about by wildlife conservation of Ruko Conservancy.

resistance to current achievements, urging vigilance against criminal elements threatening conservancy gains.

Representatives from the County Government and Kenya Wildlife Service praised Ruko as a model community conservancy, committing to support its growth and biodiversity conservation efforts.

In closing, community leaders emphasized the transformative power of conservation, pledging to safeguard wildlife and sustain peaceful coexistence among once-conflicting communities.

Local politicians applauded Ruko’s role in peacebuilding and economic empowerment, urging community vigilance and cooperation.

MCA Clement Lomaringoria urged steadfast peacekeeping,

particularly among Pokot grazers, advocating against conflict.

MP William Kamket emphasized wildlife conservation as crucial for peace and development, proposing more conservancies to mitigate cattle rustling.

Host Charles Kamuren commended NRT for fostering improbable peace, advocating for educational investments and community cohesion.

The event culminated in the reintroduction of Rothschild giraffes to the conservancy, highlighting ongoing efforts to enhance biodiversity and sustainable tourism.

Save Giraffe Now, which funded the giraffe relocation, reaffirmed commitment to conservancy partnership, crucial for preserving the endangered Rothschild giraffe.

Murang'a launches digital land records, second after Nairobi to implement system

BY BERNARD MUNYAO
AND ANITA OMWENGA
(KNA)

Murang'a has become the second county after Nairobi to operationalize digital land records following the launch of the National Land Management System by immediate former Lands Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome. This system allows local residents to access services through a digital platform at the local land registry.

Ms. Wahome praised

the system, known as Ardhisasa, promising that it would address the longstanding challenges in the land sector. She highlighted that the Ardhisasa platform is designed to enhance the security of land tenure in Murang'a by minimizing human interference with land ownership records.

"I commend the staff at the Lands Ministry for their meticulous efforts and long hours spent ensuring

error-free digitization of records," she remarked.

Wahome stated that the ministry aims to make the platform accessible nationwide as soon as possible. "Isiolo, Marsabit, and Mombasa are next in line, with pre-launch preparations nearing completion for Isiolo and Marsabit," she added.

She emphasized that with the Ardhisasa digital platform operational, residents can

conduct transactions securely without falling victim to brokers and cartels that have tarnished the reputation of land registries. "I want to assure you that beginning today the familiar problems with the land registry will be history. No one will be able to fraudulently tamper with your land ownership records," She noted.

Wahome continued, "The Ardhisasa system is designed to alert landowners by

telephone and email whenever there is an attempt to conduct a transaction on their land. A landowner will receive this notification only if they are registered users of the Ardhisasa system."

The CS encouraged all residents who own parcels of land to register and open an account on the platform, stating that staff would be deployed at the registry to assist members of the public in doing so.



Nyeri County 'fish eating campaign' on course as locals make it daily diet

BY SAMUEL MAINA(KNA)

The County Government of Nyeri is implementing an aggressive aquaculture program to promote fish farming among locals through a program known as the Aquaculture Business Development Program (ABDP). This initiative has resulted in an increase in the number of fish farmers from 2,000 in 2013 to 3,192 to date.

While many residents of the county traditionally did not consume fish, there is now a growing trend in major towns and households where people are embracing fish as part of their daily diet.

ABDP is a program jointly funded by the Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Its overarching goal is to alleviate poverty, enhance food security, and improve nutrition in rural communities.

"When we started in 2013, we had around 2,000 fish farmers, but this number has now risen to 3,192. We have observed a notable increase in the number of fish farmers in Nyeri. We have been actively promoting fish consumption to encourage a cultural shift, although achieving 100% success is challenging," explains Muareen Gathiga, an ABDP program officer in Nyeri.

"If you look at Nyeri today, you can see a rise in the number of fish eateries in almost every town and street. This was not the case before. Today, major hotels in our towns also include fish on their menus. Most of the fish is sourced locally within the county, with some coming from other



A fish eatery in Nyeri town. The County Government has launched an aggressive fish-eating campaign aimed at integrating fish farming and consumption among the locals.

counties participating in the ABDP," she told KNA.

The county government is also constructing a modern open-air market in Chaka town where farmers will be selling their fish to clients which Ms. Gathiga says the market is expected to be completed before the end of this year.

Among those targeted to benefit from the new market include women and youth groups currently undertaking projects on aquaculture.

Last week Nyeri emerged as the best county in aquaculture innovation during the 4th ABDP annual National Stakeholders Review Workshop held at a hotel in Mukurwe-ini.

The ranking followed the county's spectacular presentation on the use of a sawdust hatchery system, greenhouse, and Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) in fish farming.

In a recirculating aquaculture system, the water used to raise fish is continuously purified to be recycled back for use.

Waste products like solid matter, ammonium, and



Nyeri Aquaculture Business Development Program (ABDP) Program Officer Ms. Maureen Gathiga holds a trophy after the county emerged best overall in aquaculture innovation out of 16 counties during the 4th ABDP annual National Stakeholders Review Workshop held at the Northwood Hotel, Mukurwe-ini last week.

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carbon dioxide are either removed or converted into non-toxic substances. The clean water is then replenished with oxygen and sent

back to the fish tank.

The officer has attributed the recognition to concerted efforts by the county government, relevant stakeholders and the farmers at the local level.

She also said the success of the program has been made possible by intense campaigns at the grassroots that have seen a total of 60 fish-eating campaigns being undertaken in the eight sub counties to date.

"We have seen our Governor (Mutahi Kahiga) tell the farmers to stock fingerlings and monitor how farmers are doing, which is part of the reason we have won the trophy.

"Last year we won another trophy on coordination and support given to fishers. The number of times our officers meet the farmers is recorded and afterwards sent to their coordinators. The more the number of field visits made, the more active you are," she said.

Kenya's annual fish production currently stands at 150,000 metric tonnes against a demand of 400,000 metric tonnes.

Kwale to support growth of film industry

BY HUSSEIN
ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Kwale County has pledged to nurture and support local talent in the film industry along the coastal region by creating an environment that boosts creativity and innovation among the youth.

Governor Achani stated that her administration is committed to fostering an environment conducive to creativity, innovation, and growth for the budding film industry.

Achani pledged to invest in necessary infrastructure to ensure the growth of the local film industry and complement the efforts of relevant stakeholders who have built the industry from scratch.

She made these remarks during a meeting with dedicated film producer David Anguka and actors in Matuga sub-county of Kwale, where she pledged to tap into and advance the creative talents of youth striving to lead meaningful lives daily.

Funzi Island is a tropical haven with mangrove forests, green coral reefs and lush green vegetation and for discerning tourists this exclusive sandy island is the absolute dream location.

The meeting was to acknowledge the effort, support and contribution the devolved government has of-

fered to Anguka and his movie crew and further share publicity credit for 'Mvera', a movie that was also shot and filmed in Kwale and debuted on Netflix last week.

"Our meeting was successful, and we discussed collaborating on talent identification and support for youth in Kwale," she said, adding that she is determined to create an enabling environment for aspiring local film makers.

She noted that the film industry can also contribute to promoting the local tourism industry in the county if productions are well marketed.

Governor Achani commended the efforts of producer Anguka for showcasing talented youths in Kwale and further giving opportunities to many people that were cast in the 'Mvera' movie.

She said the Sh14 million facility aims to promote talents and create a source of livelihood among the youth besides preserving the different cultural aspects of the coastal people.

The coastal county boss said the devolved unit will continue to invest in the creative industry to add value to the film sector and make Kwale even more prosperous.

'Mvera' was nominated in the Oscars Awards and is now showcasing on Netflix.

PATRIOTISM

One people, one nation, one voice

Kenyans engaging in a national conversation on issues affecting the country as President William Ruto acknowledges the grievances and leads the country in crafting solutions

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KENYA YEARBOOK STRATEGIC PLAN
The plan outlines various strategic goals that the Board will focus on during this period as it seeks to become a one-stop shop for all government publications.

“The strategic goals that the Board will focus on during this period are to improve access to information and communication services, adopt citizen-driven practices and strengthen institutional capacity and create adaptive platforms to grow the voice of government and the people,” the Plan notes.

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



KAJIADO COUNTY

21,292.7 km²

Kajiado county spans an area of 21,292.7 km², with a recorded population of 1,117,840.



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— President William Ruto



President William Ruto (right) during a visit to an ICT hub.

ONE PEOPLE, ONE VOICE

President Ruto takes drastic steps as the country charts a new path into the future

Kenyans engaging in a national conversation on issues affecting the country as President William Ruto acknowledges the grievances and leads in crafting solutions

The discourse among Kenyans in the past weeks has centered on a number of issues affecting the country - mainly limited job opportunities, rising public debt, corruption and the austerity measures the government needs to implement.

The conversation, which has been amplified by the youth, has brought into focus the challenges the country is facing and how they can be addressed.

President William Ruto has acknowledged the importance of the ongoing national discourse and taken some drastic steps that include the dissolution of his Cabinet as he leads in charting a new path for the country.

"Our young people have stepped forward to engage in the affairs of their country. They have done a democratic duty to stand and be recognised and I want to tell you that we are going to have a conversation with you so that we can work together and streamline issues that affect our country," he said.

According to the President, Kenya now has a chance to address issues that bedevil the country, and more importantly, the youth.

"We are one people who belong to one nation. If we face our challenges together in unity, we will solve them, and Kenya will move forward," he said on June 30 at a church service in Narok.

Unemployment, particularly among the youth, remains a critical challenge. The government has in the last two years trained hundreds of youth in digital skills to access jobs and other opportunities online as well as signed labour export agreements with various countries, including Germany.

Some 516,505 youths have been trained in digital skills in the last two years, equipping them with the necessary knowledge to succeed in the new technology-driven job market, according to the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Digital literacy has been a key focus of the government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Besides Germany, Kenya has signed labour export agreements with Saudi Arabia, Qatar and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Under the affordable housing programme, President Ruto notes the government has created some 160,000 jobs and more would be created as the country targets to build a million houses by 2027.

Further, through the Hustler Fund, which was started to enhance access to credit by the youth, the government has disbursed Sh54.5 billion to some 18 million people.

However, the youth have noted that progress in the job creation initiatives started by the government have been slow.



President Ruto, in acknowledging this concern and others raised by the youth, announced a six-day National Multi-sectoral Forum that will bring together 150 members, 50 of them youth to discuss the crises facing the country.

"As a way of charting the future from the current situation, I welcome all leaders and other stakeholders to work together to address the current economic situation through a broad-based political arrangement and to rally the country forward," the President said last week.

He spoke after assenting to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill that paves the way for the reconstitution of the electoral commission, one of the things the youth have been pushing for.

"The IEBC remains a cornerstone of our democracy, responsible for overseeing regular

elections at various levels and overall ensuring our electoral cycle is managed transparently and administered in an impartial, neutral, efficient, accurate and accountable manner," he said.

Kenya's public debt has been steadily increasing to stand at Sh10.3 trillion at the end of March, raising concerns about the country's financial stability.

Many young people are feeling the burden of this debt, whose huge repayments have stifled funds to help expand economic opportunities and job creation.

The youth have highlighted the urgent need for better fiscal management, especially to check on government spending so that money is allocated to priority areas, including education and health.

President Ruto on July 5 announced various austerity measures that included reduction of

advisers in government by at least 50 per cent, removal of confidential budgets in Executive offices, suspension of the purchase of new motor vehicles in government and doing away with unconstitutional offices.

The President further named an eight-member task force to carry out forensic audit of the public debt.

President Ruto has pledged for more investment in job creation, skills development and support for small businesses to stimulate the economy and provide meaningful employment opportunities.

The national conversation, driven by the voices of the youth, marks a pivotal moment for the country. It has brought an opportunity for leaders and citizens to work together towards a more sustainable and equitable future, ensuring that the aspirations of citizens and country are realised. ■

INFOBOX

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT

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FACTS & FIGURES

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Huduma Kenya establishes Service Excellence Calendar to serve the public better

Huduma Kenya has established a Service Excellence Calendar (SEC) to guide its operations and ensure exceptional service delivery across its network of 53 centres.

The calendar includes bi-monthly themes, which seek to keep Huduma Kenya relevant and responsive to current issues impacting both staff and customers.

SEC addresses broader societal concerns including combating climate change. This is exemplified by the "Huduma Centre Adopt-A-Forest" initiative, contributing to the government's goal of planting 15

billion trees by 2032. Through this programme, Huduma Centres directly participate in nurturing seedlings, promoting environmental sustainability and tackling climate change. There is also mental health awareness, where the Centres will hold talks led by experts, benefiting both customers and staff. These initiatives foster a supportive and empathetic environment within the organisation.

Through the service calendar, Huduma Kenya is ensuring its 53 Centres nationwide continue to deliver efficient, customer-centric services to all Kenyans. ■



HUDUMA CORNER

Huduma Centre workers during training.



Former ICT Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo (fourth left) and various dignitaries during the launch of the Kenya Yearbook Strategic Plan on Thursday last week.

THE PLAN

Kenya Yearbook to create one-stop shop for government publications

Organisation launches its Strategic Plan to guide its operation in the next five year as it tells Kenya's story

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) will create a one-stop shop for government publications and develop relevant content on the successes of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

This is according to the institution's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 unveiled last week on Thursday in Nairobi, which will guide KYEB's activities in the next five years.

The Plan outlines various strategic goals that the Board will focus on during this period as it seeks to become a one-stop shop for all government publications.

"The strategic goals that the Board will focus on during this period are improve access to information and communication services, adopt citizen-driven practices and strengthen institutional capacity and create adaptive platforms to grow the voice of government and the people," the Plan notes.

The Strategic Plan prioritises publishing for public interest, enhancing brand awareness and achieving financial sustainability.



Mr Eliud Owalo, the former ICT CS.



KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto.

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KYEB Publications

- **The Yearbook**
- **Cabinet Series such as "Kenyatta Cabinets", "Moi Cabinets", "Kibaki Cabinets" and "Uhuru Cabinets";**
- **Sector-specific publications like "Kick-Off" (Sports);**
- **"Journey of Kenyan Women Trailblazers" (Women Agenda); "Towards Food Security" (Agriculture);**
- **"Road to Universal Health Coverage" (Healthcare); "Manufacturing Series";**
- **"ICT and Youth" (future of work);**
- **"AgendaKenya" (news and analysis);**
- **"InfoBytes" (access to government services).**

Mr Eliud Owalo, the former Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, who launched the document, said KYEB plays a crucial role as the repository of government achievements, programmes and initiatives.

"As a Ministry, we rely on KYEB for content creation. We look forward to the institution becoming the sole government publisher," Mr Owalo said, adding that the Ministry is working on solidifying KYEB's legal mandate.

According to him, KYEB has become a source of quality publishing and communication solutions.

"This strategic document will provide a roadmap for its communication initiatives. It is particularly urgent now, more than ever, when there is a great need for deeper government-citizen engagement," he said.

Prof Edward Kisiang'ani, the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting, stated that the Ministry has made suggestions to help restructure Kenya Yearbook and make it a more vibrant institution.

"These efforts are ongoing and align with this Strategic Plan," he said.

Eng. John Tanui, the Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy, noted that Kenya Yearbook has an opportunity to bridge the gap in government communication.

"Through this Strategic Plan, Kenya Yearbook must ensure government achievements, initiatives, and projects are well communicated," he said.

"If we implement this Strategic Plan effectively, we are looking forward to a transformed approach to government content generation and communication," he added.

KYEB chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a said the institution would document government activities and serve the people of Kenya fairly and impartially.

"We will work with other corporations and ministries to better the country," she noted.

Ms Lilian Kimeto, KYEB CEO, outlined the institution's plans to drive four strategic programmes in the next five years.

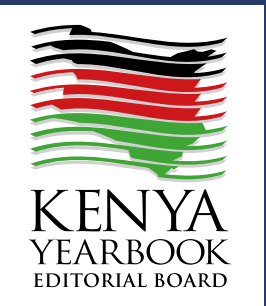
"We will digitise our publications targeting the youth, deepen our digital communication model, enhance our business model and optimise citizen-driven practices in meeting publishing and communication needs," Ms Kimeto said.

Mr David Omwoyo, the CEO of the Media Council of Kenya, pledged to collaborate with KYEB to improve government communication.

"In line with our recent Memorandum of Understanding, we will work together to further our respective mandates in developing and implementing a multifaceted approach to enhancing communication and media expertise in the country," he said.

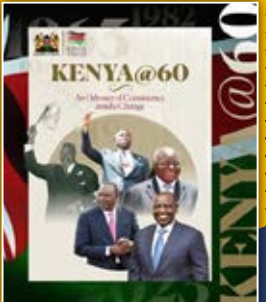
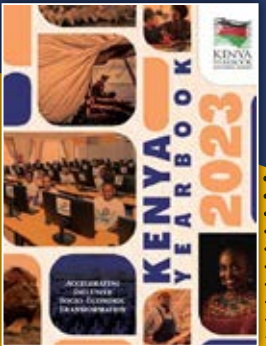
Huduma Kenya Ag. CEO Mugambi Njeru said the institution's infrastructure, which serves over 60,000 people daily, is available to Kenya Yearbook to ensure government communication reaches everyone.

Other dignitaries present during the launch included Mr Thomas Wasonga, the Coordinator Public Events, Office of the President, Mr Sande Oyolo, the Chief Officer for Digital Economy and Startups at Nairobi City Council and also KYEB's former Board Chair and Mr Denis Chebitwey, the founding KYEB CEO. ■



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President William Ruto during a tree planting exercise at Kaptagat Forest on Saturday.



Governor Anyang' Nyong'o (fifth left) during the official launch of the Kisumu Chapter of the Alternative Justice System (AJS) at the Kisumu Law Court. The event was attended by Supreme Court Judge Justice Smokin Wanjala (fourth left), among others.



Murang'a Governor Irungu Kanga'ata (second right) during the launch of Kianga Dispensary in Kiharu Constituency.



Kirinyaga Governor Ann Waiguru centre with winners of a football tournament she sponsored.

National Heroes Council now plans monumental tribute across 47 counties

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A
(MYGOV)

The Government, through the National Heroes Council, has proposed plans to construct monuments and statues across the counties to instill acts of patriotism among its citizens.

Aisha Jumwa, the immediate former Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture, the Arts, and Heritage, stated that the Council has already engaged with various county governments, where heroes and heroines originate, with the aim of collaborating and pooling resources to create monuments honoring Kenyan heroes.

Jumwa singled out county governments as key players in identifying, selecting, and honoring national heroes nationwide. She emphasized that the Kenya Heroes Act mandates counties to assist the Council in identifying deserving Kenyans to be recognized and honored according to the Act's criteria.



Jimmy Angwenyi, Chairman, National Heroes Council.

"As the Government, we will strive to support this initiative. I will soon engage with the leadership of both the Council and the respective county governments to discuss how the National Government can contribute to accelerating this crucial initiative," Jumwa added.

She highlighted the Council's significant role in promoting unity, good governance, nationalism, and patriotism by ensur-

ing deserving Kenyans are identified and honored respectfully and in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Kenya Heroes Act.

She underscored that the Council has laid out a clear roadmap for identifying, recognizing, and honoring deserving men and women who have excelled in various fields.

Speaking at the Bomas of Kenya, where she unveiled the Council's Strategic Plan and a new logo, Jumwa acknowledged challenges in implementing some of the Council's mandates due to financial constraints, including the establishment of the Heroes Fund.

"It is for a fact that we may not have a dignified hero in line with the aspirations of the council's Strategic Plan without proper funding which will ensure the welfare of our heroes is taken care of," she said.

She said that the Council will be making a public call for Kenyans to nominate deserving Kenyans who

will be declared as Mashujaa during this year's Mashujaa day to be celebrated and hosted by the President in Kwale County.

"I, therefore, wish to remind Kenyans to take up this opportunity and play a role through nominations so that the objective ensures unity and patriotism of our Nation through recognition and honouring of our heroes as provided for under the Act," the CS said.

She noted with concern that during the previous nomination exercise, very few women were nominated as heroines which goes against the grain of the national affirmative action plan.

Jimmy Angwenyi, National Heroes Council Chairman encouraged women to stand up and be recognized in the various disciplines outlined in the Act since everybody is equal and which will ensure narratives of female heroines are also told so as to ensure inclusivity and representation in the list of heroes who are honoured.

BRIEFS

State to revive leather industry to create jobs

The Government, through the twin State Departments of Correctional Services and Livestock Development, is planning to revive the prison leather industry with the aim of creating jobs, increasing exports, and boosting local consumption of leather products. Speaking during a visit to Kitengela GK Prison, Principal Secretary for Correctional Services Dr. Salome Beacco and Principal Secretary for Livestock Development Jonathan Mueke noted that the visit aimed to explore collaborative efforts to revive the leather industry at Kitengela and Kamiti prisons. Ms. Beacco emphasized that the leather value chain is a key priority of the President, highlighting the crucial need to revive the tannery. "Under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda, vocational training is a main focus. By reviving the leather industry in prisons, we can scale up training for inmates and staff, enhancing their skills in leather production,

which will also generate revenue and increase our income," PS Beacco noted. To ensure the sustainability of the tanneries, the delegation held fruitful discussions with members of the private sector involved in leather manufacturing to identify potential collaborations, aiming to leverage public-private partnerships for sustainability.

The officials also highlighted the need for comprehensive audits of all machines. Ms Beacco underlined the government commitment in supporting the leather industry under President's Ruto's administration, recognizing its potential to provide significant employment opportunities for Kenyans.

The Correctional Services PS revealed that in collaboration with the State Department for Livestock and the private sector, training of Prisons staff has begun, with 15 trained in leather production who will in return train the inmates.

By Martha Munyambu (PCO)

Special schools receive business kits from NFDK

The National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya (NFDK) has donated assorted devices, wheelchairs and money to empower persons living with disabilities and special schools in the North-Eastern region. According to the organization, the distributed items were requested by the persons living with disabilities as per their needs.

These include wheelchairs, welding kits, barber and salon kits, farming tools, video cameras among others.

A section of other people who sought to have goats instead of the devices were awarded cheques worth Sh20,000 each.

Speaking during the event, Prof. Julia Ojiambo, who is a trustee at the organization said that they have been trying their best to make sure that most of the disabled get tools to help them in their work.

"What we do as an organization is to make sure that the people living with disabilities, parents or the guardians of the disabled children can be able to earn a living for themselves in terms of earning an income through their skills and the business kits we

are providing for them," Ojiambo said.

On children living with disabilities, Ojiambo called on their parents to ensure that they receive the required medication and attend school so that they can be able to secure their future with knowledge and skills.

"The children who are supposed to receive treatment should be taken to the hospital for professional care. We discourage home care because sometimes a condition that can be improved with time by treatment may deteriorate and complicate chances of recovery for the child in future," she said.

The Trustee further added that the Fund, which also distributed cheques worth Sh1.6 million to special schools in the region, has been supporting special schools in construction of classes, dormitories and dining halls to improve the daily life of the students while in school. North-Eastern Regional Commissioner John Otieno urged the beneficiaries to use the equipment donated to earn a living and be able to economically sustain themselves.

By Maureen Kayumyia (KNA)

State Department's job fair in Kisumu to connect youth with employers, provide career guidance

BY JULIUS NDEGWA
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The State Department for Labour and Skills Development will host a two-day National Job Fair in Kisumu City this week. The event, which will be held at the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) on July 18th and 19th, aims to provide young people with career and employment guidance and opportunities to meet employers and employment agencies. The fair, themed 'Unlocking Employment Opportunities', targets students from universities, national polytechnics, technical and vocational colleges, vocational training centres, and NEET youths. According to Mr. Shadrack Mwadime, PS of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, which is organizing the event, the fair seeks to



National Industrial Training Authority Board Chairman Aden Noor Ali, the PS for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime and NITA Acting Director Ms Teresa Wasike during the launch of the Authority's Strategic Plan 2023-2028 at Athi River.

equip young people with information to help them make career decisions and secure stable jobs. "Our focus is to provide essential insights to the youth that will unlock every job opportunity available. We want to empower the youth by building a sustainable employment ecosystem and ensuring career success by

bridging skills and opportunities," said Mr. Mwadime. Besides exhibitions, there will be panel discussions covering a wide range of labour issues, including skills migration, skills development, career guidance, job search clubs, and skills hubs.

Exhibitors will include

representatives from industry, employers, and private recruitment agencies. Over the last few years, the State Department for Labour and Skills Development has made great strides in promoting career guidance in Kenya by developing a comprehensive and inclusive National Policy Framework on Career Guidance and establishing well-coordinated Offices of Career Services (OCS) in all employment agencies and educational institutions. The goal of the National Policy Framework on Career Guidance is to promote lifelong learning, sustained employability, and social equity by enhancing equity, quality, and relevance in the provision of career guidance in Kenya. The OCS, on the other hand, coordinates career guidance, which includes the three components of career education, career counselling, and career information.