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# County clears Sh680b gold mining project

BY GEORGE KAIGA (KNA)

The Kakamega County Assembly has cleared the way for the underground extraction of gold deposits estimated to be worth Sh680 billion in Ikolomani Constituency after approving a private company's bid to begin operations following months of public scrutiny.

Public forums were convened to address petitions by civil society groups and residents who raised concerns over land degradation, opaque compensation frameworks and the planned relocation of nearly 800 households from the proposed mining site. In its report, the relevant assembly committee concluded that Shanta Gold Kenya had met the threshold for meaningful public participation and complied with the procedures prescribed under the Mining Act, 2016.

The company is now developing a resettlement action plan for

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 1,000

Unlike artisanal mining, which has long dominated Ikolomani, regulated large-scale mining is expected to create about 1,000 direct jobs and integrate local miners into formal employment and supply chains.

The report noted that existing engagement structures, including consultative forums, had provided adequate platforms for community input.

affected households, which will be subjected to public scrutiny and independent validation to safeguard governance and human rights.

"A comprehensive resettlement action plan, including fair compensation, livelihood restoration measures and grievance redress mechanisms, must be publicly disclosed before land acquisition or resettlement," the committee stated.

The report noted that existing engagement structures, including consultative forums, had provided adequate platforms for community input.

It further stated that environmental safeguards for River Yala and River Isiukhu, both of which fall within the project area, had been outlined in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report.

Beyond environmental and social safeguards, the committee underscored the economic



Patrick Ligami, Chair of the Kakamega County Artisanal Mining Committee, speaks during the public hearing at Malinya Stadium where petitions against the Sh680 billion gold mining project were debated. PHOTO: GEORGE KAIGA/KNA



## NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### TENDER NOTICE

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

The Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) is a cash transfer programme managed by the National Drought Management Authority under the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), ASALs and Regional Development. The programme is currently implemented in Eight Arid counties: Turkana, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu, Garissa, and Tana River Counties. The programme will be expanded to an additional fifteen counties during the FY 2026/2027, FY 2027/2028, and FY 2028/2029 implementation periods. HSNP is one of the flagship Cash Transfer Programmes under the National Safety Net Programme (NSNP)

The Authority seeks to engage services of a Payment Service Provider (s) (PSPs) for its HSNP Cash Transfer Programme.

The National Drought Management Authority now invites eligible service providers for the Provision of Payment Services for Hunger Safety Net programme as follows:

Tender Number	Tender Description	Category	Closing/Opening Date
NDMA/RFP/01/2025-2026	Request For Proposal for Provision of Payment Services for Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) Cash Transfer	Open	Thursday 25th June 2026 at 10.30am

Detailed Tender Documents may be viewed and downloaded free-of-charge from the Authority's website [www.ndma.go.ke](http://www.ndma.go.ke) or from Government Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) website [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke)

Interested eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the tender document at the Supply Chain Management Department at NDMA Headquarters, Lonrho House, Standard Street, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 53547 - 00200, Nairobi, Tel. 020 - 2301354 / 0722200656 during normal working days between 8am to 5pm.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked "TENDER NUMBER and TENDER NAME" be deposited in the tender box situated at the NDMA Reception, Lonrho House, Standard Street 8th Floor.

**Chief Executive Officer**  
National Drought Management Authority  
Lonrho House, Standard Street, 8th Floor  
P.O. Box 53547 - 00200, NAIROBI

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

**Hared Hassan Adan, Lt Col (Rtd)**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## KISII UNIVERSITY

### TENDER NOTICE

Kisii University was chartered in February 2013. It is headquartered in Kisii town, some 1.5 kilometers away from the town center

The University invites tenders for:

S/ No.	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1.	KSU/T/58/2025 - 2026	TENDER FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER REDUNDANT, OBSOLETE, AND SURPLUS ITEMS	Open	26TH JUNE 2026 TIME: 11.30A.M
2.	KSU/T/59/2025 - 2026	TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF AN OLYMPIC-SIZE SWIMMING POOL AND RELATED ANCILLARY FACILITIES	Open	26TH JUNE 2026 TIME: 11.30A.M
3.	KSU/T/RFP/60/2025-2026	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIT SOFTWARE	Open	26TH JUNE 2026 TIME: 11.30A.M

To download the tender documents, Visit Kisii University website ([www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke](http://www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke)) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke). Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Two (2) copies of bound completed and paginated tender documents (marked 'original' and 'copy') are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kisii University main campus administration block and shall be addressed to:

**Vice Chancellor Kisii University**  
P.O BOX 408-40200 KISII



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potential of formalising mining under a structured framework.

Unlike artisanal mining, which has long dominated Ikolomani, regulated large-scale mining is expected to create about 1,000 direct jobs and integrate local miners into formal employment and supply chains.

However, the committee urged the State Department for Mining, the National Environmental Management Authority (Nema), Shanta Gold Kenya and the County Government of Kakamega to issue formal permits to artisanal and small-scale miners.

The issue remains contentious, with artisanal miners demanding recognition and inclusion in the emerging mining economy.

The committee also called for the deliberate inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised groups, including women, youth and persons living with disabilities, in decision-making processes as the project advances.

The report is set to be tabled before the County Assembly for debate and adoption, a move that will determine whether Kakamega's gold belt transitions into a regulated mining hub.

If approved, the project could reshape the county's economic landscape by creating new livelihood opportunities while raising important questions about environmental stewardship and social justice.

# State begins distribution of laptops, smart boards to public junior schools

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government has begun distributing laptops and interactive smart boards to 10,382 public junior schools across the country. Under the programme, each school will receive one laptop and one interactive smart board in a move aimed at strengthening digital learning and supporting the implementation of the Competency-Based Education (CBE) framework.

The initiative, being implemented under the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP), marks a significant milestone in the country's digital transformation agenda and ongoing efforts to modernise the education sector.

The launch ceremony, held at the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEA) in Nairobi, brought together senior government officials, education stakeholders, development partners, and representatives from the ICT sector. Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke said the initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke (fifth from left) during the launch of the distribution of 10,382 laptops and 10,382 interactive smart boards to 10,382 public Junior Schools across the country under the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP). PHOTO: JAMES EKAI

preparing learners for a future increasingly driven by technology.

"This occasion marks an important milestone in Kenya's digital transformation journey and demonstrates our commitment to preparing learners for a future where technology will increasingly shape how we learn, work and create opportunities," said Isaboke.

The initiative forms part of the government's broader vision to build a digitally connected, knowledge-driven economy under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

According to Isaboke, the programme complements ongoing investments under the Digital Superhighway Programme, which includes the rollout of 100,000 kilometres of fibre optic

infrastructure and the establishment of 1,450 digital hubs across all wards in Kenya.

He emphasized that digital inclusion remains a key priority, noting that learners in remote regions should have access to the same opportunities as those in urban centres.


"Whether a learner is in Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit, Kwale, Kisumu or Nairobi, every child deserves access to the same opportunities and the same digital future," he said.

The PS called for responsible use of technology in schools and urged stakeholders to safeguard educational infrastructure amid recent incidents of school unrest and fires reported in some parts of the country.

"Technology should become a tool that inspires curiosity, innovation and hope, not frustration or destruction," he said.


Outgoing Basic Education Principal Secretary Prof. Julius Bitok described the launch as a historic moment for the education sector, identifying technology and equity as two critical priorities in delivering quality education.

Bitok said digital learning tools will help bridge longstanding disparities in access to education between learners in urban and remote parts of the country.



## KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY (KMA)

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TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) is a state corporation whose mandate is to regulate, co-ordinate and oversee maritime affairs guided by the Kenya Maritime Authority Act No. 5 of 2006 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009. KMA invites sealed National tenders as below: -

No	Tender No.	Item/Service Description	Closing Date/Time	Targeted Group
1	KMA/ONT/09/2025-2026	Provision of Repair, Maintenance and Servicing of Building Services under Framework Agreement <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 10:00 a.m.	Open Tender
2	KMA/ONT/10/2025-2026	Provision of Outside Catering Services to KMA under Framework Agreement <b>(Re-advertisement)</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 at 10:00am	Open Tender

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

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


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


so as to be received on or before **23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 at 10.00 am.**

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

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

**DIRECTOR GENERAL  
KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY**





## KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (KICD)

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GRADE 10 TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION - PRINCIPALS CONFIRMATION OF NUMBER OF LEARNERS AND THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES.

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) informs all Senior School Principals that first phase of the distribution of Grade 10 textbooks has been completed guided by the data initially provided by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The Institute is seeking to confirm the Grade 10 student enrolment data in every public Senior School by end of First Term 2026 in terms of numbers of learners taking various subjects.

This will inform the second phase of distribution of Grade 10 textbooks in order to ensure that all learners have received textbooks in all subjects on a One - to - One ratio as per Government Policy.

Therefore, all Principals of Public Senior Schools are requested to submit:

- Current number of Grade 10 learners by subject.
- Textbooks received per subject

**SUBMISSION LINK**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/MqThQtBxQh>

**URGENT SUPPORT CHANNEL**  
Schools requiring assistance, yet to receive textbooks or that received excess textbooks should contact KICD through email: [bookdistribution@kicd.ac.ke](mailto:bookdistribution@kicd.ac.ke) OR Tel: **0733 762 412**

**DEADLINE: 19th June 2026**

**Note: Those Principals who have already submitted their data need not re-submit.**

**PROF. CHARLES O. ONG'ONDO, PhD., MBS**  
Director/Chief Executive Officer  
Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development.

# Kenya calls for global action on hazardous agrochemicals



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe (second left) and other delegates during the opening ceremony of the 2026 World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) General Assembly in Nairobi.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government has called for urgent global action to eliminate hazardous agricultural chemicals and end what it described as a double standard that exposes farmers in developing countries to substances banned elsewhere due to health

and environmental risks.

Speaking in Nairobi during the opening ceremony of the 2026 World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) General Assembly, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe urged governments, regulators, manufacturers and international organizations to harmonize global standards

on agricultural chemicals and place farmers' welfare at the centre of agricultural policy and investment.

"The world cannot continue operating under a double standard when it comes to agricultural chemicals," Kagwe said, arguing that products deemed unsafe in one country should not be sold

**Investment in farmers should be viewed as a strategic investment in economic growth, food security and national stability.**

in another simply because regulations are weaker.

Addressing delegates from across the world, including farmers' organizations, development partners, agribusiness leaders and policymakers, he stressed that the lives and health of farmers in developing countries must be valued equally.

Kagwe warned that unsafe agricultural chemicals and counterfeit farm inputs continue to threaten food safety, public health, environmental sustainability and export markets.

He called for stronger collaboration to combat the illegal trafficking, counterfeiting and misuse of agricultural inputs.

He emphasized that protecting farmers must go beyond increasing productivity and market access to include safeguarding their health and wellbeing.

The CS urged the international community to place farmers, not merely on food systems, but at the center of global agricultural policy discussions, noting that insufficient attention has been paid to farmers' welfare, dignity and prosperity.

He challenged long-standing inequalities in global agriculture, arguing that investment in farmers should be viewed as a strategic investment in economic growth, food security and national stability.

Kagwe further called for reforms in agricultural financing and highlighted Kenya's efforts to modernize agriculture through technology and data-driven systems, including the Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS).

As delegates begin deliberations at the World Farmers' Organisation General Assembly, Kagwe urged global leaders to ensure that every policy, investment and recommendation emerging from the conference is guided by one principle: putting farmers first.

## EACC raises alarm over fake certificates, academic fraud

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has raised alarm over increasing cases of academic fraud, plagiarism and fake academic certificates among young people, warning that the trend is undermining integrity and eroding public trust in institutions.

Speaking during the launch of the Ethics and Integrity Club at Mount Kenya University (MKU), EACC Chairperson Dr. David Oginde said dishonesty had become increasingly normalized among some sections of society, including university students.

Dr. Oginde said the commission is over-

whelmed by investigations involving forged academic certificates, some linked to individuals holding senior positions in both public and private institutions. He noted that cases of plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are also on the rise in institutions of higher learning.

"It is sad that surveys reveal many young people do not see harm in dishonesty," said Dr. Oginde. He challenged students to reject shortcuts to success and instead embrace integrity, hard work and honesty as the foundation for personal achievement and national development. "Why go to university and fail to earn a genuine certificate that truly reflects who you

are? No nation has ever thrived through corruption. Greatness is built on honesty, hard work and trust," he said.

Dr. Oginde urged young people to take a leading role in rebuilding ethical values and combating corruption, noting that the country's future depends on a generation committed to doing the right thing.

MKU Principal for Corporate Services and Director of Partnerships and Linkages Prof. Peter Wanderi said the university is strengthening value-based education through a common unit on ethics, integrity and responsible citizenship.

"We need to keep talking about integrity at all times and also practice it," said Prof. Wanderi.



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Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA)

### TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

The Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA), established in 1974 under Cap 443 of the Laws of Kenya, wishes to invite the following tenders;

NO	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1.	TARDA/OT/043/2025-2026	Prequalification of suppliers for the Financial Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028	Open National (All)	Monday June 29th 2026 at 10:00am
2.	TARDA/OT/044/2025-2026	Disposal of obsolete / unserviceable items	Open National (All)	Monday June 29th 2026 at 10:00am

Interested candidates are required to view/download more details of the tender free of charge from our website [www.tarda.go.ke](http://www.tarda.go.ke) or at the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) <http://www.tenders.go.ke>

All bidders should ensure that they are registered under Electronic Government Procurement (EGP) system.

Closing date of this tender will be as aforementioned above, at which it will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend at the TARDA boardroom situated along Dundori Road, Industrial Area.

Late bids will not be accepted

MANAGING DIRECTOR



# Kenya Power's plan to scrap physical payment channels in digital overhaul

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI AND LILIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

Kenya Power will progressively phase out physical payment counters in its banking halls by June 2027 as part of an ambitious digital transformation programme aimed at improving customer experience and service delivery across the country.

Kenya Power Acting Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jeremiah Kiplangat, announced the move, during the launch of the Kenya Power 2026 Customer Experience Roadshow dubbed; Twende Digital held at Stima Plaza in Nairobi.

Dr. Kiplangat said the utility has witnessed a significant shift in customer behaviour, with more consumers embracing digital platforms for payments and service access.

"Today, these platforms collectively account for over five million customer interactions every month. This is a powerful signal that customers are embracing digital channels and that the future of service delivery is digital," he said.

He noted that the adoption of digital services has resulted in a 70 per cent reduction in customer traffic at Kenya Power banking halls, prompting the Company



Kenya Power and Lightning Company Acting Managing Director and CEO, Dr. Jeremiah Kiplangat (with flag), during the launch of the Twende Digital Customer Experience Roadshow in Nairobi, where he announced Kenya Power's plans to fully transition to digital service delivery by 2027.

to accelerate its transition to a fully digital payment ecosystem.

"For this reason, Kenya Power will progressively phase out the remaining physical payment counters in our banking halls by June 2027 as we transition

**All new meters currently being deployed are smart meters. This will support better monitoring,**

towards a fully digital payment ecosystem," said Dr. Kiplangat.

He clarified that the move is intended to improve efficiency rather than limit customer access to services.

"Let me be very clear on this point. We are not closing doors on our customers. We are closing outdated payment counters so that we can deliver service in a faster, safer, more efficient and more convenient way," he added.

According to the utility firm, the transition will be implemented in phases, with payment counters in Nyeri, Thika and Kisii set to close by June 30, 2026, followed by Nakuru, Kisumu and Eldoret by December 31, 2026. Nairobi's Electricity House and Stima Plaza, as well as Mombasa Electricity House, will close their payment counters by June 30, 2027.

Kenya Power currently serves more than 10 million customers nationwide, including households, businesses, industries, schools, hospitals and public institutions.

Dr. Kiplangat said modern customers expect services that are simple, transparent and accessible remotely, making digital transformation a strategic necessity for the company.

"Our customers do not just buy electricity from us. They buy

convenience, reliability, trust and assurance. They expect to access our services from the comfort of their homes, businesses and workplaces," he said.

He revealed that the Company has expanded its digital service channels, including the MyPower App, USSD code \*977# and other self-service platforms that allow customers to buy tokens, pay bills, access receipts, submit meter readings, report outages and check account information without visiting Kenya Power offices.

Beyond digital payments, the utility is also investing in smart technologies to improve operational efficiency and service reliability.

"All new meters currently being deployed are smart meters. This will support better monitoring, improve billing accuracy, faster response to customer issues and greater operational efficiency," Dr. Kiplangat said.

He added that Kenya Power is leveraging technologies such as Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and self-billing platforms to simplify meter reading and enhance billing efficiency.

The Company is also undertaking a customer experience transformation programme targeting more than 1,500 frontline employees across the country.



**TANA WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TWWDA)**



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The appointment will be on a Three (3) Years Contract, renewable once subject to performance.

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The full job description, person specifications, and other requirements for compliance are available on the Agency's official website: [www.tanawwda.go.ke](http://www.tanawwda.go.ke).

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit a signed application letter, detailed CV, and certified copies of academic and professional certificates either by Hand delivery or post delivery in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Application for the Position of the Chief Executive Officer addressed to:

**The Chairman, Board of Directors  
Tana Water Works Development Agency  
Maji House, Baden Powell Road  
P.O. Box 1292 – 10100, Nyeri**

**OR through Email strictly sent** to the following email address: [ceo.recruitment@tanawwda.go.ke](mailto:ceo.recruitment@tanawwda.go.ke)

**Application Deadline:**

Applications must be received not later than **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (East African Time).**

**TWWDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted**






**CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY**

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POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT – EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Capital Markets Authority is a statutory agency charged with the responsibility of regulating and developing an efficient capital market in Kenya. The Authority invites applications from qualified candidates for the following positions:

S/No.	VACANCIES	REFERENCE	POST
1.	Director Research Policy & Market Development	CMA/DRPMD/01/2026	1
2.	Deputy Director Commodities	CMA/DD-C/02/2026	1
3.	Assistant Director Regulatory Framework	CMA/AD-RF/03/2026	1
4.	Assistant Director Enforcement	CMA/AD-E/04/2026	1
5.	Principal Corporate Communications Officer	CMA/PCCO/05/2026	1
6.	Principal Market Development Officer - Research & Analytics	CMA/PMDO-RA/06/2026	1
7.	Principal Internal Auditor	CMA/PIA/07/2026	1

If you meet the above requirements, please send an Application Letter and Curriculum Vitae in PDF format to [externaladverts2026@cma.or.ke](mailto:externaladverts2026@cma.or.ke)

Applications to be addressed to:

**Chief Executive Officer  
Capital Markets Authority  
P. O. Box 74800-00200 Nairobi**

Applications should be received on or before **July 6, 2026**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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THE CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS



## Strong uptake of STEM pathway as majority of learners show interest

BY IAN CHEPKUTO (KNA)

A new study unveiled by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEA) has revealed strong uptake of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pathway among Kenya's first cohort of Senior School learners. The baseline study, conducted in March 2026 to assess the rollout of the STEM pathway following the transition of learners into Grade 10, found that more than 95 per cent of learners taking STEM subjects intend to continue pursuing the pathway beyond secondary school.

Speaking to the media during the unveiling at CEMASTE in Karen, the Acting Director, STEM Research and Innovation at CEMASTE, Dr Karanja Mutitu, said the findings demonstrated that learners are now embracing STEM education and are eager to pursue careers in science,



**Acting Director of STEM Research and Innovation at CEMASTE, Dr. Karanja Mutitu, addressing media during the unveiling of the Grade 10 STEM baseline study at CEMASTE in Karen, Nairobi.**

technology, engineering, and mathematics-related fields.

Dr. Mutitu divulged that the study examined key areas including learners' and teachers' perceptions of the STEM pathway, the

pedagogical support provided by school heads, the availability and utilisation of learning resources, and how STEM subjects are taught in classrooms.

"On perception, the learners are embracing STEM. Over 95 per cent of Grade 10 learners undertaking STEM subjects indicated they would prefer to continue with the STEM pathway even after senior school," narrated Acting Director, adding that the results highlighted the growing confidence among learners in the Competency-Based Education (CBE) curriculum uptake.

Dr. Mutitu said the findings demonstrated a growing interest in STEM education among learners, therefore indicating a promising future to nurture a skilled workforce under the Competency-Based Education reforms. However, the researcher said that despite the strong interest in STEM among learners, the study identified significant gaps in teacher preparedness.

## Academy welcomes Kenya-Norway pact to recruit 1,000 seafarers



**Bandari Maritime Academy Students during a practical lesson at the Full Mission Bridge Simulator.**

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) Chief Executive Officer Dr Eric Katana has hailed the agreement signed between Kenya and Norwegian shipping firms that will see at least 1,000 Kenyan seafarers employed by 2030.

A breakthrough deal, announced after a series of meetings in Oslo, Norway, includes commitments from leading maritime employers and industry stakeholders to recruit Kenyan maritime professionals. An initial target of 120 Kenyan seafarers is expected to be achieved by the end of this year.

Kenya's delegation, led by the Head of State, met officials from the

Norwegian Shipowners Association, underscoring the government's commitment to advancing the maritime and blue economy agenda through strategic cooperation with Norway.

The government is keen to explore investment and employment opportunities, knowledge exchange, skills development, technology transfer, and job creation across the maritime economy.

It is also exploring new shipping routes to boost trade, strengthen supply chain resilience, enhance connectivity between the ports of Mombasa and Lamu and Norwegian ports, and expand Kenya's shipbuilding capacity.

The Kenya-Norway partnership is expected

to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the maritime sector while opening up employment opportunities for Kenyan seafarers in international waters.

Speaking on the development, Dr. Katana said the agreement is a wake-up call to Kenyan youth on the numerous opportunities available in the global maritime industry.

"This agreement sends a strong message to Kenyan youth about the vast employment opportunities that exist within the international maritime sector. It is an opportunity for many young people to pursue careers that can transform their lives and contribute to the country's economic growth," said Dr Katana.



**EWASO NGIRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### TENDER NOTICE

**TENDER NO. ENNDA/CONTR/021/2025-2026**

**Date of Publication: 16th June, 2026**

Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority is a State Corporation under the Ministry of East African Community, the Asals & Regional Development invites qualified and interested firms to submit their bids for these tenders. Prospective tenderers can access the tender document from <https://www.treasury.go.ke> and Authority's website [www.ennda.go.ke/](http://www.ennda.go.ke/)

All enquiries and clarification should be sent via [md@ennda.go.ke/](mailto:md@ennda.go.ke) [procurement@ennda.go.ke](mailto:procurement@ennda.go.ke).

Completed tender documents must be submitted on or before **29<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 10:00am** at **ENNDA Headquarters Isiolo** and addressed to:

**THE MANAGING DIRECTOR  
EWASO NG'IRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
P.O BOX 203 - 60300  
ISIOLO, KENYA**



## THE NATIONAL TREASURY

**State Department For Economic Planning**

### PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

**TNT/SDEP/PA/2025-2026**

The State Department for Economic Planning in conjunction with **ASTORION AUCTIONEERS P. O. BOX 33340- 00600 NAIROBI**, shall sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION** boarded Motor Vehicles, General Office Equipment and Office Furniture on **30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 from 11:00am** at **Ministry of Public Works Yard, Machakos Road, Nairobi**.

The items are contained in a bidding catalogue available at the state department's website [www.planning.go.ke](http://www.planning.go.ke)

All interested bidders may view the items from the date of the advert to 29th June, 2026 on week days during normal working hours to verify all the details for themselves. All items are sold on **"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"** basis and the sale is subject to a reserve price.

Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable bid deposit as below:

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ACCOUNT NAME: DEP- STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING (KES)  
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# How Kenya Trade Remedies Agency is safeguarding industries against unfair import trade practices



Samuel Chemisto, (pictured) spoke to Acting Director of the Government Advertising Agency, Michael Okidi on the mandate, achievements, challenges, and future plans of the Agency.

The Kenya Trade Remedies Agency (KETRA) is a State Corporation established under Section 3 of the Kenya Trade Remedies Act, 2017, to implement trade remedies in Kenya in line with the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements on Trade Remedies. The Agency plays a strategic role in safeguarding Kenyan industries against unfair import trade practices.

The Agency's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr.

## 1. Briefly tell us about the Kenya Trade Remedies Agency and why it was established?

**A:** The Kenya Trade Remedies Agency, commonly known as KETRA, is a State Corporation under the State Department for Trade within the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry.

The Agency has been established by Section 3 of the Kenya Trade Remedies Act No. 32 of 2017 to implement trade remedies in Kenya in accordance with domestic and international trade law (the WTO Agreements on Trade Remedies).

KETRA was created to safeguard Kenya's domestic industries against unfair import trade practices. As Kenya continues to expand its participation in regional and global trade through frameworks such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and the East African Community (EAC), there is a growing need for a specialized institution to protect local industries from dumping, unfair subsidization, and harmful import surges.

## 2. What is the mandate of the Agency?

**A:** The mandate of KETRA is derived from Section 5 of the Kenya Trade Remedies Act, 2017. The Agency is responsible for implementing trade remedies in Kenya in line with WTO rules, the Act, and its regulations.

Its responsibilities include investigating allegations of dumping and subsidization of imported products, handling safeguard investigations, advising the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry on its findings and recommendations, conducting public awareness programmes, and publishing trade remedies guidelines and decisions.

The Agency also collaborates closely with government institutions, manufacturers, importers, exporters, and de-

velopment partners to promote fair international trade practices and strengthen Kenya's industrial competitiveness.

## 3. What exactly are Trade Remedies?

**A:** Trade Remedies are policy instruments permitted under WTO rules to protect domestic industries against unfair import trade practices (import competition). They are internationally recognized mechanisms used by countries to ensure fairness and competitiveness in trade.

The three main categories of trade remedies are **anti-dumping measures**, **countervailing measures**, and **safeguard measures**.

**Anti-dumping measures** are applied when imported goods are sold at unfairly low prices compared to prices in the exporting country.

**Countervailing measures** address unfair foreign government subsidies granted to imported goods, while **safeguard measures** are temporary interventions introduced when there is a sudden increase in imports that threatens local industries.

These measures are not intended to restrict trade, but rather to ensure that international trade remains fair, competitive, and supportive of economic growth and industrial development in Kenya.

## 4. How does KETRA contribute to the protection of local industries and manufacturers?

**A:** Protecting local industries is at the core of KETRA's mandate. Kenyan manufacturers and producers invest heavily in production, employment creation, innovation, and taxation. However, unfairly priced imports can make it difficult for local businesses to compete effectively.

KETRA helps create a fair playing field by investigating unfair import trade practices such as dumping, subsidized imports, and sudden import surges. Through evidence-based investigations and recommendations, the Agency supports the sustainable growth of domestic industries.

This support is particularly important for all sectors in Manufacturing, Agriculture, and other strategic industries that contribute

significantly to Kenya's economy and job creation.

## 5. Why is KETRA important to Kenya's economy?

**A:** KETRA plays an important role in supporting industrialization, economic growth, job creation, and the protection of local investments through its trade defense instruments.

When unfairly priced imports enter the market through dumping or subsidies, local industries may struggle to compete, leading to business closures, job losses, and reduced government revenue.

By implementing Trade Remedies, KETRA helps create a level playing field for Kenyan manufacturers and producers as well as importers. This contributes to the Government's agenda on industrialization, manufacturing, value addition, and food security.

The Agency also enhances investor confidence by assuring businesses that unfair import trade practices will be addressed within the framework of domestic and international law.

## 6. How does the Agency conduct its investigations?

**A:** Trade remedies investigations are conducted professionally, transparently, and objectively in accordance with the law and WTO procedures.

Investigations begin when domestic industries submit complaints supported by evidence of injury arising from unfair imports. The Agency undertakes detailed investigations involving data collection, stakeholder consultations, verification exercises, and public participation processes. Importers, exporters, manufacturers, and other interested parties are allowed to present their views and evidence before recommendations are made.

Once investigations are concluded, the Agency submits recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry for consideration and appropriate action.

## 7. How important is research and data in the work of KETRA?

**A:** Research and data analysis are

critical in Trade Remedies investigations because all decisions must be evidence-based and compliant with international standards.

The Agency undertakes detailed economic analysis, market assessments, and injury determinations before making recommendations.

This includes analyzing import volumes, pricing trends, market share, profitability, production levels, and employment impacts.

Reliable data enables the Agency to make objective decisions that are fair to all parties while safeguarding Kenya's economic interests.

## 8. How is the Agency supporting the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda?

**A:** KETRA contributes significantly to the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) by providing the defense tools against unfair imports and import surges, thus allowing the domestic industry to grow and thrive and hence create the much-needed jobs for Kenyans.

Fair trade practices are essential for sustainable industrial growth and competitiveness. In protecting local industries against unfair imports, the Agency supports the growth of local enterprises, preservation of jobs, and increased investment in the manufacturing sector.

This aligns with the Government's broader focus on economic empowerment, industrial development, and expansion of market opportunities for Kenyan products locally and internationally.

## 9. How does KETRA work with other institutions and stakeholders?

**A:** Collaboration is central to KETRA's operations because trade issues affect multiple sectors and institutions.

The Agency works closely with the parent Ministry (Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry), the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade), the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), business membership organizations, and international trade institutions.

KETRA also engages importers, exporters, manufacturers, and county governments to improve awareness and understanding of Trade Remedies.

These partnerships are important in ensuring that Kenya's industries remain competitive while complying with international trade obligations.

## 10. What achievements has KETRA made since its establishment?

**A:** Since its establishment, KETRA has made notable progress in creating awareness on Trade Remedies and strength-

ening institutional capacity in Kenya.

The Agency has conducted stakeholder sensitization programmes, capacity-building workshops, and engagements with manufacturers, business associations, and trade stakeholders across the country.

KETRA has also strengthened partnerships with institutions such as the WTO, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East Africa Community (EAC), and the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) Secretariat.

In addition, the Agency has continued to strengthen systems and frameworks that support effective investigations and enhance Kenya's capacity to respond to unfair import trade practices.

These efforts have contributed to promoting fair import competition, supporting local manufacturing, and strengthening economic resilience.

## 11. What challenges does the Agency face in implementing its mandate?

**A:** One of the major challenges facing the Agency is limited public awareness and understanding of Trade Remedies among stakeholders.

Many businesses, particularly SMEs, may suffer injury from unfair import trade practices without fully understanding the legal mechanisms available for protection.

The increasing complexity of international trade and evolving global economic dynamics also require continuous capacity building, technical expertise, and improved research and data systems.

Budgetary constraints also remain a challenge in fully implementing the Agency's mandate, particularly in relation to sensitization, research, Board and staff capacity building, and nationwide awareness programmes.

Despite these challenges, the Agency remains committed to strengthening institutional capacity and enhancing stakeholder engagement to effectively deliver on its mandate.

## 12. What is the Agency's vision for the future?

**A:** KETRA's vision is to build a fair, competitive, and resilient economic environment that supports Kenya's industrialization and economic transformation Agenda.

For further inquiries, get in touch with us on e-mail [info@ketra.go.ke](mailto:info@ketra.go.ke) or visit us at KIBIT Plaza, 2nd floor, Ojijo Road, Parklands.

# Kajiado approves framework to tackle urbanisation and land use challenges



Kajiado Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho, (6th from left) and Governor Joseph Ole Lenku, (7th from left) pictured with members of the County Cabinet at a past event.

BY DIANA MENETO (KNA)

The Kajiado County Cabinet has approved the Kajiado County Land Policy 2025–2030, a framework aimed at promoting sustain-

able land management and supporting the county's long-term development agenda. According to a Cabinet communiqué, the policy provides strategic guidance on land use, governance, and conservation

while addressing emerging challenges associated with rapid urbanisation and population growth.

A key feature of the Policy is the establishment of the Kajiado Land Bank Fund, which will

support implementation of the County Spatial Plan through the acquisition and reservation of land for public utilities and strategic public investments, particularly in fast-growing areas such as Kajiado North and Kitengela.

The Fund will also facilitate land reclamation initiatives aimed at strengthening pastoralism through land amalgamation and the preservation of critical grazing ecosystems.

In addition, it will contribute to addressing historical land injustices and promote the integration of cultural values in land governance and decision-making processes.

The Cabinet also approved the establishment of 'Enkulukuoni Day', an annual county observance, dedicated to promoting responsible land stewardship and sustainable land use among com-

munities, residents and investors.

The date of the observance will be announced after the completion of the necessary legal and administrative processes.

To support implementation of the Policy, the Cabinet directed the commencement of the Kajiado County Lands Act, which will provide the legal framework for operationalizing the Policy and strengthening land administration in the County.

Other resolutions adopted include facilitating the gazette-ment of specified planning areas, undertaking a comprehensive inventory and validation of group ranches and community land, establishing a multi-sectoral technical team to explore carbon credit opportunities for local communities, developing standardized land management agreements and contracts to enhance transparency.



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Bidders who download the tender documents from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately via email to [procurement@kenyare.co.ke](mailto:procurement@kenyare.co.ke). This is for record and any further tender clarifications and addendum where necessary. The particulars should include: Name of Firm, Postal Address, Telephone Number, Email Address, Tender Number and Tender Name. Bidders should not request for clarifications through the said e-mail. The purpose of the e-mail is for submission of tenderers particulars above **ONLY**.

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1.	MANAGING DIRECTOR	1	Ref: MWSSC/HR/MD-001/2026	1	5 YEARS - CONTRACT
2.	GM-ENGINEERING & STRATEGY	2	Ref: MWSSC/HR/ENG-002/2026	1	5 YEARS - CONTRACT
3.	GM - FINANCE	2	Ref: MWSSC/HR/FIN-003/2026	1	5 YEARS - CONTRACT
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For details of the job description of the above-mentioned vacancies kindly visit our website on [www.mombasawater.co.ke](http://www.mombasawater.co.ke) and send your application to reach us by **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2026**.

In addition, please attach:

- Applicants must attach CVs, Academic Certificates, Registration Certificates and Valid Practicing Licenses;
- Confirmation of Kenyan Citizenship (National Identity Card – copy must be attached);
- Applicant must meet requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution and clearance from CID, HELB, EACC and KRA;
- Gender, Ethnicity disability and regional balance considerations will be applied in the process;
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Please note only shortlisted candidates will be contacted through our official lines indicated in this advertisement. The closing date for the application shall be on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2026**.

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# Kenya showcases geothermal potential at global energy event

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has rallied participants at the World Geothermal Congress to invest in Kenya's geothermal sector. The call was made at the World Geothermal Congress in Calgary, Canada,

where EPRA Acting Director General Dr. Eng. Joseph Oketch noted that Kenya remains richly endowed with geothermal resources. He further observed that the country's electricity sector is well-structured and guided by technically and economically sound frameworks. "We are currently overseeing the implementation



The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) officials who were part of the exhibiting team at the World Geothermal Congress (WGC) 2026 in Calgary, Canada.

of the INEP Regulations 2025 which seek to align county energy plans with

national plans, ensuring coherence across levels of government and ensuring

all actors follow a common framework and that energy planning is economically efficient and technically sound," said Dr. Oketch.

Kenya's electricity sector is guided by key planning instruments, such as the Least Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP), which outlines optimal electricity generation and transmission expansion pathways and policy frameworks such as the National Energy Policy and the Integrated National Energy Plan (INEP).

The Ag. Director General added that EPRA is keen

on establishing Regulatory Frameworks that support geothermal growth in Kenya.

"We are making significant strides in establishing frameworks that enhance the operational environment for geothermal energy investments.

We are finalizing the Draft Geothermal Resources Regulations 2026, which are designed to streamline the permitting and licensing processes in the geothermal space while ensuring environmental health and safety (EHS) compliance," he added.

# Government forms taskforce to probe rising school unrest

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI (KNA)

The Government has announced a series of measures to address rising cases of unrest in secondary schools, including the formation of a multi-stakeholder team to investigate the causes of the disturbances and recommend lasting solutions.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said the Government was treating the matter with utmost seriousness following a recent wave of unrest that has disrupted learning, caused destruction of school property and resulted in loss of lives.

Speaking during a media briefing in Nairobi, Ogamba said investigations into the tragic fire at Utumishi Girls Academy in Nakuru County, which claimed the lives of 16 learners, had established that the incident was a criminal act orchestrated by some students.

"Nine suspects have already been arraigned and are in custody awaiting trial. We condole with the families of those who lost their loved ones and continue to wish those who were injured a quick recovery," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized that while learners may have legitimate grievances, violence and destruction of property could never be justified.

"Any grievances must only be addressed through appropriate channels without resorting to unlawful actions or violence. All perpetrators found to be involved in such actions



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba pictured while announcing measures to address rising cases of unrest in secondary schools.

will be dealt with firmly and in accordance with the law," he stated.

According to the Ministry, unrest has so far been reported in 204 Senior Schools across the country, most of them boarding institutions. However, Ogamba noted that the affected schools account for less than two per cent of all Senior Schools, adding that the vast majority of institutions remain stable and operational.

"Most of our schools, around 98 per cent, remain stable and continue with their normal operations," he said, adding that 59 of the affected schools had already resumed learning while others were in the process of reopening.


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He noted that learners in Grades 1 to 9 had not experienced any disruptions, with the basic education system continuing to function normally apart from challenges reported in some boarding secondary schools.


The Ministry attributed the unrest to several factors, including leadership challenges in schools, examination-related anxiety, poor boarding conditions, alcohol and drug abuse, strenuous school routines, peer influence and copycat behaviour, as well as demands by some learners for early closure of schools.

Ogamba reminded school heads of their responsibility to safeguard learners and promptly address emerging concerns within their institutions.

"Heads of institutions have a statutory and moral responsibility to ensure challenges are addressed in good time and that the safety and security of our learners are guaranteed," he said.



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WATER ACT 2016 Section 70,72,85, 87 & 139

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON TARIFF ADJUSTMENT**

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received applications for water services regular tariff adjustments pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) and (c) of the Water Act, 2016. The proposed tariffs are intended to enable full cost recovery, ensure sustainable service delivery, and support critical investments aimed at improving water services. The applications have been submitted by the following Water Service Providers (WSPs):

1. Kisii Water & Sanitation PLC(KWASCO)
2. Kiambu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (KIAWASCO)
3. Murugi-Mugumango Water Society

Therefore, in compliance to WASREB principal object under the Water Act 2016 Section 70(1)-"protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1)- "An application for a licence and tariff shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we hereby notify the public of upcoming consultation meetings. These meetings will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to express their views on current service delivery, proposed tariff adjustments, and potential service improvements.

Please note that the Water Service Providers shall hold hybrid public consultation meetings (physical and virtual) as outlined below.

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME	TYPE OF APPLICATION
Murugi-Mugumango Water Society	Tharaka-Nithi	Murugi-Mugumango Water Society Office Ground, along Katharaka Baragu-Ntumu Road	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment
Kisii Water & Sanitation PLC(KWASCO)	Kisii	Dallas Premier Inn, Kisii Town	Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment
Kiambu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (KIAWASCO)	Kiambu	ACK St. James Cathedral Church, Kiambu Town	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment

Important information:

- Each WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within its service area before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Participants should be seated by 10.00 am. Personal identification of participants will be required.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, investments, and performance targets can be accessed at [www.wasreb.go.ke](http://www.wasreb.go.ke).


Written comments on the application can be emailed to WASREB at [info@wasreb.go.ke](mailto:info@wasreb.go.ke). Hard copies can be submitted to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,  
Water Services Regulatory Board,  
5th Floor SHA Building,  
Ngong Road,  
P.O Box 41621 -00100,  
NAIROBI.**

The closing date for receipt of comments is 30 days after the publication of this notice.

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## Hope for newborns at Pumwani Maternity as upgrade in neonatal care help reduce risks

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A

A New Born Unit (NBU), equipped with the latest technology and infrastructure, has been established at Pumwani Maternity Hospital to reduce the mortality rate among newborns. The hospital, which marks its 100th anniversary this year, delivers approximately 80 to 90 babies daily. The modernised

newborn unit aims to prevent neonatal deaths, particularly those linked to hypothermia, while improving maternal outcomes and strengthening clinical capacity at Kenya's largest maternity hospital.

For many years, newborns at the facility have been grappling with hypothermia, which Dr Chris Mugambi, the facility's Medical Superintendent, termed "an invisible

enemy", a condition that occurs when babies are unable to regulate their body temperature.

Dr Mugambi, who is also a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, noted improvements since the installation of the central heating system.

"The central heating component has enabled us to achieve above 75 per cent improvement in thermal regulation



From left: Safaricom Foundation Chairman Joseph Ogutu, Pumwani Maternity Hospital CEO Christine Kiteshuo and Nairobi County Chief Officer for Medical Services Maryam Dahir inspect equipment donated to the hospital to support maternal and newborn healthcare services.

outcomes, saving infant lives on the backdrop of stretched demand," he said.

On his part, Safaricom Foundation Chairman

Joseph Ogutu shared that the intervention is part of the Uzazi Salama programme, which aims to reduce maternal and infant mortality nationwide, in line with WHO's Every

Woman, Every Newborn, Everywhere (EWENE) action plan.

"We are absolutely delighted at the impact of this partnership with the Nairobi County Government and Pumwani Maternity Hospital, enabling us to improve the health and well-being of women and children in our country by ending preventable deaths as we journey towards the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals," he added.

Ogutu said that the M-Pesa Foundation put in Sh13 million towards the installation of the central heating system in the newborn unit.

## Government pushes for stronger investment in creative industries

BY WENDY MERRYL (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, Fikirini Jacobs, has called for increased investment in the creative economy as a means of creating more job opportunities for young people and strengthening the country's economy. He noted that the sector contributes about five per cent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and should no longer be viewed merely as a hobby or a source of entertainment.

"The creative industry has immense potential to create jobs and improve livelihoods for the young people across the country," asserted the PS when he presided over the launch of the Uriri Film Hub at the Uriri National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) offices at Rapogi market in Migori County.

The PS said the Film Hub, established through a partnership between the Kenya Film Commission, NG-CDF and Uriri Constituency under the patronage of area Member of Parliament Mark Nyamita, would provide young people with access to film production equipment, training and mentorship opportunities.

"I want to appeal to Members of Parliament across the country to embrace similar partnerships because they can greatly complement government efforts in growing the creative



Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy Fikirini Jacobs, (middle) and Uriri MP Mark Nyamita, (right) inside the newly launched Uriri Film Hub.

economy sector," said Jacobs.

He observed that in past years, young people who excelled academically were mainly encouraged to pursue careers in law, medicine and engineering, leaving limited opportunities for those interested in arts and sports.

Jacobs said the Competency-Based Education (CBE) system had introduced pathways that recognized talents in arts and sports, enabling learners to pursue careers aligned with their abilities and interests.

He described Kenya's youthful population as one of the country's greatest assets, noting that Africa remains the only continent not facing an ageing population crisis.

"Three-quarters of our population being young people is a huge resource that we can leverage to transform the economic fortunes of our country," he said. The PS highlighted ongoing government programmes aimed at empowering youth, including the

NYOTA programme, which targets over 820,000 young people through grants, training, Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) support, social enterprises and other empowerment initiatives.

He added that the government was also creating opportunities for young people through internships under the Affordable Housing Programme, where about 5,550 youths have already been attached, alongside others working in infrastructure development projects across the country.

Similarly on labour migration, the PS noted that remittances from Kenyans working abroad had increased by more than one billion shillings in the last financial year, with young people accounting for a significant share of the contribution.

"Many of our young people working outside the country are sending money back home, which continues to support the economy," he said.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

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(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

<b>Country:</b>	Kenya
<b>Name of Project:</b>	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
<b>Contract Title:</b>	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Virtual Laboratory (VR) Equipment for Simulation-Based Training in TVETs Institutions
<b>Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:</b>	7289-KE and 7290-KE
<b>RFB Reference No.:</b>	KE-ICTA-553315-GO-RFB

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Virtual Laboratory (VR) Equipment for Simulation-Based Training in TVETs Institutions. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority (ICTA) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Virtual Laboratory (VR) Equipment for Simulation-Based Training in TVETs Institutions - 450No. Virtual Reality Headset, 60No. Computer/Workstations, 30No. Interactive Displays, 30No. Virtual Reality Headset Charging & Storage, 60No. 3000VA Smart Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), 1No. Device Management Software and 450No. Sanitization Kits.** The final delivery site is as listed in Annex 1
- 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" First Published in July 2016, Revised Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from ICTA, Deputy Director Supply chain management / [procurement@ict.go.ke](mailto:procurement@ict.go.ke) and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT) at the address given below.
- The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge by interested eligible Bidders from the ICTA's website <https://www.icta.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal website <https://www.tenders.go.ke>. Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the purchaser by e-mail with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser during the procurement process, to all bidders where necessary.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **July 29, 2026 at 10:00AM**. 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 **July 29, 2026 at 10:00AM**
- All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Kes. 2,800,000.00** (Kenya Shillings Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Only) OR Equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
- 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.
- The address(es) referred to above is (are):

Jessy K. Maruti  
Chief Executive Officer  
12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Along Kenyatta Avenue  
P.O. Box 27150-00100 NAIROBI



**Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Kipchumba Murkomen gives a keynote address when he officially opened the 4th IORIS Steering Committee high-level meeting in Mombasa.** PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA/KNA

# Kenya pushes for stronger global partnerships to tackle maritime crimes

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to deepening collaboration with Indo-Pacific nations to enhance maritime security amid growing threats from piracy, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and other organised maritime crimes. Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen said stronger international partnerships are critical to safeguarding global sea routes, protecting vulnerable populations, and supporting international trade and economic growth.

Speaking in Mombasa during the opening of the Fourth Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) Steering Committee High-Level Meeting, Murkomen noted that cooperation among nations remains vital in ensuring secure maritime transport and sustaining regional and global economies.

“The ongoing Middle East crisis is a clear manifestation of how we all suffer when our sea lanes of maritime transport are disrupted. This also includes other maritime-based transnational threats such as piracy, armed robbery at sea, IUU fishing, and the dangers of dumping hazardous materials on sea beds, among others.

“Such organised maritime threats pose an existential threat to mankind generally, and vulnerable populations in particular. This ought to be stopped. It is for this reason that proactive collaborations and partnerships, such as the current interaction happening now, are critical,” Murkomen said.

Kenya is a member of IORIS, a neutral and secure digital platform developed under the European Union’s CRIMARIO project.

The platform enables national agencies and regional partners to jointly plan and coordinate maritime operations, including crisis and incident management, while enhancing information sharing and strengthening inter-agency collaboration at both national and regional levels. It also provides advanced surveillance capabilities.

Currently, more than 150 national and regional maritime organisations and entities from over 50 countries across the Indo-Pacific region use the IORIS platform.

Murkomen praised the European Union, through its Nairobi mission, for partnering with Kenya to deliver practical solutions to maritime security challenges.



## MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT MINERALS, MINING AND VALUE ADDITION POLICY, THE DRAFT EXPLOSIVES BILL 2026 AND THE DRAFT MINING (MINE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs has developed three instruments now open for public review and comment:

- i. **Draft Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy**
- ii. **Draft Mining (Mine Health, Safety and Environment) Regulations, 2026, under Mining Act, Cap 306**
- iii. **Draft Explosives Bill 2026, together with the Explosives (licenses and fees) Regulations, 2026.**

Pursuant to Article 10(2)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Ministry invites all stakeholders, members of the public and interested parties – including women, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, mine workers, artisanal and small-scale mining operators, civil society organizations, county governments, and members of minority and marginalized communities – to review and submit comments on the three (3) instruments.

The documents and their regulatory impact statements are available on the Ministry’s website at [www.mining.go.ke](http://www.mining.go.ke). Written submissions should be forwarded to:

**The Principal Secretary  
State Department for Mining  
Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs  
P.O. Box 30009 - 00100, Nairobi  
Hand-delivered to: 3rd Floor, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi  
Or by Email: [ps@mining.go.ke](mailto:ps@mining.go.ke)**

Written submissions should be received on or before 8th July, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. All submissions should clearly indicate the specific Part, Chapter or Regulation to which the comment refers. Submissions should be made using the prescribed template provided below:

#### TEMPLATE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION / INDIVIDUAL PERSON				
S/No.	Part / Section	Issue of Concern	Justification	Recommendations
1				
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Additionally, the Ministry will engage members of the public and all stakeholders through public participation hearings to ensure that all interested persons have an adequate opportunity to present their views. We therefore invite all stakeholders, members of the public to the public participation hearings which shall be held as follows:

#### SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS – VENUES AND DATES

No.	Counties	Venue	Date	Time
1	Kilifi & Lamu	Wanachi Cottages - CDA, Kilifi	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
2	Wajir & Mandera	Wajir ICT Hall	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
3	Marsabit	Gof Hotel, Marsabit	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
4	Nandi	Eliud Kipchoge Complex, Nandi Hills	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
5	Turkana	Lodwar Vocational Training Centre	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
6	Kakamega & Busia	Regional Commissioner Magharibi Hall, Kakamega	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
7	Mombasa	Mombasa Beach Hotel, Mombasa	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
8	Garissa & Tana River	Government Guest House, Garissa	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
9	Isiolo	NEMA Offices, Ground Floor Hall, Isiolo	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
10	Uasin Gishu	Rift Valley Training Institute, Eldoret	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
11	West Pokot	Mtelo Social Hall, Kapenguria	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
12	Kisumu, Siaya & Vihiga	Kisumu Hotel, Kisumu	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
13	Kwale	Vingurugani County Social Hall, Kinango	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
14	Kitui	Kitui Multi-Purpose Hall	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
15	Tharaka Nithi & Meru	County Hall, County Headquarters, Kathwana	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
16	Nakuru	Ministry of Agriculture Hall, Nakuru	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
17	Trans Nzoia & Bungoma	Kitale National Polytechnic	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
18	Kisii & Nyamira	Kisii Agricultural Training Centre, Kisii	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
19	Taita Taveta	Voi Gem Centre, Voi	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
20	Makueni	Wote Green Park Hall, Makueni	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
21	Embu & Kirinyaga	Kenya School of Government (KSG), Embu	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
22	Kajiado	Maasai National Polytechnic, Kajiado	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
23	Baringo & Elgeyo Marakwet	Kenya School of Government (KSG), Baringo	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
24	Migori & Homa Bay	Hotel Vannah, Migori	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
25	Machakos	National Industrial Training Authority (NITA), Machakos	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
26	Murang’a, Nyeri & Nyandarua	Culture Centre, Nyeri	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
27	Nairobi & Kiambu	Kiambu National Polytechnic	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
28	Samburu & Laikipia	Umbrella Restaurant, Maralal	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
29	Narok, Bomet & Kericho	Bomet University College, Bomet	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**HON. HASSAN ALI JOHO, EGH  
CABINET SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS**



# Northern Kenya gets state-of-the-art wildlife health laboratory

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

Conservation stakeholders have officially launched a state-of-the-art diagnostic facility in Northern Kenya to address a longstanding

gap in wildlife health services in the region. The modern veterinary laboratory is expected to significantly enhance wildlife conservation efforts by providing timely and accessible diagnostic



Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Director General, Prof Erastus Kanga, addressing journalists during the launch of a diagnostic laboratory in Lewa Conservancy. PHOTO: DICKSON MWITI

services in one of Africa's most biodiverse regions.

LiNK, a satellite laboratory of the Kenya Wildlife Service, is strategically located at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and will serve the wider Northern Kenya ecosystem.

The facility was established through a partnership involving the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Northern Range-

lands Trust, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance-Kenya, and Rare Species Conservatory Foundation.

The laboratory will support veterinarians and wildlife rangers who respond daily to injuries, disease outbreaks, entanglements.

Previously, biological samples such as blood, tissue, and fecal matter had to be transported over long distances for testing, often delaying diagnosis and treatment.

# State reaffirms commitment to affordable, reliable industrial energy supply

BY CATHERINE ODOYO (KNA)

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for industries, as part of efforts to support economic growth, enhance competitiveness, and protect jobs amid uncertainties in global energy markets.

Speaking after a consultative meeting with leaders and representatives of the manufacturing sector under the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi said the Government remains focused on maintaining energy stability while creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive.

Wandayi said the discussions centered on three key priorities including adequacy of energy supply, reliability and quality of electricity, and affordability of energy, noting that continued engagement between government and industry stakeholders was essential in addressing challenges facing the sector. "The Government



Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi, standing, engaging with leaders and representatives of the manufacturing sector under the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).

remains firmly committed to ensuring affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for our industries and, in effect, their customers," said Wandayi. He emphasized that consultation and collaboration would remain central to the government's approach, adding that solutions to challenges facing the energy sector could best be achieved through structured partnerships between public and private

sector players. "Our deliberations today with industry stakeholders focused on three key priorities: adequacy of energy supply, reliability and quality of electricity, and affordability of energy. We believe that the best solutions are achieved through partnership," he stated.

The CS noted that the government was keen on ensuring the long-term sustainability of operations

# Thika plant gets boost as KVM commissions Hiace assembly line

BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)

In a move to revitalize the country's industrial landscape, Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers (KVM) has commissioned a Toyota Hiace production line at its Thika facility, signalling a major step forward for domestic automotive manufacturing. The production line is part of a larger modernization strategy funded by a Sh2.3 billion capital injection from CFAO Mobility Kenya. The investment

is geared toward boosting local manufacturing capacity and accelerating Kenya's industrialization goals.

According to Investments, Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Lee Kinyanjui, who was present during the launch, noted that the investment is set to transform the local automotive industry by driving technology transfer, creating new jobs, and upgrading local skills. "As a government, we are

dedicated to the long-term expansion of our industrial base. By supporting this project, we are actively pushing for enhanced local production, skills transfer, and robust job creation that will move Kenya forward." Noted the CS.

On his part, CFAO Mobility Kenya CEO Arvinder Reel noted that the plant is expected to assemble roughly six hundred Toyota Hiace units within its first year and will continue to scale up as demand grows.



## INVITATION TO TENDER

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) invites bids from eligible, reputable and qualified contractors to participate in the tender described below:-

No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP
1.	NMK/T/03/RAO/MAUS/2025-2026	Construction of Proposed Raila Odinga Mausoleum and Renovation of Jaramogi Mausoleum in Bondo Sub-County, Siaya County	ALL

Interested bidders may obtain the tender document at the office of the **Chief Procurement Officer, NMK Headquarters on Museum Hill during normal working hours Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 4:00 pm** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000** in cash payable at the Cash Office – Heritage Centre. Alternatively, the tender documents may be downloaded **free of charge** from the NMK Website – [www.museums.or.ke](http://www.museums.or.ke)

There shall be a mandatory pre-bid conference at the site on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 11.00AM** in Jaramogi Odinga home, commonly referred to as "Kag'o Ka Jaramogi" in Bondo Sub-county, Siaya County.

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

**National Museums of Kenya,  
P.O.Box 40658-00100,  
NAIROBI.**

and deposited in the Tender Box located at the Earth Sciences Building reception area on or before **25<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 12:00 Noon.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Old Board Room in the presence of the Tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**



## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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### INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA: POLICY ON CAREER PROGRESSION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The Public Service Commission is established under Article 233 of the Constitution of Kenya.

The Commission has embarked on the development of Policy on Career Progression for the Public Service.

The Commission invites stakeholders to submit memoranda on the draft Policy which can be accessed through the Commission's website: <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>.

The memoranda should be received by the undersigned on or before **13<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 by 5.00 p.m.** through any of the following channels:

- (i) Hand delivered to Commission House, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi;
- (ii) P.O. Box 30095-00100 Nairobi; and
- (iii) Email: [psck@publicservice.go.ke](mailto:psck@publicservice.go.ke).

**The Secretary/CEO**  
**Public Service Commission**  
**Commission House, Harambee Avenue**  
**P.O. Box 30095 – 00100**  
**NAIROBI**



# World gathers in Kenya for high-level talks on ocean protection



CS Mining Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hon Hassan Ali Joho during a high level pre conference strategy meeting with key partners from the private sector.

BY FAHID MOHAMED (PCO)

As delegates from across the world gather in Mombasa and Kilifi for the 11th Our Ocean Conference (OOC11), the event will represent more than a global conversation on ocean sustainability. As the first African nation to host the conference since its inception in 2014, Kenya will provide a platform for mobilising investment, strengthening partnerships, and advancing practical solutions that support sustainable ocean development.

Over the past decade, the Our Ocean Conference has become one of the world's most influential platforms for ocean action, generating more than 2,600 commitments valued at approximately US\$161 billion. These commitments have supported marine conservation, climate action, sustainable fisheries, maritime security and blue economy development. Building on this momentum, OOC11 creates an opportunity to unlock new partnerships, financing mechanisms and investment pipelines that could mobilize more than USD10 billion in blue economy opportunities across Africa.

The conference aligns closely with Kenya's National Blue Economy Strategy 2025-2030, which seeks to transform marine and inland water resources into drivers of economic growth, environmental sustainability and social inclusion. At its core, the conference agenda reflects the six thematic pillars shaping

the future of the global ocean economy.

The sustainable blue economy agenda will drive discussions on investment, innovation and enterprise development. Kenya's strategic position along the Western Indian Ocean, combined with ongoing investments in maritime infrastructure and logistics, places the country in a strong position to attract financing in sectors such as aquaculture, maritime transport, coastal tourism, marine biotechnology and ocean-based enterprises. Growth in these sectors has the potential to create jobs, stimulate business development and strengthen regional trade.

Sustainable fisheries remain central to Kenya's blue economy ambitions. Investments in fish landing sites, cold-chain infrastructure, aquaculture systems, value addition and digital traceability can improve productivity, enhance food security and support coastal livelihoods. These efforts also strengthen the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, a challenge that continues to undermine marine resources and economic returns globally.

The ocean-climate nexus is another key

**Marine conservation remains fundamental to both economic development and environmental sustainability**

area of focus. As climate change increasingly affects coastal communities and marine ecosystems, investments in mangrove restoration, blue carbon initiatives, coastal resilience infrastructure and ecosystem-based adaptation are becoming increasingly important. Such interventions support climate mitigation and adaptation while protecting communities that depend on ocean resources for their livelihoods.

Marine conservation remains fundamental to both economic development and environmental sustainability. OOC11 provides an opportunity to strengthen support for marine protected areas, coral reef restoration, mangrove conservation and biodiversity monitoring. Healthy marine ecosystems sustain fisheries, tourism and coastal economies while contributing to global biodiversity goals.

The conference will also spotlight the urgent need to address marine pollution. Plastic waste and other forms of pollution continue to threaten ocean health and coastal livelihoods. Advancing investments in waste management systems, recycling infrastructure, circular economy solutions and pollution monitoring technologies can help safeguard marine ecosystems and support cleaner, more sustainable coastal environments.

Maritime security forms the sixth pillar of the conference agenda. Secure maritime spaces are essential for trade, investment and sustainable ocean governance.



## NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The National Irrigation Authority invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders:

S. No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/063/2025-2026	Construction works of Kiumoni Irrigation Water Project, Kinyambu, Thange Ward ward, Kibwezi East Constituency, Makeni County	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	GENERAL
2.	NIA/T/064/2025-2026	Construction works of Kasilanga Irrigation Water Project, Kalemwani, Kilome Constituency, Makeni County	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	GENERAL

## ADDENDUM

The National Irrigation Authority (the Authority) hereby notifies prospective bidders of the following amendments to the tender description, reservation category and tender submission deadlines:

S. No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Initial Tender Submission Deadline	Revised Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/050/2025-2026	Rehabilitation works for Kapsinende Dam irrigation project, Kipkelion East, Kericho County;  <b>Amended to read:</b> Rehabilitation works for Kipsinende Integrated irrigation water project, Keiyo South, Elgeyo Marakwet County	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.30 p.m local time	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	YOUTH
2.	NIA/T/062/2025-2026	Construction works for Ushirika- Umoja irrigation project, Igembe south, Meru County	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	YOUTH <b>Amended to:</b> WOMEN category
3.	NIA/T/049/2025-2026	Rehabilitation works for Mobel Earth Dam irrigation project, Moiben – Keiyo North Constituencies	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12.00 noon local time	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	GENERAL
4.	All Tenders Published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026	As published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, Issue No. 47/2025-2026	As published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, Issue No. 47/2025-2026	As indicated in the Tender Notice to be published on the EGP Portal	As published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, Issue No. 47/2025-2026

Detailed tender documents, including the Bills of Quantities, Specifications, Drawings, and Evaluation Criteria, may be viewed and obtained free of charge by interested and eligible tenderers through the EGP Kenya Portal at <https://egpkenya.go.ke/tender> as from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Tenderers may seek clarifications through the EGP Portal once the tender documents have been uploaded or through email at [purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke](mailto:purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke) and [ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke](mailto:ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke). Any clarification, addendum, or amendment relating to the tender shall be communicated through the Procuring Entity's website prior to the upload of the tender documents and thereafter through the EGP Portal upon upload of the tender documents

## CANCELLATION NOTICE

Further to the National Open Tender published in the Government Advertising Agency (GAA) MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, the Procuring Entity, the National Irrigation Authority (the Authority), hereby notifies all interested bidders of the cancellation of the tender listed below

Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Submission Deadline
NIA/T/023/2025-2026	Upgrade of the ERP System – ] Microsoft Dynamics 365	CANCELLED

FEATURE: FROM PRINTING PRESS TO PASTURES

## Nyeri entrepreneur turns 100 hectares into animal feed hub



BY SAMUEL MAINA  
AND STEPHEN NDERITO  
(KNA)

To own 100 hectares of land is a feat that most Kenyans can only dream of. To dedicate such vast acreage exclusively to animal feed production is a decision few would dare to make.

Yet this is exactly what Githaiga Kihara chose to do after shutting down his printing business in Nairobi a decade ago.

Today, he is grateful for that seemingly unconventional choice. During our visit to one of his farms in Chorong'i village, Nyeri Central Sub-County, we encountered a team of workers busily preparing Napier grass cuttings for sale.

Here, just like in his other farms in Nyeri, you will find workers either harvesting nappier cuttings or preparing fodder for the local market or for export to other countries.

Here one comes across neatly tendered rows and bushes of Australian napper grass (*pennisetum purpureum*), Guinea grass (*panicum siambasa*), Guatemala grass, juceo grass (*cenchrus fungi-graminus*), super k vine and signal grass (*branchairia basilisk*) and Nacedero (*trichantera giganthera*).

It's from these fodder species that Kihara has carved a name for himself locally



1. **Githaiga Kihara explains a point during our visit to Moo Fodder Supermarket farm. In the background is a plantation of mature Australian Nappier (*pennisetum purpureum*)**
2. **Mrs Kihara in a nacedero (*trichantera giganthera*) nursery at the farm. PHOTOS: KNA**

and also globally.

"I started this enterprise about ten years ago in Gakindu, Mukurwe-ini subcounty, out of a need because I had some dairy goats which did not have enough feed. When I did some research, I realized that I could get better feed and I went for it," he told KNA at the farm.

Kihara started off by planting signal grass with help from then Kenya Agriculture Research Institute (now KALRO) station at Katumani in Machakos. It is this single trial which eventually opened a floodgate for the introduction of other fodder species such as Australian Red nappier which has become a key product in his enterprise.

Today, his farm is exporting red nappier cuttings to farmers in 12 other African countries including Nigeria, Congo and Sierra Leone.

But this breakthrough, according to him, could not have been possible without employing social media platforms

such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and Tik Tok where the business goes by the tag name Moo Fodder Supermarket.

"When I started posting my products on my Facebook page, people started inquiries and it became a business. This went on and on until I got what I can call a breakthrough when I got an order of one million splits," he narrates. Having succeeded in getting his first clients, Kihara went further and sourced for another variety of fodder and introduced the Super nappier which he attests did quite well.

He also used this expertise to sensitize the neighbouring communities on the need to grow their own fodder for their livestock as one way of improving productivity and cutting down dependence on commercial feeds that costed heavily.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (FIRM CONSULTANCY SERVICE)

KENYA

### TRANSMISSION NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>P-KE-FA0-022</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Transmission Network Improvement Project (KTNIP)</b>
<b>Assignment title:</b>	<b>Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit (ESPA)</b>
<b>Financing agreement reference:</b>	<b>AfDB and EDCF Loan No. 2000200006058</b>
<b>Tender Name:</b>	<b>Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit (ESPA)</b>
<b>Tender No:</b>	<b>KETRACO/PT/032/2025-2026</b>

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Korean Exim Bank (EDCF) towards the cost of the Kenya Transmission Network Improvement Project (KTNIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy Services for the Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit (ESPA).

#### 1. Objective of the Assignment

The objective of this consultancy is to assess the project's compliance with applicable environmental and social (E&S) requirements, including relevant national legislation, AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System (ISS, 2023), and Good International Industry Practice (GIIP). The audit will cover KTNIP components, including more than 270 km of high-voltage transmission lines and associated substations across Western and Coastal Kenya.

#### 2. Scope of Work

The consultant will be required to, among other tasks:

- Review and verify the implementation and effectiveness of E&S instruments and commitments (e.g., ESIA, ESMP, RAP).
- Assess labour and working conditions, including occupational health and safety (OHS) and community health and safety.
- Assess stakeholder engagement, the grievance redress mechanism (GRM), and gender mainstreaming measures.
- Identify gaps and non-compliances and prepare a comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
- Prepare and submit audit reports that meet National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) requirements and AfDB standards.

#### 3. Requirements for Consultants

KETRACO now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

- Firm profile: Evidence of registration and good standing with NEMA as a firm of experts, with a valid practising licence.
- General experience: At least ten (10) years' experience conducting ESIA's, environmental audits, and RAPs for large-scale infrastructure projects.
- Specific experience: Proven experience in conducting at least two (2No.) E&S performance audits for energy transmission or similar infrastructure projects preferably financed by AfDB or other equivalent DFI.
- Technical capability: Demonstrated experience applying AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System (ISS) and relevant international labour standards.

#### 4. Selection Criteria

Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list, and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (May 2006 Edition, revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank's website.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture and/or sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

#### 5. Submission Details

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. to the address below in person or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **1000 Hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**.

Physical Expressions of Interest to be submitted at Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited, Kawi Complex, Block B, South C, Nairobi, Kenya, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Supply Chain Management Office Tender Box by **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 10:00AM EAT**. Clearly indicate/mark the submission as "**Expression of Interest: for Consultancy Services for Annual Environmental and Social Performance Audit (ESPA) for KTNIP**".

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours [weekdays Monday to Friday 0730hrs to 1630hrs local time excluding public holidays].  
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**Attn: Senior Manager; Supply Chain Management  
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)  
KAWI Complex, Block B, Popo Lane, off Red Cross Road  
P.O. Box 34942-00100, Nairobi, Kenya**

# Boost to Yatta cotton farmers as state distributes pesticides

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

More than 1,000 cotton farmers in Ndalani and neighbouring areas of Yatta Sub-county, Machakos County, have received pesticides and modern spraying machines in a government-backed initiative aimed at increasing production of resilient crops in the semi-arid region.

The support, rolled out through the Agriculture

and Food Authority (AFA), targeted farmers from Ndalani, Kisiiki, Kiwanzani, Nthungululu, Mbembani, Kivingoni and Kakongo clusters. The programme seeks to lower production costs, improve pest control and enhance cotton yields in an area where the crop has increasingly become a reliable source of income due to its ability to withstand harsh climatic conditions.

Speaking during the distribution exercise, Director of the National Cotton Growers Union and Chairman of Ndalani Cotton Farmers Cooperative Society Francis Kilango urged leaders to prioritize investment in climate-smart agriculture to improve livelihoods in the region.

“Leaders, whether elected or aspiring, should support farmers



Cotton farmers in Yatta Sub-county, Machakos County pictured while receiving pesticides and spraying machines from the government.

to embrace resilient crops such as cotton and sunflower. These crops perform well even in areas with unreliable rainfall and offer better returns

to farmers,” said Kilango.

He noted that cotton has become an important economic pillar for thousands of households across Yatta, providing farmers

with a dependable source of income even during prolonged dry spells.

Farmers led by Daniel Nzioki welcomed the intervention, saying the generator-powered spraying machines will make pest control more efficient, reduce labour costs and improve productivity.

They also called for continued access to subsidized inputs, extension services and modern farming technologies to sustain the revival of cotton farming and strengthen household incomes across Machakos County.

# Kisumu Affordable Housing project spurs local economic growth



Upper Kanyakwar Affordable Housing Project (AHP) in Kisumu taking shape. It's one of the many AHP projects the government is implementing around the country in order to improve access to shelter for many Kenyans.

BY MABEL KEYA – SHIKUKU AND SALMA OMOLLO (KNA)

The global housing crisis is a serious issue, where a significant portion of the world's population lacks access to adequate, affordable, and safe housing, with estimates from the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) suggesting that three billion people will need better housing by 2030.

Key drivers of this global crisis include rapid urbanization outpacing housing development, population growth, and the rising costs of construction due to factors like shortages in land, labor, and materials.

The crisis is most grave in rapidly urbanizing regions and is exacerbated by climate change, with millions living in substandard conditions or facing homelessness.

Data from UN HABITAT shows that by 2030, an estimated three (3) billion

people will need access to adequate housing, which is a demand for 96,000 new affordable housing units per day. Globally, around 2.8 billion people lack access to adequate housing, secure land, and basic water and sanitation services, with over 1.12 billion living in slums or informal settlements.

Approximately 100 million people worldwide are estimated to be homeless globally. About one in four people live in conditions that are harmful to their health, safety, and prosperity.

The crisis is particularly severe in rapidly urbanizing areas like Africa and the Asia-Pacific, where 62 per cent of


BY THE NUMBERS

## 2.8bn


Globally, around 2.8 billion people lack access to adequate housing, secure land, and basic water and sanitation services

urban dwellings in Africa and over 500 million people in Asia-Pacific lack access to basic water services. Those in inadequate housing are more vulnerable to extreme heat, severe weather events, and water scarcity.

Rapid urbanization and population explosion are some of the ultimate reasons for the increasing in informal settlements. Factors like shortages in land, access to credits, labour, and construction materials have made housing out of reach for many. Urban towns in Kenya have a high demand for housing, driven by rapid urbanization, with an estimated annual demand of 250,000 new housing units. This demand has led to a cumulative housing deficit of over 2 million units, a crisis most felt in cities like Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu. To this end, the need for affordable housing in the country is dire now than before.



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



**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY**  
(Office of the Principal Secretary)

**NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

**REF NO. SDYACE/AUC/01/2025-2026**

The State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy (SDYACE) WILL CONDUCT A Public Auction for sale of various boarded items as detailed in the catalogue “as is where is” basis and to be carried out at **Talanta Plaza sixth floor small boardroom wing A (Upper hill) from 11:00am on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.**

Interested bidders must view and assess the conditions of all the items they intend to buy before the Public Auction date indicated above. All items can be viewed at the locations indicated in the catalogue after contacting the officer in charge for viewing arrangements that viewing will be between 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am and 3.00pm..

The items on sale among others include: toner cartridges, air conditioners, coat hangers, wooden bookshelves, steel cabinet, clerical tables, broken chairs, portrait frames, water dispenser, paper shredder, microwave, utensils cabinets, sofa set, tv stands, wooden doors, door frames, curtain box, partitioning grills, partitioning boards, grilled doors, broken woods, soundproof boards with frames, carpets, used blankets, and vehicles.


**CONDITIONS FOR SALE**

1. The SDYACE and the appointed auctioneer reserve the right to accept or reject an annul the process at any time prior, without thereby incurring any liability to bidders. In case of annulment, all bidders submitted deposit shall be promptly returned to the bidders.
2. Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of 10% of the reserve price for each lot/item they are interested in. This will be the basis of obtaining the bidding number before the auction date.
3. The deposit shall be paid in form of cash at the State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy at Talanta Plaza 2nd Floor Wing B, cash office and then a bid number will be allocated. No person without a bid number will be allowed to participate in the auction.
4. The successful bidders deposit will be credited to his bid price so that it forms part of the amount of the bid, and the bidder will be required to pay the bid price less the deposit security.
5. Unsuccessful bidder's deposit will be discharged or returned as promptly as possible but not later than seven (7) days after the expiration of the period of Auction.
6. The issued MR receipts shall be used to obtain the Bidding Number from procurement office at Talanta Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Wing A.
7. Potential bidders may download the catalogue containing details of items for disposal from State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy Website ([www.youth.go.ke](http://www.youth.go.ke)) free of charge or obtain it from the appointed auctioneer.
8. All Sales will be subject to the reserve price.
9. All purchased items shall be paid for and collected from respective locations where the items are within 7 days from the date of auction failure to which, the department will charge storage at a rate of kshs. 500 per day until collection. If the items are not collected within 14 days, the items will be forfeited to the department, and the bidder shall forfeit the bid deposit.
10. The declared purchaser (highest bidder) **MUST** pay 20% of the purchase price in cash for the lots bid at the fall of the hammer and the balance must be paid in cash within fourteen days from the date of the auction, failure to which the initial deposit will be forfeited and the item offered to the second highest bidder.
11. The successful bidders shall pay all costs, applicable duties, and taxes associated with the transfer of the purchased item/Asset i.e, motor vehicle.

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**Talanta Plaza, 2nd Floor Wing A**  
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# State moves to broaden 4K Clubs programme through partnerships



**BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has emphasized the need for stronger partnerships to expand the 4K Clubs programme and encourage more young people to pursue agriculture. Speaking at a youth agricultural learning event and field day organized by AAK Grow (formerly the Agrochemicals Association of Kenya), Charles Lusweti, Head of the Youth in Agriculture Unit, noted that the 4K programme is helping to address the challenges posed by an aging farming population by introducing learners to agriculture at an early age.

Lusweti said the rebranded 4K Clubs, relaunched in 2021, are now active in all 47 counties, with about 2,700 registered clubs and more than 300,000 learners participating.

He noted that the programme is exposing learners to modern agricultural technologies, including drones, digital tools, and agribusiness opportunities, making the sector more attractive to youth.

“The new 4K Club is not just about farming. Learners are being introduced to technology, innovation, and opportunities across agricultural value chains,”

he said. Lusweti urged county governments, schools, and private sector partners to continue supporting the initiative, saying collaboration is key to reaching more schools and strengthening food security, nutrition, and youth employment.

He also highlighted successful school farming projects in Kajiado and Embu, where agricultural production is supporting school feeding programs.

Stella Simiyu, CEO of CropLife Africa Middle East which has partnered with government to support the 4K club initiatives lauded Kenya’s efforts to involve young people in agriculture, saying the country’s investment in agricultural education is key to ensuring future food security.

Simiyu said Kenya is among three countries implementing the Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework, a five-year initiative aimed at promoting sustainable agricultural practices, alongside Morocco and Egypt.

**Kenya is among three countries implementing the Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework**

She said the programme focuses on producing more food with fewer resources, promoting safe use of agricultural technologies, and ensuring long-term sustainability in food production systems.

Simiyu noted that empowering young people with agricultural knowledge and modern technologies such as drones would help transform the sector and drive behavioral change in communities.

“If you want to know the future of a sector, look at the young people,” she said, adding that children can effectively spread messages on safe agricultural practices within their families and communities.

She called for the model being implemented in Kenya to be expanded across the country and replicated in other African nations, while urging greater collaboration among government agencies, schools, families, communities, and development partners.

Simiyu emphasized that agriculture should not be left to the Ministry of Agriculture alone, noting that all stakeholders have a role in nurturing the next generation of farmers.

“I want to challenge communities to invest more in youth-focused agricultural initiatives, considering agriculture is the backbone of Kenya’s


1. Charles Lusweti, Head of the Youth in Agriculture Unit within Kenya’s Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development together with the 4K club students at the Egerton University
2. Demonstration sites where 4k club

members display some of the crops they are growing within Egerton University

3. AAK Grow CEO Joel Mutai speaking about the partnership with government on the promotion of 4K clubs

economy and a critical driver of future growth,” Simiyu said.


The vice-chancellor of Egerton University, Prof. Isaac Ongubo Kibwage, said the university was hosting the 4K Club programme to nurture young people’s interest in agriculture and strengthen future food security.



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The National Government Affirmative Action Fund NAIROBI COUNTY invites sealed bids from interested and eligible suppliers to tender for **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SANITARY TOWELS TO PUBLIC PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND AGPO CATEGORIES (YOUTH, WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY-PWD)**, as per the below lots;

LOT	COUNTY	TOTAL NO. OF PACKETS (8 Pieces per Packet)	RESERVED
Lot 1	Embakasi south	18,651	Manufacturers
	Embakasi east	19,567	
	Embakasi central	32,094	
	Embakasi west	33,237	
	Langata	12,039	
	Njiru	19,638	
	<b>Total No. of Packets (Lot 1)</b>	<b>159,513</b>	
Lot 2	Starehe	21,333	AGPO
	Westlands	31,377	
	Kamukunji	17,913	
	Kasarani	10,497	
	<b>Total No. of Packets (Lot 2)</b>	<b>81,120</b>	
Lot 3	Makadara	27,948	AGPO
	Roysambu	28,113	
	Mathare	19,311	
	<b>Total No. of Packets (Lot 3)</b>	<b>75,372</b>	
Lot 4	Ruaraka	12,867	AGPO
	Dagoretti south	28,623	
	Dagoretti north	22,662	
	Kibra	16515	
	<b>Total No. of Packets (Lot 4)</b>	<b>80,667</b>	


Eligible bidders may download a complete set of tender documents including the evaluation criteria, from the PPIP portal: [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) (<http://www.tenders.go.ke>) or from NGAAF website [www.ngaaf.go.ke](http://www.ngaaf.go.ke), using the Tender Reference Number, **free of charge**.

Completed Tender documents clearly marked with the Tender No. and Lot No, should be deposited in the Tender Box located at **Nyayo House, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 14**.

Addressed to: **The County Coordinator; Nairobi County, National Government Affirmative Action Fund, P.O. Box 983 - 00100, Nairobi -Kenya**

Tenders must be received on or before **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10:00AM Local Time**. Tenders will be opened immediately afterward in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at Nyayo house, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, room 14 County Coordinator’s office as will be led by the officer in charge. Late applications will not be accepted.

**THE COUNTY CO-ORDINATOR, NAIROBI COUNTY, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FUND**



# KenGen's Olkaria Green Energy Park declared Customs Controlled Area

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has achieved a key regulatory milestone for its Green Energy Park in Olkaria, Naivasha, following its official gazettement as a Customs Controlled Area. This designation unlocks tax and customs incentives under the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) framework, firmly establishing the park as a hub for green industrialisation.

The designation was granted to KenGen Energy Services (SEZ) Limited through gazettement by the Commissioner of Customs and Border Control anchored under the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004.

According to KenGen CEO Eng. Peter Njenga, the initiative is part of the company's broader effort to meet rising energy demand while reducing Kenya's carbon footprint, aligning with the government's goal of transitioning to 100 per cent green energy by 2030.

Eng. Njenga said the green Energy Park as a Customs Controlled Area unlocks the full SEZ investment in Olkaria, cementing the park's position as Africa's geothermal-powered industrial hub.

The Olkaria SEZ is expected to attract industries ranging from agro-processing and textile manufacturing to electric mobility production and data centres.

The move activates the tax incentives available to investors under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2015 and transforms the Park



One of the geothermal generating power plant at Olkaria area of Naivasha where Kenya Generating Electricity Company (KenGen) has established an over 8,000-acre green energy park where investors will access direct and lower power tariffs, relaxed customs and tax reliefs. PHOTO: ERASTUS GICHOHI

into a fully operational industrial and investment space.

The Customs Controlled Area designation, will see the park enjoy defined customs procedures, monitored entry and exit points, and regulated compliance systems for all goods entering, moving within, or exiting the zone.

This will ensure that the customs stations, designated gates, bonded handling systems, and compliance mechanisms are legally enforceable components of the park's operations.

The status unlocks tangible SEZ benefits that include streamlined import and export processes, duty and tax efficiencies, faster cargo clearance, and simplified

regulatory oversight, removing the regulatory uncertainty that often exists before full SEZ operationalisation.

KenGen has also disclosed plans to apply for a licence to transmit and distribute electricity directly to industries setting base at the Green Energy Park, banking on recently gazetted Energy (Electricity Market, Bulk Supply and Open Access) Regulations of 2026 that have opened the door for generating firms to sell power directly to large consumers.

The initiative could offer industrial tenants tariffs lower than the standard retail rate, sharpening the park's competitive edge.

The green park is positioned inside the Olkaria fields in Naiva-

sha, the home to one of the world's largest geothermal reservoirs, offering investors uninterrupted 100 per cent renewable energy, full SEZ benefits, and direct access to geothermal steam.

The SEZ spans over 8,000 acres and is designed to serve as a key

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 1,500

KenGen has committed to adding an additional 1,500 MW of green energy to the national grid by 2034 by marshalling more than sh. 400B through public - private investments

driver for industrial investment, clean energy manufacturing, and export-oriented production, with its strategic location along key transport corridors, including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), providing investors with seamless access to both local and regional markets.

KenGen is developing the park in four phases to be completed by 2045, transforming Olkaria from a purely energy-producing zone into a fully-fledged green industrial city.

The park has already onboarded five investors across strategically significant sectors, including data centres, green fertiliser production, electric mobility, steel fabrication, logistics, and manufacturing.

Among those already committed, Synergetic Development Group signed on to develop an integrated logistics centre for steel products and a steel fabrication plant at the park, utilising 18MW of geothermal power, 10 acres of land, and 360 cubic metres of water annually.

Others include Konza Technopolis and Eco-Cloud Sh100 billion data center project, Aquilistar electric cars investment and Kaishan investment in green fertiliser production.

The government has set a target of generating 100 per cent of its electricity from clean energy sources by 2030, with the current share of renewable energy powering the national grid surpassing 90 per cent.

KenGen has committed to adding an additional 1,500 MW of green energy to the national grid by 2034 by marshalling more than sh. 400B through public - private investments in order to address the rising electricity needs for both households and industrial needs.

KenGen has an installed generation capacity of 1,786 MW, of which over 90 per cent is drawn from renewable sources: hydro (826 MW), geothermal (754 MW), and wind (25.5 MW).

## Business groups from Kenya, Denmark sign pact to expand trade

BY ANITA KARIUKI (KNA)

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and the Danish Chamber of Commerce (DCC) have signed a strategic cooperation agreement aimed at strengthening trade, investment, and business partnerships between Kenya, East Africa, and Denmark. The agreement, signed at KEPSA headquarters in Nairobi, seeks to enhance Danish companies' access to Kenyan and East African markets through policy dialogue, business networking, trade facilitation, and market intelligence. The partnership will also focus on business delegations, benchmarking initiatives, sustainable value chains, local partnerships, and job creation.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, KEPSA Chief Exec-

utive Officer, Carole Kariuki, said the agreement underscores Kenya's growing position as a preferred investment destination and gateway to the East African region.

"KEPSA's partnership with the Danish Chamber of Commerce (DCC), is a strong affirmation of Kenya's position as a gateway to East Africa and a trusted destination for investment and enterprise," said Kariuki.

She noted that by linking Danish businesses with Kenya's private sector ecosystem, the partnership would strengthen opportunities for trade, sustainable investments, innovation, market expansion and employment creation across the region.

KEPSA represents over two million businesses in Kenya through a network of more



Sarah Jordan Torp (seated left) from the Danish Chamber of Commerce and Dr Jackson Koimburi, Head of KEPSA Consult and Senior Circular Economy and Climate Change Coordinator (seated right), signing a partnership agreement on behalf of the Danish Chamber of Commerce (DCC) and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA).

than 80 industry and business associations, making it one of the country's largest private sector organization.

Danish Chamber of Commerce Vice-President, Jakob Ellemann-Jensen, described Kenya as one of Africa's most attractive growth markets, particularly in green energy, digitalization, life sciences and logistics.

"Kenya is one of the most

interesting growth markets in Africa right now. Through the cooperation with KEPSA, Danish companies will gain a stronger local platform and access to an established business ecosystem in East Africa," he said.

Ellemann-Jensen added that the partnership would help create stronger links between Danish enterprises and East African markets while promot-

ing long-term investments and sustainable economic growth.

"We see great potential in building stronger bridges between Danish companies and East African markets. It is not only about trade, but also about long-term partnerships, investments and shared growth," he said.

The collaboration aligns with Denmark's broader international development agenda, which seeks to integrate economic development, market expansion and job creation.

Through the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP), the Danish Chamber of Commerce, together with PlanBørnefonden, has in recent years supported entrepreneurship, start-up ecosystems and youth employment initiatives in the Middle East and North Africa region.

According to DCC, lessons learned from these engagements will help guide future business and market development initiatives in selected African growth markets, including Kenya.

# Kenya addresses reports of recruitment ban affecting domestic workers in Kuwait

BY JULIUS NDEGWA  
(PCO)

The Kenyan government has moved to reassure job seekers and labour migration stakeholders following widespread reports that Kuwait had imposed a fresh ban on the recruitment of Kenyan domestic workers.

In a statement issued by the Kenyan Embassy in Kuwait on June 10, the government clarified that Kenya has not been newly barred from sending domestic workers to the Gulf state, noting that the deployment of domestic workers to Kuwait was voluntarily suspended by Kenya nearly a decade ago and remains in force.

The clarification follows reports by regional and international media outlets that Kuwait had restricted recruitment of domestic workers to 10 approved countries while excluding 27 others, including Kenya, under revised labor regulations governing the domestic labor sector.

According to the Kenyan Embassy, the recent communication from Kuwaiti authorities merely reflects the long-standing status quo and should not be interpreted as a new policy targeting Kenya or Kenyan

workers.

“Kenya has not been newly banned from sending domestic workers to Kuwait. The Government of Kenya voluntarily suspended the deployment of domestic workers to Kuwait approximately ten years ago, and that position remains in effect,” the embassy said.

The clarification comes after several media reports highlighted a circular issued by Kuwait’s Ministry of Interior limiting domestic worker recruitment to approved source countries such as South Africa, Ethiopia, the Philippines, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, while restricting recruitment from Kenya and several other African countries.

The embassy stressed that the restrictions only apply to the domestic worker category and do not affect other sectors where Kenyans continue to secure employment opportunities in Kuwait. “All other categories of Kenyan workers remain eligible to pursue employment opportunities in Kuwait in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of both countries,” the statement noted. Kenya and Kuwait are currently engaged in consultations aimed

at developing a bilateral labor framework that would establish agreed procedures, safeguards and mechanisms to govern future cooperation in the domestic labor sector.

Labor migration has become a key pillar of Kenya’s employment strategy, with thousands of young people seeking opportunities abroad, particularly in Gulf countries. Kuwait remains one of the destinations for Kenyan migrant workers, especially in healthcare, hospitality, construction and technical occupations.

The embassy noted that Kenyan workers continue to enjoy a strong reputation in Kuwait due to their professionalism, competence and work ethic, contributing significantly to various sectors of the country’s economy.

The latest developments come at a time when Kuwait is undertaking broader reforms of its labor market. Recent measures introduced by Kuwaiti authorities include tighter oversight of domestic worker recruitment, digitalization of visa and sponsorship services, and revised regulations governing the employment of domestic workers and drivers.

Labor experts say the clarification is important because reports of a fresh ban had created anxiety among prospective migrant workers and recruitment agencies in Kenya. The government has in recent years intensified efforts to promote safe and regulated labor migration while cracking down on rogue recruitment agencies accused of exploiting job seekers. Labor and Skills Development Principal Secretary, Shadrack Mwadime, has previously stated that the government is committed to strengthening oversight of private recruitment agencies to protect Kenyan workers seeking jobs abroad. He has also emphasized the need for transparent and structured labor mobility arrangements as part of the country’s broader employment agenda.

Mwadime has further argued


that overseas employment opportunities form an important component of Kenya’s job creation strategy, particularly for the country’s growing youth population. Speaking at international labor forums, he has maintained that the government is pursuing deliberate measures to expand decent work opportunities both locally and internationally.

The embassy also pointed out that Kuwait periodically reviews its labor regulations to improve oversight, streamline recruitment procedures and enhance protections for both workers and employers.

It assured the public that labor mobility relations between Kenya and Kuwait remain intact despite the current restrictions affecting domestic workers.

“The fundamentals underpinning labor mobility between Kenya and Kuwait remain strong,” the embassy said, adding that it would continue working closely with authorities in both countries to advance safe, orderly and mutually beneficial migration arrangements.

**Kenya has not been newly banned. The Government voluntarily suspended the deployment of domestic workers to Kuwait**



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1.	PREQUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2026-2028	KEBS/PRE-Q/T011/2026/2028	OPEN	TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026 AT 1000 HOURS
2.	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) NEW PASSANGER LIFTS AT KEBS HEADQUARTERS	KEBS/T012/2025/2026	OPEN	WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026 AT 1000 HOURS

Tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained for free from KEBS website: [www.kebs.org](http://www.kebs.org) or Public Procurement Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke>, for free. 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.**


To 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.


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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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The Board invites prospective eligible bidders to apply for the following tender:

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY
KSB/SCM/OT/006/2025/2026	Renovation works of main gate, reception and boardroom for Kenya sugar board offices	Reserved for AGPO - WOMEN

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Those who download the documents from the websites must forward the tender number applied, name of the firm, email address and telephone number immediately for records to: [info@ksb.go.ke](mailto:info@ksb.go.ke)

Completed tender documents should be submitted in enclosed plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the Tender name and number as provided in the Tender document and addressed to:

**Ag. Chief Executive Officer  
Kenya Sugar Board  
P.O. Box51500-00200  
Nairobi**

And be deposited in the tender box located at the reception, so as to be received on or before **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2026** at **11.00 a.m.** Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter at the Boardroom in the presence of bidders who choose to attend.

Late tenders shall be rejected.

**Ag. Chief Executive Officer**

# State-led street families' rehabilitation effort cuts their population by half

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

The Government's tailor made rehabilitation interventions for street families have achieved remarkable progress, reducing the vulnerable population by half over the past eight years.

Through sustained investment in rehabilitation, integration, family care, and child protection programs, the number of street families has declined from more than 46,000 in 2018 to 18,049 by the end of 2025.

These findings are contained in the 2025 National Census for Street Families report, conducted by the Street Families Rehabilitation Trust Fund in collaboration with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS). The report is intended to guide data driven strategies as the country advances toward a street families free environment.

This emerged as Nairobi, Nakuru and Mombasa counties continue to record the highest numbers, with poverty, family instability, economic hardships, and drug and substance abuse being the major contributors of the influx. Of the 18,049 street-connected persons recorded during the



Gender, Culture and Children Services Cabinet Secretary Hanna Wendot (right) joined by Board Chair of the Street Families Rehabilitation Trust Fund Mary Wambui (second right) during the launch of the 2025 National Census for Street Families report PHOTO: ERASTUS GICHOHI

months-long 2025 census, 78.6 per cent were male and 21.4 per cent female. Nairobi recorded the highest count at 4,690 persons, followed by Nakuru with 1,546, Mombasa 1,428 and Kiambu

1,370, while Nyandarua, Lamu and Tana River recorded the lowest figures.

According to Gender, Culture and Children Services Cabinet Secretary Hanna Wendot, the government was committed to scaling up rehabilitation and integration interventions to rid the country of street families.

Wendot noted that since the rehabilitation exercise was initiated in 2003, the country had made significant strides and remained on course to ensure all persons enjoyed equal human dignity.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 18,049

Of the 18,049 street-connected persons recorded during the months-long 2025 census, 78.6 per cent were male and 21.4 per cent female.

# Millions of trees planted as government restores vital water catchment areas

BY KIMANI TIRUS (KNA)

The Government will continue rehabilitating the five critical water towers in the country, as well as other degraded areas, to enhance resilience against climate change. The initiative, being spearheaded by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, has so far led to the establishment of millions of trees in Mt. Kenya, the Cherangani Hills, Mt. Elgon, the Aberdare Ranges, and the Mau Forest.

Speaking during the World Environment Day celebrations at Olkalou Arboretum ground, Nyandarua County, Environment CS Dr. Deborah Barasa said the rehabilitation of the water towers and other areas has seen enhancement of water security as well as biodiversity.

Dr. Barasa noted that through Kenya Kwanza government, the Ministry has operationalized the Kenya National Carbon Registry through National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), hence creating a transparent framework for carbon market industry.

"The government will continue to expand green energy





Environment CS Dr. Deborah Barasa addressing members of public during World Environment Day at Olkalou Arboretum ground, Nyandarua County. PHOTO: KIMANI TIRUS

solutions and support renewable energy investment. These efforts will help in reducing emissions while strengthening economy," she noted.

The CS also pointed out the ministry is supporting farmers through climate smart agriculture, improving weather forecasting and offering climate advisory services.



She said through these measures the government is enhancing food security, while building resilient against climate change.

## NOTICE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established under section 33 of the Political Parties Act, Cap. 7D (PPA), as a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The mandate of the ORPP is to register and regulate political parties as well as administer the Political Parties Fund.

In line with Section 5 (2) (a) of the PPA the Registrar of Political Parties is in the process of provisionally registering the following proposed Political Parties: -


Name	Party Colours	Party Symbol	Slogan	Founder Members
Alliance for Peoples Progress Party (APP)	Black, Light Blue, Light Red, and Lime Green	APP Community 	Truth to Power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Odera Tony Moses</li> <li>Mulekye Rose Kanyaa</li> <li>Kassam Fatma Ali</li> <li>Pesa Geoffrey Kasina</li> <li>Ochola Peter Canisio Otieno</li> <li>Ambani Kellah Khamati</li> </ol>
The New Order Party (NOP)	White, Quill Grey Midnight Pine and Darkest Forest	Beetle (Mende- Kibyongo) 	A new Dawn for One Kenya	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ogolla Jared Otieno</li> <li>Matani Armstrong Mutali</li> <li>Mwangi Agnes Wambui</li> <li>Nzuki Christine Muthike</li> </ol>

Particulars of the above-listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website [www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke).

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


**Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP),  
Lion Place, Fourth Floor off Waiyaki way at Karuna Close,  
P O Box 1131-00606, Nairobi.  
Email: [info@orpp.or.ke](mailto:info@orpp.or.ke) / [registration@orpp.or.ke](mailto:registration@orpp.or.ke)**

**J.C. Lorionokou**  
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO



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## THE NATIONAL TREASURY

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**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT**

**KENYA PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL AGENCY (KEPDA)**

**PROVISION OF ASSET DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Kenya Procurement and Disposal Agency (KEPDA) (Previously known as Supplies Branch), under the National Treasury, is mandated to obtain Framework contracts for Common User Items/services (CUIs) for utilization by public entities.

The Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Investments and Assets Management invites sealed bids from eligible candidates under framework contract through open tender for the provision of asset disposal Agency services for a period of One (1) year as follows:

S/ NO	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND (KSHS)	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TNT/KEPDA/011/2026-2027	PROVISION OF ASSETS DISPOSAL AGENCY SERVICES	OPEN	200,000	29th June, 2026 at 10.30 a.m.


Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents from the Supply Chain Management Services Office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, KEPDA (Previously Supplies Branch), Likoni Road, Industrial Area, Nairobi during normal working hours except on public holidays. The tender documents may be downloaded from the Ministry's website [www.treasury.go.ke/](http://www.treasury.go.ke/) [www.publicinvestment.go.ke](http://www.publicinvestment.go.ke) and PPIP portal free of charge. Tenderers who download the tender document must send their particulars to this email, [kenyaprocdisposalagency@gmail.com](mailto:kenyaprocdisposalagency@gmail.com) to facilitate any clarifications or addendum

Tenders must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly labeled with the tender number and tender name and be deposited in the tender box located on the ground floor at KEPDA office in Industrial Area marked:

**Principal Secretary  
State Department for Public Investments and Assets Management  
P.O Box 30007-00100  
Nairobi**

So as to be received on or before **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 10.30am**. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Tenderers or their appointed representatives who choose to attend. Bidders are also advised to visit the website [www.treasury.go.ke](http://www.treasury.go.ke) regularly for updates.

**CYRELL ODEDE WAGUNDA**  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



# Konza City positions itself as Africa's innovation hub with first-of-its-kind waste system



The continent's first automated pneumatic solid waste management located at the Konza Technopolis.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Konza Technopolis, Africa's leading smart city and one of Kenya's flagship development projects, is reinforcing its role as a hub of innovation through the launch of the continent's first automated pneumatic solid waste management system and the establishment of a world-class science and technology university. The automated waste management facility, commissioned by President William Ruto in October 2025, represents a major milestone in sustainable urban infrastructure. Replacing

traditional collection methods, the system utilizes a fully automated underground network capable of processing up to 40 tonnes of waste daily.

This advancement enhances cleanliness, boosts operational efficiency, and strengthens environmental sustainability across the city. Built on a 14.8-kilometre underground pipeline network, the system connects 25 collection stations and 100 disposal inlets distributed across East and West Konza. Residents and businesses separate waste into four categories; organic, paper, packaging, and mixed waste before disposal

through strategically located collection points.

The network is managed through a centralized Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) platform, which continuously monitors waste levels and automatically activates high-powered vacuum systems when collection is required.

Waste is transported through underground pipelines at speeds of up to 70 kilometres per hour to a central processing terminal, where advanced cyclone separation technology facilitates waste compaction, recycling, and environmentally safe air filtration.

## Ministry pledges to close digital divide through ICT infrastructure expansion

BY VIOLET OTINDO (KNA)

The Government has reiterated its commitment to bridging the digital divide through aggressive infrastructure investment and targeted policy interventions, emphasizing a strategic transition from short-term digital pilots towards permanent national systems, aimed at sustaining rural communities and youth-led innovation

Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke affirmed this strategy during a panel session at the Global Growth and Opportunities Leadership Team mid-year retreat, hosted by the Gates Foundation in Nairobi.

Addressing directors from the Foundation's Global Growth & Opportunity Division, who are evaluating frameworks ahead of the organization's 2045 end date, amid declines in official development assistance, Isaboke positioned Kenya as an infrastructure-enabling hub transitioning from aid dependency to transactional economic autonomy.

"In Kenya digital connectivity is treated as a baseline




Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke making his presentation at the Gates Foundation meeting.

public right, exactly like roads, water, or electricity rather than an urban or high-income commercial commodity," he said.

The PS added that the national government directly funds the primary physical infrastructure, handling the heavy upfront financial burden that private telecom operators avoid due to low rural returns.

"There is a need for sustained capacity building and AI readiness. We must deliberate with pathways that grant the younger generation greater opportunities to lead, innovate, and shape the digital economy," he stated.



### INVITATION TO TENDER

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


NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	SITE VISIT	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.4/OT/TPT/10/25-26	Procurement of Mechanized Fleet Units and Mobile Equipment	Tuesday 16.06.2026	N/A	Tuesday 30.06.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/54/25-26	Supply Metering Units	Wednesday 17.06.2026	N/A	Friday 26.06.2026 at 11.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.2/OT/084/ID/25-26	Procurement for Implementation of Refurbishment Works at Nairobi West 66/11kV Substation Civil Works for Flood Mitigation	Thursday 18.06.2026	N/A	Tuesday 14.07.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP6/9A/OT/04/25-26	Procurement of Works for Construction of a Perimeter Wall, Concrete Paving, Guard House, Civil and Drainage Works at Voi Warehouse, Coast Region	Tuesday 16.06.2026	Friday 19.06.2026 at 10.00 a.m.  (KPLC Voi Office, Voi Town, Taita Taveta County)	Tuesday 30.06.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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### TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) invites sealed tenders for following requirements:



#	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER SECURITY (KSHs)	OPENING DATE AND TIME
1.	KTNA/OT/10/2025-2026	Tender for the provision of privileged access management (PAM) solution.	OPEN	100,000.00	Friday June 19, 10.00am
2.	KTNA/OT/11/2025-2026	Tender for the provision of static application security testing (SAST) and dynamic application security testing (DAST) tool - <i>(Re Advertisement)</i>	OPEN	120,000.00	Friday June 19, 10.00am

Eligible and interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at Supply Chain Office at the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) Headquarters on 1st Floor, Embankment Plaza, Upper Hill between 8.00am and 5.00pm Kenyan Time, Monday to Friday except lunch time between 1.00pm to 2.00pm and on public holidays.

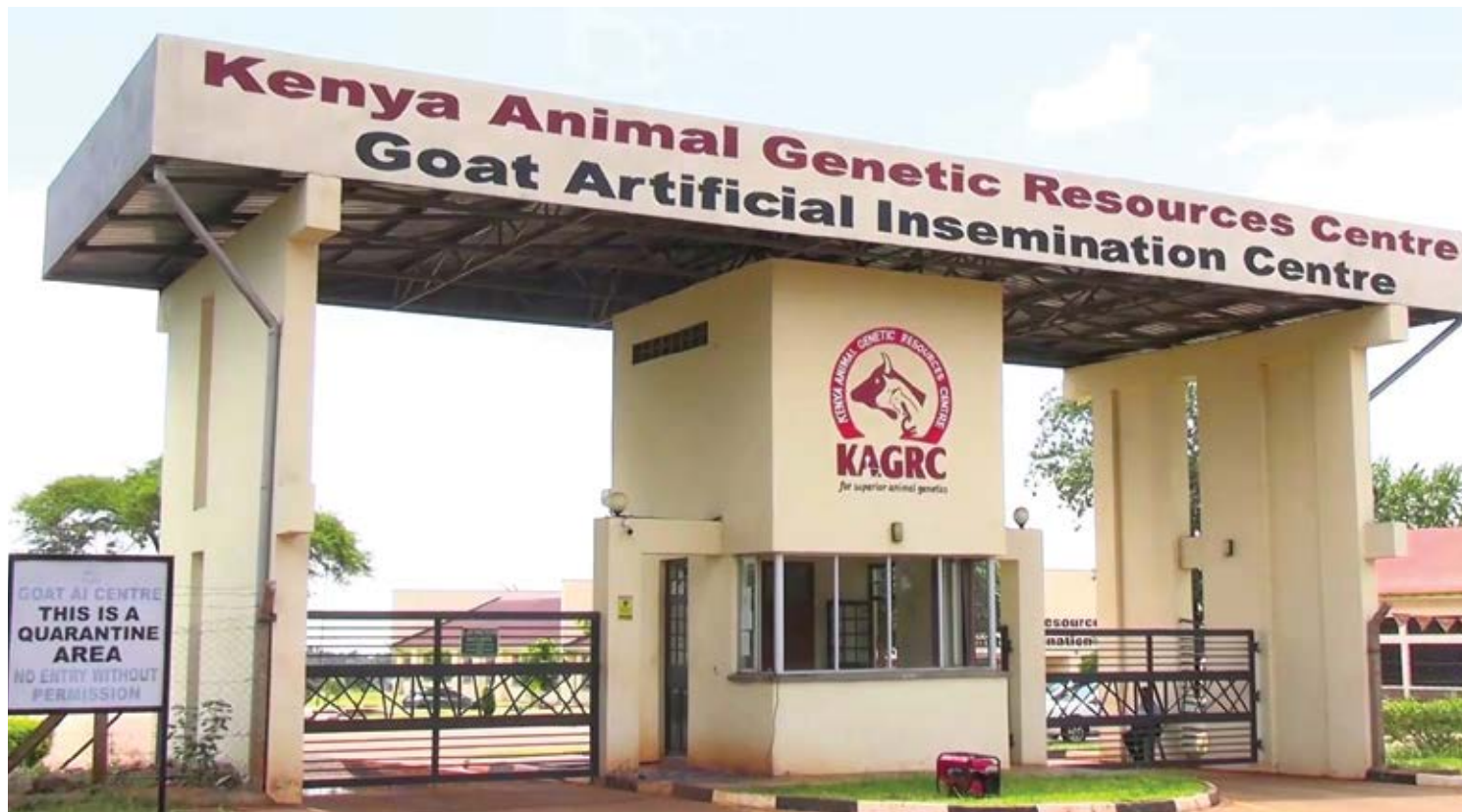
The document may be downloaded free of charge from the Public Procurement Information Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) and/or the Kenya Trade Network Agency website at the following link; <http://www.kentrade.go.ke/index.php/procurement/tenders>.

Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below or before, **Friday June 19, 2026 at 10:00am.**

**The Chief Executive Officer,**  
 Kenya Trade Network Agency - KENTRADE  
 P O Box 36943-00200  
 Nairobi.

# Artificial insemination centre drives profits for dairy goat farmers in Kirinyaga County



Entrance of Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre Goat Artificial Insemination facility at Ndomba in central Kenya.

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH (KNA)

Goat farmers in Kirinyaga County are recording improved productivity and higher incomes following the establishment of the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre (KAGRC) Goat Artificial Insemination (AI) facility at Ndomba. The facility, which was officially launched last year by President William Ruto, was established to improve goat breeds for both dairy

and meat production through the provision of high-quality genetic materials. Since its commissioning, the centre has become a game changer for hundreds of farmers in Kirinyaga and neighboring counties who previously struggled to access affordable and quality artificial insemination services. With an annual production capacity of 100,000 semen doses, the facility is expected to accelerate the transition from tra-

ditional low-yielding goat breeds to improved breeds capable of producing more milk and quality meat for both local and export markets. Poor genetics is one of the major challenges hindering growth in Kenya's livestock sector, particularly among goat farmers. The introduction of the AI centre is therefore expected to significantly enhance productivity, improve milk yields and strengthen food security while creating new

## BY THE NUMBERS

# Sh500

Muchira noted that farmers can now access AI services at approximately Sh500, making the technology affordable to small-scale livestock keepers.

income opportunities for farmers. According to farmers, access to quality breeding services was previously limited and often costly, forcing many to rely on natural breeding methods that offered slow genetic improvement. Margaret Muchira, a dairy goat farmer from Kirinyaga, says the establishment of the centre has transformed goat farming in the region.

"Before the facility was established, accessing artificial insemination services was difficult and expensive. Farmers had to travel long distances and pay high costs for the services," she said. Muchira noted that farmers can now access AI services at approximately Sh500, making the technology affordable to small-scale livestock keepers. She added that the partnership between the national government and the County Government of Kirinyaga is helping farmers embrace modern livestock production technologies that are expected to increase output and profitability.

"With access to quality genetics and technical support, farmers are now able to improve their herds and increase milk production. This will translate to better incomes and improved livelihoods for farming families," she said.

The Kirinyaga County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, John Gachara, lauded the impact of the AI programme, saying it forms part of broader efforts aimed at modernizing livestock farming and improving household incomes.

He noted that the ongoing Artificial Insemination programme was introduced to ensure farmers have access to superior livestock breeds capable of producing higher yields.

Through the programme, livestock officers are working closely with farmers to promote the adoption of improved breeding technologies and provide extension services to enhance livestock management practices.

# CS urges mining officers to uphold integrity, fight illegal mining

BY FRANCIS MUENDO AND ANNE KANGERO (KNA)

Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Joho, has urged mining officers across the country to uphold integrity, enhance compliance, and streamline mining operations. He emphasized that illegal mining remains one of the greatest threats to the sector, often resulting in environmental degradation, revenue losses, and unsafe working conditions.

He challenged the Officers to remain vigilant and strengthen enforcement mechanisms to protect both investors and local communities. "There is need for enhancing compliance across the sector, creating a conducive environment for investment,

addressing operational challenges and intensifying efforts to eradicate illegal mining activities that undermine sustainable development," said Joho.

Speaking during a high-level induction workshop held in Machakos, Joho emphasized the need for effective governance structures and strict adherence to regulations including the Mining Act, 2016, noting that County Mining Officers play a critical role in ensuring the sector operates efficiently and transparently.

"A key area of focus is the need to strengthen community capacity through awareness and education programs. Empowering local communities with the necessary knowledge and information will enable them to participate meaningfully and positively in the development of



Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Joho, speaking during a workshop for County Mining officials in Machakos. PHOTO: FRANK MUENDO

our mineral resources," he said. The Workshop included County Mining Officers from across the country alongside senior officials from the State Department for Mining, to deliberate strategies aimed at enhancing the management of Kenya's mineral resources. The engagement comes at a time when the government is seeking to unlock the full poten-

“Illegal mining is one of the biggest threats to the sector, leading to environmental degradation, revenue losses and unsafe working conditions.”

tial of the mining sector, as a key contributor to economic growth, job creation and the implementation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Principal Secretary, Harry Kimtai, who was present during the workshop, echoed the Cabinet Secretary's sentiments, highlighting the strategic role County Mining Officers play as the ministry's representatives at the grassroots level.

Kimtai said the workshop was designed to align the officers with the ministry's vision of promoting responsible, transparent and sustainable mineral resource development.

"We underscored the critical role of the officers in streamlining mining operations, strengthening sector governance and ensuring full compliance with the Mining Act, 2016," said Kimtai.

The PS emphasized that effective implementation of mining policies at the county level is crucial in achieving the government's broader development goals.

# Kenya, Japan partnership to open global opportunities for engineering graduates

BY SHARON NJERU AND NANCY OMONDI (KNA)

Kenyan engineering graduates will soon gain from global training as well as technology transfer and employment opportunities after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Japan's Shimizu Corporation, University of Nairobi (UON) and Technical University of Kenya (TUK).

Under the Kenya-Japan Labor Mobility Agenda, the partnership will enhance engineering skills development and knowledge exchange while also preparing graduates for entry to the global labor market and strengthening university-industry collaboration.

Speaking after the signing ceremony in Nairobi, Principal Secretary for Higher Education



Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research Beatrice Inyangala (third from left) with officials from the Technical University of Kenya and Shimizu Corporation of Japan posing for a group photo after the official signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between Shimizu Corporation of Japan and two Kenyan Universities in Nairobi. PHOTO: ARON KINYAMASYO/KNA

and Research Dr. Beatrice Inyangala said the contract represents a

step just like previous steps in the right direction at strengthening

partnerships between universities and industry, specifically high-technology companies now and in future.

According to Dr. Inyangala, Kenya has desired for years a much closer working arrangement between institutions of higher learning and industry players that would help bridge the gap of innovation, research capabilities and practical skills among graduates.

"This partnership comes at a time when we are implementing the National Education Sector Strategic Plan, which places emphasis on strengthening Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programmes," she said.

The PS mentioned that the collaboration will support the government's plan to invest in engineering education and improve the internationalisation

of higher education through partnerships with global institutions and industries.

In this program, selected graduates will receive one year of Japanese language training before going to Japan for jobs and practical industry experience.

Dr. Inyangala noted that this initiative will help graduates gain hands-on experience in modern technologies, architecture, and construction practices while introducing them to new innovations in the engineering field.

Mr. Hitoshi Fujita, Director of Global Business at Shimizu Corporation, stated that the company hopes participating graduates will learn construction site management skills and gain practical experience in Japan before returning to contribute to the growth of the construction industry back home.



## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

### PUBLIC AUCTION

**PUBLIC AUCTION OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS: USED MOTOR VEHICLES, OBSOLETE ITEMS AND LIVESTOCK**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, State Department for Agriculture invites interested bidders for Public Auction of obsolete and unserviceable assets as follows:

**Appointed Auctioneer:** Trenad Auctioneers of P. O. Box 12853-00100 Nairobi. Telephone No. 0738843381.

The Auction will be held at KARLO Kabete HQS, Waiyaki Way on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 starting at 10:00 am.

**Viewing Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

**Auction Dates:** 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

Items to be auctioned among others include:

1. Used Motor Vehicles
2. Obsolete items
3. Livestock

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website and [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke).

#### CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Prospective bidders are advised to view used motor vehicles, disposable livestock and worn out items at the locations indicated on the schedule list in the State Department for Agriculture website [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke)
2. All interested purchasers are requested to view the items as per the dates shown above and verify their respective details as these are not warranted by neither the Auctioneer nor The State Department for Agriculture as the items are being offered for Sale "As-is-Where-is" basis.
3. All the interested purchasers will be required to pay a deposit of Kshs. 30,000/= for vehicles, Kshs. 1,000/= for livestock and Kshs. 500/= for other assorted items. Where the bid price is lower than the deposit price, the bidder will be refunded the difference between the bid price and the deposit amount on the presentation of the receipt. However, where the bid price is higher than the deposit the bidder will need to pay not less than 25% of the total value. The balance must be paid within 24 hours failure to which the award will be cancelled and the deposit forfeited and the item sold to the second highest bidder. The deposit should be made in cash at the cash office situated at Kilimo house, Lower ground floor.
4. Download the Catalogue containing details of the items earmarked for disposal from the State Department for Agriculture Website free of charge. The bidders are advised to bring deposit receipt to obtain the bidding number as no one will be allowed to bid without a bidding number.
5. All purchased items shall be paid for and collected from respective SDA's premises within 7 days from the date of the auction failure to which, the SDA will charge storage fee at a rate of Kshs.500 per day until collection. If the items are not collected within 14 days, the items will be forfeited to the State Department.

For any clarification, please get in touch with the Head of Supply Chain Management on email: [supplychainservices7@gmail.com](mailto:supplychainservices7@gmail.com)



## OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS (State Department for Foreign Affairs)

### TENDER NOTICE

### PROCUREMENT OF TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KENYA'S DIPLOMATIC PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ACT, 2021

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – (RFP) (CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRMS SELECTION)

TENDER REF: RFP/SDFA/01/2026-2027

1. The Ministry for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of Kenya – State Department for Foreign Affairs (the Client) invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (herein after called "the services") Procurement of Transaction Advisory Services for development of Kenya's diplomatic properties abroad through Solicited Public Private Partnerships Projects.
2. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: [www.mfa.go.ke](http://www.mfa.go.ke), [www.pppunit.go.ke](http://www.pppunit.go.ke), and [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) (PPIP Portal) for free. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to [procurement@mfa.go.ke](mailto:procurement@mfa.go.ke) and [procurement@PPPkenya.go.ke](mailto:procurement@PPPkenya.go.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
3. If a Consultant is a Joint Venture (JV), the full name of the JV shall be used and all members, starting with the name of the lead member. Where sub-consultants have been proposed, they shall be named. The maximum number of JV members shall be specified in the Data Sheet.
4. A firm will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method and in a format as described in this RFP; in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015, Cap 412C, a copy of which can be found at the following website: [www.ppra.go.ke](http://www.ppra.go.ke)
5. The Request for Proposal (RFP) must be prepared and completed using the official forms provided for this purpose. All required sections, attachments, and supporting documents should be included to ensure compliance. Failure to use this prescribed forms or omission of mandatory information may result in disqualification.

There will be a virtual pre-bid conference on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 11.00 A.M. Local Time. Deadline for submission of Request for Proposal is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 at 11.00 A.M. Local Time.**

Any request for clarification on this Request for Proposal should be sent via email [procurement@mfa.go.ke](mailto:procurement@mfa.go.ke) and [procurement@PPPkenya.go.ke](mailto:procurement@PPPkenya.go.ke). Clarifications may be requested no later than 7 days prior to the submission deadline.

Completed applications in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the name of the tender and tender number must be addressed to;

**The Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Foreign Affairs,  
P.O. Box 30551-00100, NAIROBI.**

and deposited into the tender box on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, Old Treasury Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, so as to reach on or before **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 at 11.00 A.M. Local Time.**

**Principal Secretary  
State Department for Foreign Affairs**



# Kenya wins historic bid to host World Geothermal Congress 2029



Principal Secretary for Energy Alex Wachira (centre, in suit) and members of Team Kenya pose for a photo after receiving the World Geothermal Congress 2029 hosting rights during the handover ceremony in Calgary, Canada. Nairobi will become the first African city to host the global geothermal gathering.

BY DIANA ROTICH (PCO)

Kenya has secured the rights to host the World Geothermal Congress (WGC) 2029, becoming the first African nation to host the prestigious global event and cementing the continent's growing influence in the global clean energy transition.

The landmark announcement was made during the official handover ceremony at the conclusion of the 2026 World Geothermal Congress in Calgary, where Kenya officially received the hosting rights from Canada following a highly competitive international bidding process. The victory marks a major milestone not only for Kenya but also for Africa, positioning the continent at the center of global discussions on renewable energy, climate action, and sustainable development.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Principal Secretary for Energy, Alex Kamau Wachira, described the achievement as a defining moment for Africa's energy sector and a testament to the continent's growing role in shaping the future of clean energy.

"Today marks more than the transfer of hosting rights. It is a historic milestone for Africa and a strong affirmation of the continent's growing contribution to the global clean energy transition," he said.

Kenya enters the global spotlight as Africa's leading geothermal producer, with

more than 1,000 megawatts of installed geothermal capacity. The country has emerged as a global leader in harnessing geothermal resources, using clean and reliable energy to power homes, industries, and economic growth. Yet experts believe the country's greatest achievements still lie ahead.

According to the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya possesses geothermal resources exceeding 10 gigawatts, while Africa's total geothermal potential is estimated at more than 15 gigawatts. The Government has set ambitious targets to increase installed geothermal capacity to approximately 1,700 MW by 2030 and 3,000 MW by 2043 as part of its long-term strategy to strengthen energy security, drive industrialization, and support climate resilience.

Beyond electricity generation, Kenya is increasingly leveraging geothermal resources to support industrial development, value addition, sustainable manufacturing, and green economic growth. The country views geothermal energy as a critical driver of economic transformation and a cornerstone of its clean energy future.

The successful bid was supported by a coalition of international and regional partners, including the United Nations Environment Programme, which will serve as co-host of WGC 2029, alongside organizations such as the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility, the African

Union, JICA, Geothermal Rising, KfW, Globeleq, and several geothermal institutions from across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Their support played a key role in strengthening Kenya's proposal and demonstrating Africa's readiness to host the world's premier geothermal gathering.

The World Geothermal Congress, held every three years under the auspices of the International Geothermal Association, is the most influential event in the global geothermal sector. It brings together governments, investors, researchers, development partners, technology providers, and industry leaders to share knowledge, showcase innovations, and chart the future of geothermal development worldwide.

For Kenya, hosting WGC 2029 is expected to unlock substantial economic benefits through increased tourism, foreign investment, international partnerships, and heightened visibility as a global renewable energy hub. The event will also provide a unique platform to showcase Africa's vast geothermal resources and the continent's growing contribution to the global energy transition.

As preparations for Nairobi 2029 begin, Kenya has pledged to deliver an inclusive, innovative, and action-oriented Congress that will accelerate investment in sustainable energy solutions and strengthen collaboration among nations.



Ministry of Health



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## DECLARATION OF VACANCY – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of Kenya, the State Corporations Act (Cap 446) and Legal Notice No. 165/2020, and pursuant to the operationalization of Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital as a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA), the Board of Directors of Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital invites applications from suitably qualified, dynamic, visionary, and results-oriented Kenyans to fill the following vacant position:

**POSITION TITLE:** Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

**TENURE:** Three (3) years contract, renewable subject to performance

**STATION:** Mathari Teaching and Referral Hospital – Nairobi, Kenya

**VACANCY NO.:** MNTRH/CEO/01/2025

### Duties and Responsibilities

Responsible for the day-to-day operations and administration of the Hospital, under the general direction and supervision on the Board;

1. Serve as the hospital's Accounting Officer and implement Board decisions;
2. Provide strategic leadership and oversee development and execution of work plans, budgets, and procurement plans;
3. Guide the Board and hospital management in best practices of corporate governance;
4. Ensure compliance with government policies, regulations, and ethical standards;
5. Lead the formulation and implementation of hospital policies, procedures, and strategic initiatives;
6. Represent the hospital in stakeholder engagements and maintain communication with the Board;
7. Manage human, financial, and physical resources effectively;
8. Promote a culture of integrity, good governance, and performance excellence.
9. Establish partnerships and spearhead resource mobilization efforts;
10. Foster leadership development, mentorship, and succession planning within the hospital.

### Requirements for Appointment

1. At least (15) years relevant work, ten (10) years of which must be in senior management position in either private or public;
2. Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery or any other recognized health profession.
3. Master's degree in a health-related field from a recognized institution.
4. Qualifications in Business Administration or Management will be an added advantage.
5. Registered with the relevant medical professional body.
6. A current practicing license/certificate
7. Certificate in computer applications.
8. Demonstrates a clear understanding of the local, national and international laws, policies and regulatory frameworks governing the health sector, Public Finance Management and Public Procurement procedures; and
9. Fulfilled the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

### Key Competencies and Skills:

- Strong leadership and people management skills.
- Demonstrate high integrity.
- Ability to drive change, effectively prioritize activities and address complex problems.
- Good judgment, intellectual curiosity and genuine interest in mental healthcare.
- Innovative and entrepreneurial thinking with an ability to work independently.
- Ability to mobilize and efficiently utilize resources.
- Strong decision making, analytical and detail-oriented skills.
- Effective communication and negotiation skills.
- Be a team player.
- Good understanding of the public service procedures.

### Application Procedure:

Applicants should submit their applications in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Application for Chief Executive Officer – Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital" and include:

1. A detailed curriculum vitae;
2. Copies of academic and professional certificates;
3. Copy of National Identity Card or Passport;
4. Names and contacts of three (3) referees;
5. Shortlisted candidates will be required to provide Clearance certificates from:
  - Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
  - Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
  - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
  - Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)
  - Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

### Applications should be addressed to:

The Chairperson Board of Directors  
Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital  
P.O. Box 40663 – 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA

Hard copies of the applications to be dropped at the Chief Executive Officer's Office Or sent via email to: [boardchair@mntrh.go.ke](mailto:boardchair@mntrh.go.ke)

### NOTE:

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification. Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity and inclusion.

# Science, innovation and partnerships set to drive Blue Economy

BY NOOH BASHEY (PCO)

Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak (pictured), has called for stronger partnerships, science-driven policymaking, innovation, and effective communication of research to unlock the full potential of the blue economy while safeguarding ocean ecosystems for future generations.

Speaking during a regional ocean and blue economy forum in Mombasa ahead of the upcoming Our Ocean Conference, Prof. Abdulrazak said the vast resources of the Indian Ocean and Africa's extensive coastline represent enormous opportunities for sustainable development, climate resilience, job creation, and wealth generation.

He noted that the ocean's potential must be translated into tangible benefits for communities through strategic investments, innovation, and sustainable resource management.

"Africa is home to the world's youngest population, presenting a unique opportunity to harness the blue economy for economic growth and employment creation," he said, adding that the continent's youthful workforce can play a critical role in developing innovative solutions to emerging environmental and economic challenges.

The Principal Secretary highlighted the growing threats facing marine ecosystems, including climate change, ocean acidification, biodiversity loss, overexploitation of marine resources, and plastic pollution. He warned that without urgent action, these challenges could undermine livelihoods, food security, and economic development across coastal regions.

He emphasized that increasing populations and competing demands on marine resources require governments and stakeholders to adopt sustainable approaches to ocean governance and resource utilization.

"The future of our

oceans will be determined not by the scale of the challenges we face, but by the quality of the decisions we make today," he said.

Prof. Abdulrazak challenged scientists to move beyond generating knowledge and publishing research papers, urging them to actively engage in policymaking and contribute solutions that address societal needs.

He observed that many countries, including Kenya, already have robust development frameworks such as Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, and the recently launched Blue Economy Strategy. The challenge, he noted, lies in implementation, monitoring, and evaluation to ensure that development goals are achieved.

The PS underscored the importance of ocean observation systems, marine research, biodiversity assessments, environmental monitoring, and data-sharing platforms in supporting evidence-based decision-making and sustainable management of marine resources.

He further emphasized the need to transition from research to innovation and commercialization, ensuring that scientific discoveries generate practical socio-economic benefits. He highlighted the role of innovation ecosystems, entrepreneurship, biotechnology, genomics, artificial intelligence, and emerging technologies in advancing sustainable ocean management and economic growth.

Prof. Abdulrazak also stressed that science must be communicated effectively if it is to influence policy, attract investment, and deliver meaningful impact.

"The challenge is not only generating scientific knowledge but also communicating it in a language that policymakers, investors, philanthropists, and communities can understand and support," he said.

and ensuring that research outcomes contribute to societal transformation.

Calling for stronger investment in human capital, the Principal Secretary urged institutions to mentor and empower the next generation of scientists, particularly in Africa, where the

majority of the population is young.


He encouraged universities and research institutions to create supportive environments that nurture talent, innovation, and leadership among young researchers.

Prof. Abdulrazak also called for greater gender inclusion



in science, noting that women remain underrepresented in scientific fields despite constituting nearly half of the population. He urged stakeholders to promote equal opportunities and strengthen efforts to increase women's participation in research, innovation, and lead-

ership. Highlighting the importance of collaboration, he called on governments, academia, the private sector, development partners, and international organizations to work together in advancing sustainable blue economy initiatives.



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## TENDER NOTICE

Technical University of Mombasa invites sealed tenders from interested and eligible bidders for;




No.	Tender Reference No.	Tender Description	Eligibility
1.	TUM/T/12/2026-2027	PROVISION OF MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER	Open

The tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderer from Technical University of Mombasa website: [www.tum.ac.ke](http://www.tum.ac.ke) or PPIP portal <http://tenders.go.ke> free of charge. Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents to minimize physical visit to TUM Offices.


The **Original plus One Copy** of the complete tender document should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name and reference numbers and be deposited in Tender box A located at the Administration Block Ground Floor area next to the reception desk on or before **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 10.00 a.m. EAT** and addressed to:

**THE VICE CHANCELLOR**  
**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA**  
**P.O. BOX 90420-80100 MOMBASA, KENYA**

Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the University Conference Room.

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## TENDER NOTICE

Multimedia University of Kenya invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders:


Tender No:	Description of Tender	Tender Security (Ksh)	Eligibility	Closing Date & Time	Pre-Bid Meeting/ Site Visit
MMU/OT/LIB/07/2025-2026	PROPOSED PARTIAL COMPLETION OF MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY OF KENYA LIBRARY - (Electrical Works and structured cabling works) <b>subcontract - Retender</b>	600,000	Open	30th June 2026 at 11.00am	Pre-Bid meeting on 23/06/2026 at 10:00am at the New Library Building

Tender documents with detailed information and instructions may be viewed and downloaded from the University's website: [www.mmu.ac.ke](http://www.mmu.ac.ke) and the Public Procurement Information portal, [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge. Bidders who choose to download the tender documents **must** forward their company's particulars to [procurement@mmu.ac.ke](mailto:procurement@mmu.ac.ke) for recording and further addenda/clarifications if any.

**Vice Chancellor**  
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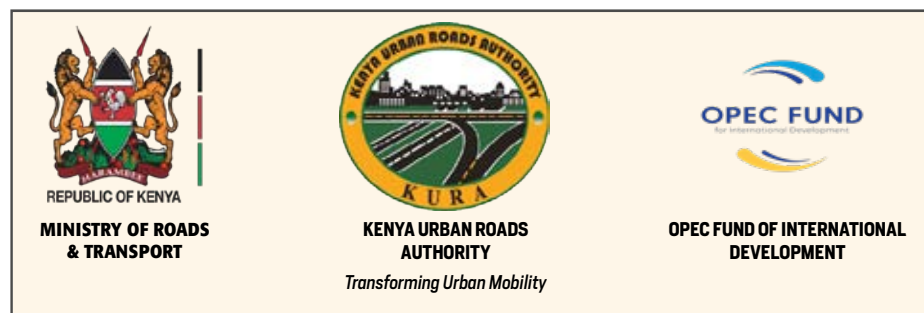
## ADDENDUM 1

The State Department for Agriculture, wishes to inform prospective bidders that the under listed tenders in Development of Agriculture Technology Innovation Centres (DATIC) & Development of Aggregation Centers (DAC) have been amended as tabulated below occasioned by the changes in the Bill of quantities in two tenders, additionally the Submission deadline has been extended as indicated in the table below:

Tender Number	Tender Description	Addendum	Original Tender Description and the Bill of Quantities	New Tender Tender Description and the Bill of Quantities
MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/02/2025- 2026	Supply, delivery and installation of Mama shops for Litein – Ngoina - in Bureti Constituency, Kericho County	<b>Change of tender description and number of containers to be supplied</b>	Supply, delivery and installation of Mama shops for Litein – Ngoina - in Bureti Constituency, Kericho County  Total Bill No. 02 (Total for 12 No. Containers) X12	Supply, delivery and installation of Mama shops for various Counties  <b>Amended to:</b> Total Bill No. 02 (Total for 1 No. Containers) X36  <b>NB:</b> All other Terms and Conditions of Tender remain the same.
MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/06/2025- 2026	Construction of Sokororbei Farmers Bridge, in Chepalungu Constituency, Bomet County	<b>Amendment in the scope of works and the Bill of Quantities</b>	Construction of a 2 No. Reinforced Concrete (D 12) Box Culverts at the river crossing (5M high by 7M wide by 7M long and spacing of 15cm of D12 members)	Construction of 10m Long X 7m Wide River Crossing Steel Bridge
MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/01/2025- 2026 to MOALD/SDA/ENG/DAC/05/2025- 2026	Various	<b>Extension of submission deadline for all tenders</b>	<b>Initial Tender closing date &amp; Time:</b> Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time	<b>New Tender Closing Date &amp; Time:</b> Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time
MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/06/2025- 2026 to MOALD/SDA/ENG/DATIC/09/2025- 2026				

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE**





## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

<b>PROCURING AGENCY</b>	<b>KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY</b>
<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ROADS IN ARID &amp; SEMI-ARID AREAS-WAJIR</b>
<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAJIR TOWN ROADS UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ROADS IN FIVE COUNTIES IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID AREAS (ASALs) – PHASE I</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>KENYA</b>
<b>PROJECT ID./CREDIT NO.:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID CODE: 15117P</b>
<b>RFB/TENDER NO.</b>	<b>KURA/DEV/HQ/002/2026-2027</b>

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the OPEC Fund for International Development (the OPEC Fund) towards the cost of the **Development of Urban Roads in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (ASALs)** Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Construction of Wajir Town Roads. The project entails the construction and improvement of selected urban roads within Wajir Town aimed at enhancing mobility, accessibility, road safety, and socio-economic development. The estimated cost of the works is approximately **USD 35,000,000.00**
- The terms and conditions of the Contract and payments by the OPEC Fund shall be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. No party other than the Government of the Republic of Kenya shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the financing.
- The project involves upgrading thirty-one (31) town roads totalling to approximately sixty-five (65) Km to bitumen standards in Wajir Town, divided into three (3) Lots. The construction period shall be as specified in the bidding documents.
- Bidders shall have the option of submitting bids for one (1), two (2), or all the three (3) Lots but shall only be awarded a maximum of two (2) Lots in this tender.
- Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures in accordance with the OPEC Fund Procurement Guidelines. The procurement process shall be governed by the provisions of the Financing Agreement and the applicable OPEC Fund procurement requirements. Where necessary and to the extent not inconsistent with the OPEC Fund Procurement Guidelines, the procurement process may draw upon internationally recognized best practices, including principles embodied in the World Bank Procurement Framework and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 of Kenya, to promote economy, efficiency, transparency, fairness, integrity, and value for money.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and inspect the bidding documents at the address indicated in the bidding documents during normal working hours from 0900 hours to 1600 hours (East African Time).

**Deputy Director-Supply Chain Management Office,  
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,  
Ground Floor, East Wing Ground Floor, Block D, Barabara Plaza-JKIA,  
Off Airport South Road along Mazao road,  
P.O. BOX 41727-00100, Tel. +254-20-801-3844  
Nairobi, Kenya.**

- Complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by eligible interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kenya Shillings 5000.00. The method of payment will be cash deposit slip or telegraphic transfer to Kenya Urban Roads Authority's Bank Account:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>Kenya Urban Roads Authority</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>1130723704</b>
<b>Bank Name:</b>	<b>Kenya Commercial Bank</b>
<b>Branch Name:</b>	<b>Moi Avenue, Nairobi</b>
<b>Branch Code:</b>	<b>01100</b>
<b>Swift Code:</b>	<b>KCBLKENX</b>
<b>Narration:</b>	<b>Name of Bidder</b>

- There shall be a mandatory pre-tender site visit on **7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** Interested bidders shall assemble at the KeRRA Wajir Office.
- Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for **210 days** from the date of opening of tenders.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a **BID SECURITY IN THE FORM OF UNCONDITIONAL BANK GUARANTEE ISSUED BY BANKS REGULATED BY THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA OF KES.30,000,000.00 (KENYA SHILLINGS THIRTY MILLION ONLY)** for each Lot Bid.
- Bids must be delivered by hand to the address below on or before **4<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 11:00 AM** Nairobi Time. Bidders shall submit one (1) original and four (4) copies in sealed envelopes with the Tender Name and Tender Number clearly marked and bearing no indication of bidder's name on the envelope to the address below:

**Supply Chain Management Office,  
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,  
Ground Floor, East Wing, Ground Floor Block D, Barabara Plaza-JKIA,  
Off Airport South Road along Mazao road,  
Nairobi, Kenya.**

- Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below on 30th July 2026 immediately after the bid submission deadline, at the address indicated below

**Meeting Room 4,  
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,  
2nd Floor, Block D, Barabara Plaza-JKIA,  
Off Airport South Road along Mazao road,  
Nairobi, Kenya.**

- The Kenya Urban Roads Authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.
- Late bids shall be rejected.**

**All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya Urban Roads Authority website: [www.kura.go.ke](http://www.kura.go.ke) for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.**

Any Form of Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

<b>Procuring Agency</b>	<b>KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>NAIROBI INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM (ITS)</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>ESTABLISHMENT AND JUNCTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II)</b>
<b>Country</b>	<b>Kenya</b>
<b>Loan No./Credit No.:</b>	<b>KEN-6</b>
<b>RFB/Tender No.</b>	<b>KURA/DEV/HQ/001/2026-2027</b>

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received a loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea, from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea, in the amount of **USD 83,834,000 (Eighty-Three Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand United States Dollars)** toward payments under the Contract for the Design and Build of the Nairobi ITS Establishment and Junctions Improvement Project – Phase II.
- The terms and conditions of the Contract and payment by the Bank, therefore, shall be subject in all aspects to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the Guidelines for the procurement under the EDCF Loan (the guidelines). Except as the Bank may specifically otherwise agree, no party other than the Borrower shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claims on the Loan Proceeds.
- The Project Executing Agency, Kenya Urban Roads Authority ("KURA" or the "Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible Korean bidders for the implementation of the project as described in the below:
  - Implement the detailed design and construction of civil works for Improvement and upgrade of sixty (60) junctions' configuration to meet the adequate capacity for traffic demand;
  - Installation of ITS field equipment, including sixty (60) Traffic Signal Systems, sixty (60) CCTV cameras, thirteen (13) Vehicle Detector Systems (VDS), two (2) Variable Message Signs (VMS), sixty (60) Vehicle Enforcement Systems (VES), Street lights, etc;
  - Construction of a one (1) new bridge and extension of two (2) existing Bridges;
  - Training and skill transfer.
  - Dispatch of Experts for post-project O&M support during warranty period.

The Design-Build works, including commissioning and test operation, shall be completed within a period of **thirty (30) months** from the Commencement Date. Following the Taking Over of the Works, the Contractor shall provide and deploy experts for a period of four (4) years to provide operational support and to assist the Employer in achieving sustainable operation and maintenance of the Works.

- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures as specified in the Guidelines for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders, provided that all parties constituting the bidder have the nationality of the Republic of Korea.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 09:00 to 16:00 hours.

**Deputy Director-Supply Chain Management Office,  
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,  
Ground Floor, East Wing Ground Floor, Block D, Barabara Plaza-JKIA,  
Off Airport South Road along Mazao road,  
P.O. BOX 41727-00100, Tel. +254-20-801-3844 Nairobi, Kenya**

- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kenya Shillings 5000.00**. The method of payment will be cash deposit slip or telegraphic transfer to Kenya Urban Roads Authority's Bank Account:

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<b>Narration:</b>	<b>Name of Bidder</b>

- There shall be a mandatory pre-tender site visit on **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** Interested bidders shall assemble at the KURA Children's Traffic Park (Traffic Safety Park), located along Nyerere Road, Nairobi, where attendance shall be registered.
- There shall be organized Pre-Bid Conference meeting on **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 at 10:00 AM** Nairobi time, at the Kenya Urban Roads Authority Board Room, 4th Floor, North Wing, Block D, Barabara Plaza, Mazao Road, Off Airport South Road, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Tenders shall remain valid for **120 days** from the date of opening of tenders.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **USD 1 million Only (United States Dollars One Million only)**.

**Supply Chain Management Office,  
Kenya Urban Roads Authority,  
Ground Floor, East Wing, Ground Floor Block D, Barabara Plaza-JKIA,  
Off Airport South Road along Mazao road,  
Nairobi, Kenya.**

- Bids must be delivered by hand to the address below on or before **4<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 at 11:00 AM** Nairobi Time. Bidders shall submit one (1) original and four (4) copies in sealed envelopes with the Tender Name and Tender Number clearly marked and bearing no indication of bidder's name on the envelope to the address below:

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# Small traders urged to join co-operatives to access state support

BY DAVID NDURO (KNA)

The Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) has urged small-scale entrepreneurs in Isiolo County to organise themselves into cooperatives and business associations to enhance their chances of accessing government grants, credit facilities, and other enterprise development programs.

Speaking during a business exhibition in Isiolo Town, MSEA Chief Executive Officer Henry Rithaa said the initiative supports the government's wider economic transformation plan focused on empowering micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) nationwide.

Rithaa said that formally organized groups are more

likely to benefit from coordinated support systems, improved resource access, and structured interventions aimed at strengthening business growth and competitiveness.

He emphasised that cooperatives and associations are instrumental in helping small enterprises tackle shared challenges such as limited access to markets, insufficient financing, and skills or capacity limitations.

"Through training initiatives, stakeholder collaboration, and institutional backing, MSEA seeks to establish resilient business networks that can foster innovation, generate employment, and advance inclusive economic development," Rithaa said. He pointed out that sectors such as camel milk production



MSEA Chief Executive Officer Henry Rithaa, (1st from left) and Isiolo Deputy Governor Dr. James Lowasa, (3rd from Left) while touring trade exhibitions during a business exhibition in Isiolo Town courtesy of MSEA and the County government of Isiolo.

and marketing, poultry and horticulture farming, livestock trade, leather processing, and arts and crafts stand to gain significantly from the program.

Rithaa encouraged the local camel milk producers to focus on value addition to maximise

profits, noting that government funding initiatives could help them acquire necessary machinery and set up processing plants.

He cited the upcoming Isiolo modern abattoir as a major opportunity for livestock farmers and traders, while advising local

producers to position themselves to meet the expected rise in live-stock demand once the facility becomes operational.

Isiolo Deputy Governor Dr James Lowasa observed that the completion of the Isiolo Aggregation Centre alongside the modern abattoir would stimulate commercial activity and reinforce the county's economic development.

Dr Lowasa also appealed to investors to consider establishing leather tanning facilities to complement the abattoir and enhance value addition within the livestock industry.

Isiolo County Commissioner Chaunga Mwachaunga called on entrepreneurs to fully utilize government programmes designed to promote business growth and improve livelihoods.

He encouraged the local people to seek financial support for their economic activities and ensure they undertake the businesses with discipline so as to make profits and repay the funds while uplifting the living standards.

# Empowering internal auditors key to safeguarding public funds

BY JUMA HAMISI (MYGOV)

Internal auditors are increasingly being recognized as a cornerstone in Kenya's fight against corruption and mismanagement of public resources.

Their role in strengthening accountability, transparency, and good governance has become more critical as the country intensifies reforms in public finance management.

For years, internal auditors in public institutions have worked under difficult circumstances, often facing hostility for exposing weaknesses in internal controls, detecting fraud, and recommending corrective measures.

According to CPA Edwin Wekulo (pictured), 2nd Vice Chairperson of the Institute of Internal Auditors Kenya, this reality undermines the very foundation of accountability.

"Auditors have faced victimisation, intimidation, and even transfers simply for doing their job diligently. Protecting them is not about shielding individuals; it is about safeguarding public resources and strengthening democratic governance," he said.

Wekulo said that Kenya has invested heavily in reforms aimed at improving expenditure controls, enhancing transparency, and ensuring value for money in the use of public funds.

Yet, he said that laws and regulations alone cannot guarantee accountability. "Effective oversight depends on strong insti-



tutions and professionals who can independently assess whether resources are being used lawfully, economically, and efficiently," said Wekulo.

He said that the proposed Internal Auditors Bill, spearheaded by the Institute of Internal Auditors Kenya, seeks to professionalise and regulate the practice while protecting auditors from undue influence.

Wekulo explained that the Bill would provide a statutory framework to strengthen independence and reinforce public trust.

"This legislation comes at a critical moment. It will establish clear standards of practice and ensure that internal auditors are free from interference that compromises their professional judgment," he noted.

The Bill, Wekulo disclosed, aligns with Kenya's broader Public Finance Management reforms initiated after the 2010 Constitution.

These reforms, Wekulo observed, aim to build stronger institutions capable of managing public resources transparently.

Internal auditors, he said, guided by the Global Internal Audit Standards, are expected

to demonstrate integrity, objectivity, competence, confidentiality, and independence.

Wekulo emphasized that adherence to these principles is non-negotiable. "Auditors must act in the public interest, communicate findings honestly, and remain free from undue influence. That is the essence of professional accountability," he said.

He pointed out that recent government initiatives, including the launch of practical guidance tools and manuals for public-sector auditors, further demonstrate commitment to strengthening governance and risk management.

"These tools complement legal reforms by equipping auditors with the knowledge and resources necessary to perform their duties effectively," he added.

Wekulo believes the combination of reforms and legislation presents a unique opportunity to elevate the profession.

"Kenya's commitment to public finance management,

coupled with the Internal Auditors Bill, offers a chance to entrench auditor independence and strengthen oversight mechanisms. Policymakers and county governments must seize this moment," he urged.

Ultimately, he said, the protection of internal auditors is seen not as a personal safeguard but as a national imperative.

"Their independence ensures that every shilling collected from taxpayers delivers tangible benefits

to citizens," he added.

As Wekulo concluded, "Empowering internal auditors is essential to safeguarding public funds. It is about reinforcing accountability and ensuring that governance serves the people."

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AFA)**  
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**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AFA)**  
**THE CROPS ACT**  
**(CAP 318)**

**THE DRAFT CROPS (PYRETHRUM) REGULATIONS, 2026**  
**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REGULATORY**  
**IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE DRAFT CROPS (PYRETHRUM)**  
**REGULATIONS, 2026**

Pursuant to section 5(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A Laws of Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, hereby notifies the public that the **Crops (Pyrethrum) Regulations, 2026** have been prepared as proposed Statutory Instruments (Draft Regulations) under the Crops Act, Cap 318 Laws of Kenya.

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

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

Hard copies of the written memoranda may be submitted to the office of the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, P.O. Box 30028-00100, Nairobi**. Soft copies can also be submitted via email to [cdarprincipalsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cdarprincipalsecretary@gmail.com)/[infompfcd@afa.go.ke](mailto:infompfcd@afa.go.ke)

The Draft Regulations are available on the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) and the Agriculture and Food Authority website: [www.afa.go.ke](http://www.afa.go.ke).

Further, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development invites members of the public to a public meeting on **30th June, 2026 at Hotel Waterbuck in Nakuru County from 9:00Am - 1:00pm**.

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

# Multi-billion Sigor Wei Wei project transforming lives in West Pokot

BY PARKLEA IVOR (KNA)

For decades, the vast landscapes of Sigor in West Pokot County were defined by harsh realities such as unpredictable rainfall, recurring food shortages, poverty, and fierce competition for scarce resources.

Today, however, green maize fields stretch across what was once a drought-prone landscape, standing as a powerful symbol of resilience, investment and community transformation.

That transformation reached a significant milestone when the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), ASALs and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul Moe, officially commissioned and oversaw the handing over of the Sigor Wei Wei Integrated Development Project Phase III to the Wei Wei Farmers Community.

The event brought together national and county leaders, representatives from the Italian Government, development partners, Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), and hundreds of farmers who have witnessed firsthand the impact of one of the largest agricultural development projects in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs).

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Askul



EAC Cabinet Secretary Beatrice Askul (2nd right, front), Italian Agency for Development Cooperation officials, and local leaders inspect mature maize crops within the Wei Wei Irrigation Scheme.

described the occasion as a historic moment, not only for the farmers, but also for the country's food security agenda.

"I am humbled and happy to join you today to commission and officially hand over the Sigor Wei Wei Integrated Development Project Phase III to the Wei Wei farmers community together with all the equipment and machinery that will enable the beneficiaries to sustain their livelihoods even beyond the support of funding partners," she said.

The Sigor Wei Wei Project traces its origins to 1987 when efforts began to address persistent challenges affecting communities in the region.

The project was designed to tackle low agricultural productivity, poverty, insecurity, limited livelihood opportunities and

the devastating effects of climate change.

Its primary goal was ambitious to develop an irrigation system covering 1,500 acres (600 hectares) to improve food security and strengthen community resilience.

The project was implemented in three phases through a partnership between the Government of Kenya and the Italian Government through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).

Phase I received funding of over Sh905 million, focusing on hydraulic works, mechanization support, and construction of a service center and machinery workshop.

Following its success, Phase II attracted an additional Sh1.03 billion, facilitating the expansion of irrigation infrastructure and

opening up 205 hectares for agricultural production.

The newly completed Phase III involved further expansion, capacity building, and the supply of machinery and equipment worth Sh417.3 million, bringing an additional 325 hectares under irrigation.

The cumulative investment in the project now stands at approximately Sh3.21 billion, making it one of the most significant agricultural investments in Kenya's ASAL regions.

Fields that once struggled to support subsistence farming now produce certified maize seed under contract farming arrangements, contributing significantly to both local and national food production.

According to project officials, the scheme currently produces approximately 1,000 tonnes of seed maize

annually, generating more than Sh60 million in income for participating farmers.

The project has also created over 1,000 jobs across agricultural value chains, while ensuring reliable water supplies for farming, livestock and domestic use.

Phase III alone directly benefits 325 households, with each household allocated one hectare of irrigated farmland.

Recent aerial imagery comparing the area before and after project implementation reveals dramatic changes in vegetation cover, farming activity, and overall landscape transformation, highlighting the project's profound environmental and socio-economic impact.

Head of Cooperation at the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Fabio Minniti, expressed pride in the project's achievements, noting that it demonstrates how strategic investments can transform vulnerable communities.

Minniti said the Italian Government remains encouraged by the visible improvements in livelihoods, agricultural productivity, and economic opportunities generated by the project.

He noted that the initiative has become a model of successful international cooperation, particularly in Kenya's ASAL regions where climate-related chal-

lenges continue to threaten livelihoods.

"This project demonstrates the power of partnerships in creating lasting socio-economic change. The impact extends beyond the immediate beneficiaries to neighboring communities and contributes to national food security," he said.

The handover ceremony marked more than the completion of infrastructure, but also it signaled the beginning of local ownership.

KVDA Board Chairman Mark Chesergon challenged the Wei Wei Farmers Community to safeguard the investment and ensure its sustainability for future generations.

He emphasized that the project's success would ultimately depend on sound governance, responsible management of resources, and continued collaboration among stakeholders.

Similarly, West Pokot County Commissioner David Saruni praised the partnership between the national government, development agencies, and local communities, noting that such initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing stability and economic development in the region.

He assured residents of the government's commitment to enhancing security in the region, particularly in areas that had previously experienced insecurity.

## KNLS donates books in Ilchamus Ward, Baringo County to promote literacy

BY EVERLINE KIMORGO (MYGOV)

The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) held a Reading Festival in Marigat in Baringo County which brought together fourteen schools from Marigat and Mugutani sub-counties in a co-ordinated effort to promote literacy, strengthen a reading culture and support learner development across the region.

The festival, hosted at Ng'ambo Comprehensive School which involved teachers and education stakeholders was a day of performances, competitions and inter-active learning activities centered on the importance of reading

and education.

Speaking during the event, Ms Philomena Mwirigi, the Director of Acquisition and Distribution at KNLS who represented the Director General underscored the central role of reading in shaping cognitive development, communication skills and problem solving abilities among learners.

Ms Mwirigi noted that while Kenya continues to record strong overall literacy levels, challenges persist in reading comprehension and reading for pleasure among learners; a gap attributed to limited access to reading materials, reduced reading practice and declining reading culture outside the classroom.

The KNLS Director emphasized that addressing these challenges requires sustained investment in access to books and consistent reading interventions.

Ms Mwirigi described libraries as critical equalizers in education, providing free access to information, books and safe learning environments.

She added that through structured reading programmes, story-telling sessions and digital platforms, libraries play a key role in nurturing lifelong reading habits and complementing formal education systems.

She re-affirmed the KNLS commitment to working with county governments and

development partners to expand access to information resources and strengthen library services across the country.

MS Mwirigi further noted that books donated during the festival were carefully selected to support diverse reading levels and learner interests.

In addition, KNLS donated 1,400 books to the fourteen participating schools, alongside sanitary pads for girls to support menstrual hygiene management and promote inclusive learning.

She encouraged learners to embrace consistent reading, describing every book as an opportunity for growth and transformation.



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## New sunflower farming project targets smallholders in Kisumu

BY ROBERT OJWANG AND  
WENDY AWUOR (KNA)

The Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) has stepped up efforts to encourage farmers in Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County to adopt sunflower farming in a bid to diversify crops and increase farmer's income.

The initiative, implemented in collaboration with GreenTec Hub, will see more than 200 acres placed under sunflower cultivation as part of an effort to link smallholder farmers to livestock feed and edible oil markets.

In his speech during the unveiling at the Muhoroni Integrated Technology Transfer Centre (ITTC), LBDA Managing Director, Wycliffe Ochiaga, represented by the Director of Engineering Services and Infrastructure Development Eng. Jacob Akuno, described sunflower as a strategic crop capable of driving economic transformation in rural communities.

Ochiaga emphasized that the sunflower value chain program aimed at creating jobs, enhancing food security and strengthening agro-industrial development across the Lake Basin region.

"The sunflower value chain directly connects farmers to both livestock feed markets and edible oil processing, making it one of the most



LBDA Director for Engineering and Infrastructure Development Eng. Jacob Akuno addressing the media at Muhoroni Industrial Training and Technology Centre (ITTC) during the launch of the sunflower value chain project. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

resilient and profitable agricultural investments," Ochiaga assured.

The project seeks to establish a complete value chain from production to processing and marketing. Sunflower seeds will be processed into cooking oil, while sunflower cake will be used in livestock feed manufacturing, creating a reliable market for farmers and reducing dependence on imported edible oils.

According to him, the initiative is anchored on improved seed varieties, modern agronomic practices, and strong market linkages designed to maximize productivity and profitability.

He noted that sunflower is well suited to the climatic conditions of western Kenya due to its moderate input requirements, tolerance to dry conditions and relatively short maturity period, making it an attractive crop for smallholder farmers facing increasing climate-related risks.

"The success of sunflower is not only in the field. Drying, storage, aggregation and transportation determine whether farmers earn premium value from their harvests," Ochiaga said.

To ensure success, GreenTec Hub will provide certified sunflower seeds, technical support, farmer

training, and guaranteed off-take agreements, while LBDA and the County government will facilitate access to land and irrigation support as well as farmer outreach.

The MD emphasized the need for farmers to organize themselves into cooperatives and producer groups to strengthen aggregation, improve bargaining power and ensure a consistent supply of quality produce to processors.

For years, farmers in the region have relied on sugarcane farming and struggled with the challenges of unreliable market as well as low-value agricultural production.

## 800 households in Taita Taveta County benefit from Sh4.6 million water project

BY ARNOLD MASILA (KNA)

More than 800 households across seven villages in Kasigau Ward, Taita Taveta County, are set to benefit from improved access to clean and reliable water following the commissioning of a Sh4.6 million Swedish-funded water project. The project, implemented through a partnership between the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) and the County Government

of Taita Taveta under the Improving Livelihoods and Sustainability Programme, sought to enhance water access while strengthening community resilience and sustainable natural resource management.

Its scope included the development of a 25-year water master plan, rehabilitation of three water storage tanks, and replacement of ageing water pipelines with 4.5 kilometres of modern distribution infrastructure.



Taita Taveta County Deputy Governor Christine Kilalo (Left) claps after commissioning of the Rukanga Sh4.6 million water project at Kasigau, Taita Taveta.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony in Rukanga, Deputy Governor Christine Kilalo called on residents to safeguard the project and other water infrastructure to ensure sustainable access to water for future generations.

Kilalo said the county government was in the process of establishing a rural water company that would strengthen governance, operations, and maintenance of community-managed water projects across the county.

### BRIEFS

#### Siaya to build Sh300 million Mother-Baby Hospital Complex

BY CALVIN OTIENO  
(KNA)

Siaya County is set to enhance maternal and child healthcare services through the construction of a Sh300 million Mother-Baby Hospital Complex, part of the ongoing expansion of the Siaya County Referral Hospital Level 5. The specialized facility, expected to serve approximately 50,000 beneficiaries annually, will focus on improving healthcare outcomes for expectant mothers, newborns, and children. It will also contribute significantly to the county's efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates.

The project is expected to be financed through a grant under the Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP), a World Bank-funded initiative supporting county governments under the Devolution Support Plan 2024-2028.

The Mother-Baby Complex is a strategic investment by the county government of Siaya aligned with

Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, which seeks to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare services for all citizens.

Speaking on the planned facility, Siaya County Chief Nursing Officer and Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Godfrey Otieno, said the Mother-Baby complex will have a bed capacity of 250 and will operate as a highly specialized healthcare unit dedicated to maternal and child health services.

"It is important to note that as much as the Mother-Baby Complex will be part of the new Level 5 hospital building, it is a hospital that will be able to stand on its own because it will operate under different healthcare professionals, but its concentration will be on the mother and baby," said Otieno.

According to Otieno, the facility was designed to provide comprehensive healthcare services covering the entire continuum of maternal and newborn care. It will house a Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU), among others.

#### State to complete Kamariny Stadium before Mashujaa Day

BY ALICE WANJIRU  
AND JUNE JEBET

The hosting of Mashujaa day celebrations at Kamariny stadium in Elgeyo Marakwet will be a major boost to athletes, who despite excelling on the global stage, have had nowhere to train from since the stadium is still incomplete.

While athletes globally come to train in the county, upcoming athletes have been the most affected, as Kipchoge Keino Stadium in neighbouring Uasin Gishu County, is also among those still undergoing construction.

This has severely affected the training of upcoming athletes, a situation stakeholders have expressed concerns that it may affect the country's place in global athletics.

However, the situation is set to improve with the hosting of this year's Mashujaa Day celebra-

tions in the county on October 20th.

The government has assured residents of Elgeyo Marakwet County that the ongoing construction of the stadium in Iten will be completed in time to host the national celebrations.

Speaking during a stakeholders' meeting at the stadium, Sports Kenya Director General Timothy Kilimo said the contractor is already on site and construction works are progressing as planned.

"We have firm instructions that we should hand over the stadium for the purpose of hosting Mashujaa Day by October 5. Today, we met with all stakeholders to start preparations and also to confirm that the contractor is on site and work is progressing well. We are at almost 20 percent now and we are very confident that the contractor will deliver before time," said Kilimo.

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**BUDGET 2026/2027**

# 'Budget to shield Kenyans from global shocks'

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### COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



**MANDERA COUNTY**

**867,457**

**Population as per the 2019 Census.**



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# Mbadi: Sh4.82 trillion 2026/27 Budget to accelerate bottom-up transformation

Tabled amid rising inflation and supply chain disruptions triggered by the ongoing Middle East conflict, the Budget channels massive investments into agriculture, MSMEs, housing, healthcare and the digital superhighway sectors



Artisans in Naivasha supported by the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) to enable them access opportunities under the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP). The sector is one of the core pillars under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The 2026/2027 Budget tabled in Parliament last week by Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi targets to protect citizens from global shocks that have led to rising inflation while deepening reforms in Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) sectors namely Agriculture, MSMEs, Housing, Healthcare and Digital Superhighway.

Mr Mbadi said heightened global uncertainty arising from the ongoing conflict in the Middle East has disrupted global commodity markets and supply chains, weakened investor confidence and tightened financial conditions.

“For developing economies such as Kenya, the impact is being felt through higher pump prices following a steep increase in global oil prices from an average of \$63.06 per barrel in February 2026 to \$94.4 per barrel by end May 2026,” he said.

He added that tighter financing conditions, weakening export demand, slower investment flows and rising cost of living continue to exert pressure on economic activities.

To steady the economy, which has grown at an average of 5 per cent, CS Mbadi said the Government continues to prioritise various interventions under BETA that promote private-sector led growth, expand employment opportunities and enhance delivery of public services.

BETA, noted Mr Mbadi, focuses public resources on unlocking productivity and increasing incomes at the base of the economy through deliberate, value-chain-driven allocations.

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Seedlings Programme to lower input costs for smallholder,” he said.

Since the programme was initiated, some 21.3 million 50kg bags of fertiliser have been distributed to farmers. This has boosted food security, with maize production nearly doubling to 67 million bags in 2025 from 34 million bags in 2022, while maize imports have declined substantially to 3.3 million bags from 9.9 million bags over the same period.

To boost the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector, CS Mbadi allocated Sh550 million for the Centre for Entrepreneurship Project to strengthen incubation, skills and business development

services and Sh1.1 billion for Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility to expand credit access and financial services to under-served communities.

Investment in the sector include the Hustler Fund set up in 2022 and has since disbursed Sh87 billion to 28 million accounts.

Under the NYOTA Programme, CS Mbadi said more than Sh5.6 billion has been invested in business skills training, mentorship and start-up capital, benefiting at least 84 youths in each of the country’s 1,450 wards.

To accelerate development under the housing pillar, Mr Mbadi allocated Sh143.7 billion for the Housing, Urban Development and Public Works Sub-Sectors. This package includes Sh18.6 billion under the Kenya Urban Programme (KenUP), Sh50.6 billion for construction of Affordable Housing Units, Sh20.9 billion for Social Housing Units, Sh20.2 billion for institutional housing and Sh18.2 billion for critical social and physical support.

To support Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the CS proposed Sh177.2 billion to the health sector to strengthen essential services. Key allocations include Sh8.6 billion salaries for UHC staff and Sh19.1 billion for Primary Healthcare Fund to finance front-line services.

Further, to reduce the burden of communicable diseases, he allocated Sh18.5 billion for the Global Fund and Sh6.4 billion for Vaccines and Immunisation Programme.

“These investments will protect children and communities and reduce health-related economic shocks,” he said.

To tackle cancer and other chronic illnesses, he proposed Sh3 billion to the Emergencies, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund, Sh 1.0 billion for Construction of a Cancer Centre at Kisii Level 5 Hospital, Sh300 million to strengthen Cancer Management in Kenyatta National Hospital and Sh150 million for the expansion of Comprehensive Cancer Centre at Kenyatta University Teaching Referral &

Research Hospital.

For enhanced digital connectivity, Mr Mbadi allocated Sh8.6 billion to the sector, which includes Sh4.3 billion for Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project, Sh1.3 billion for maintenance and rehabilitation of National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure, Sh528 million for maintenance and rehabilitation of Last Mile County Connectivity, Sh309 million for Government Shared Services, Sh382 million for the Digital Superhighway cybersecurity, Sh400 million for establishment of Digital Hubs and Sh455 million for ICT infrastructure maintenance.

“To strengthen digital connectivity as part of the Digital Superhighway pillar of BETA, the local assembly of smart devices remains a key priority. Expanding access to affordable smart telecommunication devices will enable more Kenyans participate in the digital economy and benefit from emerging opportunities in business and innovation,” he noted.

Other critical allocations in the Budget themed, “Sustaining the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda for resilient and inclusive growth amid global uncertainty,” included Sh550 billion to support operations of the National Police Service, Defence, the National Intelligence Service, Prison Services and Internal Security.

The Government further prioritised investment in transportation networks in roads to reduce travel time and logistics costs, make markets more accessible and facilitate the movement of goods and people. Mr Mbadi allocated 220.4 billion to maintain, rehabilitate and construct roads and bridges.

For expanded access to electricity and power generation, the Government allocated 30.9 billion to the sector, with the money going to rural electrification, national grid

## INFOBOX

### BUDGET IN SUMMARY

National Government Ministerial Allocations:

- \* Education: Sh784.5 billion (26.8% of Allocations).
- \* Energy, Infrastructure and ICT: Sh531.3 billion (18.2% of allocations)
- \* Public Administration and Internal Relations: Sh373.7 billion (12.8% of Allocations)
- \* Governance, Justice, Law and Order: Sh363.9 billion (12.4% of Allocations)
- \* National Security: Sh316.2 billion (10.8% of Allocations).
- \* Health: Sh177.2 billion (6.1% of Allocations).
- \* Environment Protection, Water and Natural Resources: Sh121.2 billion (4.1% of Allocations).
- \* Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development: Sh111.7 billion (3.8% of Allocations).
- \* Social Protection, Culture and Recreation: Sh94.3 billion (3.2% of Allocations).
- \* General Economics and Commercial Affairs: Sh49.8 billion (1.7% of Allocations).
- \* Overall Budget and Financing: Total Revenue Sh3,630.5 billion (17.4% of GDP)
- \* Grants Sh43.6 billion (0.2% of GDP).
- \* Deficit: Sh1,146.2 billion (5.5% of GDP).

system and alternative energy technologies.

The education sector was allocated Sh784.5 billion, including Sh424.3 billion to the Teachers Service Commission, Sh136.6 billion for Basic Education, Sh163.9 billion for Higher Education, Sh1.3 billion for Science Innovation and Research and Sh58.5 billion for Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

“This comprehensive allocation safeguards service delivery and expands opportunities across the learning continuum,” he said.

The CS remained optimistic that the economy will remain resilient, despite the outlook for 2026 having been revised down to 5 percent from the earlier projection of 5.3 percent, reflecting the adverse impact of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East to domestic economic activities.

The Budget reflects a deliberate balancing act by the Government as it seeks to cushion citizens from external shocks and drive structural reforms through BETA.

The channelling of over Sh386 billion into agriculture, MSMEs, housing, healthcare and digital infrastructure, targets to insulate the economy from volatility in global oil prices and supply chain disruptions while simultaneously laying the groundwork for inclusive, long-term growth.

The allocations in the BETA sectors demonstrate emphasis on productivity and resilience, for instance through input subsidies that have already doubled maize output, MSME financing which is broadening access to credit and healthcare investments that seek to reduce communicable and chronic diseases. ■

# More Government services to be offered at Huduma Centres

**K**enyans will soon access more Government services under one roof after over 20 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) pledged to deliver their services through Huduma Centres and Huduma Mashinani programmes.

The expansion promises greater convenience, efficiency and inclusivity for wananchi across the country.

The commitment was made during a consultative meeting at Harambee House, chaired by Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital

## HUDUMA CORNER

Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku.

At the centre of the discussions was the adoption of the Huduma Kenya Universal Public Servant Model, designed to enable MDAs to provide services seamlessly through the Huduma platform.

Mr Ruku urged Agencies to devolve more services to Huduma Centres, stressing that citizens should not have to travel long distances or shuffle between

offices to access basic services.

“Huduma is about dignity and access. Every Kenyan deserves efficient service delivery, wherever they are,” he said.

For wananchi, this means Huduma Centres will soon offer an even wider range of essential Government services. The expansion is expected to reduce queues, cut costs, and save time, while reinforcing Huduma’s role as the face of government service delivery. Huduma Centres are Kenya’s one-stop Government service hubs, offering citizens access to essential services like ID cards, passports and business registration.



Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku (centre) with PS, Dr Jane Kere Imbunya, during a meeting on enhancing access to Government services.

## TAXATION

# Key tax changes proposed in Finance Bill 2026

The proposals touch on VAT measures, income tax, excise duty, customs and miscellaneous levies, with adjustments designed to ease consumer burdens and support investment

The Finance Bill 2026 has over 50 proposed changes to Kenya’s tax laws. Most of the changes, however, are not new taxes. Instead, the Bill focuses on three things: clarity, fairness and simplicity.

The Bill, a legal requirement, allows the Government to change tax rates, introduce new levies or close existing loopholes.

It is the essential tool that ensures Kenya collects revenue to build roads, pay teachers, supply medicines and run public services.

The Finance Bill process begins by April 30, when the National Treasury Cabinet Secretary submits the spending Budget and the draft Finance Bill to Parliament for review, after doing public participation.

Parliament has to debate and approve the Budget tabled last week in the House by Treasury CS John Mbadi alongside the tax proposals.

President William Ruto is expected to assent to the Finance Bill 2026 by June 30, 2026, so that both spending and tax laws take effect together on July 1, 2026, preventing the Government from borrowing or spending money it hasn’t collected.

Here are some of key clauses in the Finance Bill 2026 as summarised by the National Treasury:

### a) Value Added Tax Measures

- VAT on mitumba to be charged only at importation, with local sales exempt from VAT.

- Increase of the passenger baggage duty free threshold from \$300 to \$2,000 to enhance relief for travelers and reflect inflation.

- VAT exemption for large commercial aircraft and aircraft spare parts to support the aviation sector.

- Dialysers exempt from VAT to lower cost of renal treatment.

- VAT exemption for Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) projects and scrap metal.

### b) Income Tax Measures

- Exemption from Capital Gains Tax and Stamp Duty on transfers of property into approved Real Estate Investment Trusts to boost investment.

- Corporate tax rate applicable to non-resident petroleum contractors reduced from 37.5% to 30%.

- Application of 15% tax on repatriated income for the petroleum contractors clarified.

- Introduction of a simplified framework for taxation of rental income earned by non-resident landlords.

- Revision of timelines for filing individual income tax returns to improve validation and administration of returns.

- 20% withholding tax on winnings arising from lotteries and prize competition.

- 1.5% withholding tax on payments to scrap metal dealers/sale of scrap metal.

### c) Excise Duty Measures

- Removal of excise duty on bottled water to improve affordability for consumers.

- Change mobile phone taxation to have only a single excise duty rate of 25% charged at the point of activation and no other taxation.

- Increase in excise duty on sugar sweetened beverages from Sh14.14 to Sh20 per litre to support public health objectives.

- Application of a 10% excise duty on both imported and locally manufactured plastic articles to promote environmental sustainability and ensure equitable tax treatment across the sector.

- Excise duty on Extra Neutral Alcohol reduced from Sh500 per litre to Sh80 per litre.

- Preferential Excise duty rate of Sh10 per centilitre of pure alcohol for small independent brewers removed for fairness in taxation.

### d) Custom Duty

- Duty free importation of inputs for assembly of smart telecommunication devices.

- Duty free importation of raw materials for manufacture of motorcycle parts, with motorcycle kits attracting a 10% duty remission rate.

- Importation of finished textile products at 35% or 25% plus a corresponding specific duty rate where applicable, to protect local textile manufacturers.

- Importation of selected processed agricultural products at 35% to support local industry and employment.

- Wheat to be imported at 10% under Duty remission instead of 35%, and rice will be



The Finance Bill proposes to remove the withholding tax requirement on payments made to ship owners or charterers and instead provide a clear due date for payment of tax on shipping income by resident shipping agents.

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# \$2,000

The increased baggage duty threshold from \$300 to enhance relief for travellers.

imported at 35% instead of 75%.

- Import duty exemption for PPP projects.

### e) Miscellaneous Fees and Levies

- The Finance Bill proposes to exempt cellular mobile phones from Import Declaration Fee and Railway Development Levy as part of the broader simplification of the taxation framework for mobile phones.

The proposal is linked to the shift from taxing mobile phones through multiple charges at the point of importation to a single excise duty charged at the point of activation.

This can help more Kenyans afford mobile phones, access online services, mobile banking, digital jobs, and learning opportunities. ■



The Finance Bill 2026 proposes an amendment to Paragraph 53 of the First Schedule to the Income Tax Act to explicitly exempt pension benefits paid to beneficiaries after the death of a pensioner.

## TELLING THE STORY

## Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board meets to strengthen strategic communication on BETA

**K**enya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) last week held a strategic workshop aimed at enhancing the delivery of Government information through its various publications, reaffirming the institution's commitment to keeping Kenyans informed on national developments.

The workshop brought together editors, writers and support Departments to review editorial strategies and explore innovative approaches to presenting Government programmes, policies and achievements in a manner that is accurate, accessible and impactful.

Discussions focused on strengthening content production on the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) across the corporation's flagship publications, including the 'Kenya Yearbook', 'InfoBytes', 'Agenda Kenya' and a range of sector-specific publications that document progress in key areas of national development.



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto (centre) leads staff at Editorial strategy meeting.

KYEB is mandated to strategically communicate BETA to citizens to foster awareness on the development progress the country is making.

But the communication mandate is not just about reporting progress, but also strategically framing BETA as a people-centred

transformation that links national policies to everyday life.

Speaking during the workshop, KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto underscored the importance of quality, fact-based communication in fostering public awareness and supporting informed decision-making.

The Team also explored emerging trends in publishing and digital communication to ensure Government information reaches diverse audiences effectively.

The workshop came at a time KYEB is strengthening coverage of the Finance sector by educating the public on key provisions in the Budget 2026/2027 and



**KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto underscored the importance of quality, fact-based communication in fostering public awareness and supporting informed decision-making.**

the Finance Bill 2026.

Through its various publications and digital platforms including 'InfoBytes' and 'AgendaKenya', KYEB is helping to demystify the Finance Bill by presenting key proposals, Government priorities and their potential impact on different sectors of the economy.

The Finance Bill coverage also underscores Kenya Yearbook's broader role as a trusted national repository of information.

The institution is translating complex Government policies into understandable content, therefore supporting transparency, accountability and citizen engagement. ■

## PRODUCTIVITY

# SRC holds productivity conference, pushes for increased output amid rising wage bill

The three-day event kicks off tomorrow bringing together national and county stakeholders at a moment when citizens expect better services even as institutions operate under tight fiscal constraints

BY ANTHONY MWANGI

The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) will from tomorrow to 19 June 2026 convene the National Productivity and Performance Conference at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi.

The conference brings together national and county stakeholders at a moment when citizens expect better services even as institutions operate under tight fiscal constraints.

The timing of the conference is auspicious. Kenya stands at a fiscal inflection point. Although the public wage bill to revenue ratio has improved from 55 per cent in 2020 to 41 per cent in 2025, it still exceeds the statutory Public Finance Management ceiling of 35 per cent.

The result is a constrained fiscal space that risks crowding out critical development spending and undermining delivery of essential public services.

If Kenya is to modernise its economy and meet citizens' rising expectations, sustaining the wage bill must be anchored not in austerity alone but in a decisive drive to raise public sector productivity.

The wage bill is not merely an expense to be trimmed; it is an investment in the State's capacity to deliver services, regulate markets and catalyse growth. But investment without results is wasteful.

A sustainable wage bill requires that every shilling paid to public servants generates commensurate value for citizens, that is, higher quality services, more efficient regulation and stronger support for private sector-led growth.

The real lever for achieving this outcome is productivity. Higher productivity improves the output to input ratio: public servants and institutions produce more with the same or fewer resources.

That change strengthens revenue mobilisation through better tax administration, reduced leakages and a friendlier environment for private investment. In short, productivity begets revenue and revenue begets fiscal space for development.

Conversely, an unsustainable wage bill that co-exists with low productivity starves public investment, sparks fiscal strain and erodes public trust.

Transforming productivity is also a human story. No workforce becomes consistently high performing without clear recognition and reward for results. Reward systems - financial and non-financial, institutional and policy driven - motivate effort, incentivise innovation and embed a culture of accountability.

When employees see a direct link between performance and reward, they invest time and creativity into improving outcomes. This is not merely managerial theory; it is a constitutional principle. Article 230 of Kenya's Constitution obliges public institutions to recognise productivity and performance as pillars of public service.

SRC has been explicit in its advocacy for productivity linked remuneration. This is the right direction. Sustainable compensation must reflect rising productivity: organisations should not pay more for the same or declining output, and public servants should fairly share the gains from improved performance.

Done right, productivity based rewards create a virtuous cycle - better services, higher revenues and a more resilient fiscal position. Political leadership matters.

President William Ruto's repeated calls for



Head of Public Service Felix Koskei (centre) during a meeting with Principal Secretaries and Salaries and Remuneration Commission Chairman Sammy Chepkwony. The SRC chairman provided updates on the National Productivity & Performance Conference. The meeting held on June 3, 2026, reaffirmed the conference's role in advancing economic growth and the productivity agenda.

## FACTS &amp; FIGURES

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**The current level of public wage bill to revenue ratio in 2025, which has improved from 55 per cent in 2020.**

enhanced productivity across sectors echo the urgent economic reality. But leadership rhetoric must be matched by institutional reforms: stronger performance management systems, clear metrics and benchmarks,

regular audits of outcomes, capacity building and transparent reward mechanisms that resist capture by patronage.

At the conference, high level delegates will use the forum to agree on practical, measurable reforms: standardised performance indicators across Ministries and Counties, digital tools for monitoring results, streamlined processes that reduce bureaucratic friction, and pilot programmes that link pay to verified gains in service delivery.

Productivity must become a national conversation because it links the day to day lives of Kenyans with the health of public finances and the country's future

competitiveness.

Kenya already has the constitutional foundations, policy frameworks and institutional architecture to make progress. What is missing is collective will; a shared commitment by Government, the Public Service, the private sector and citizens to hold institutions accountable for results.

If the conference catalyses that will, it will mark the start of a different trajectory: A public service that leads by example; a wage bill that is sustainable because it is productive and an economy that grows because its people are supported and rewarded to perform. That future is within reach provided we choose to invest in productivity, not just pay for it. ■

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President William Ruto at State House Nairobi with top Government officials yesterday after he assented to the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026, which provides for the sharing of nationally raised revenue between the National Government and County Governments for the 2026/27 Financial Year in accordance with the Constitution.



Broadcasting and Telecommunication PS Stephen Isaboke when he appeared before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation last week, chaired by Mr John Kiarie, MP Dagoretti South, for stakeholder consultations on the proposed National Addressing Bill, 2025.



Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale (left) during the 2026 World Blood Donor Day commemorations at Garissa High School in Garissa County on Sunday. He called for increased voluntary blood donation across the country to strengthen lifesaving transfusion services and support quality healthcare delivery.



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen (left) with Mr Matthew Baugh, the UK High Commissioner to Kenya during a meeting in Nairobi. United Kingdom and Kenya enjoy strong and longstanding relations, collaborating in many sectors including trade, security and defence.