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Government disburses Sh7.9b Uwezo Fund to boost MSMEs

Uwezo Fund is a flagship Vision 2030 programme aimed at empowering women, youth, and persons with disabilities by providing access to finances to promote businesses and enterprises

BY LINET WAFULA, KNA
The Government has disbursed Sh7.9 billion to over 82,000 groups across the country under the Uwezo Fund since its inception, Principal Secretary for the State Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, Susan Mang'eni, has announced.

Speaking at the Eliud Kipchoge Showground in Kapsabet during the distribution of Uwezo Fund cheques worth Sh7.1 million to 40 groups in Emgwen Sub-

County, Mang'eni emphasized the transformative potential of the fund.

"Uwezo Fund is a flagship Vision 2030 programme aimed at empowering women, youth, and persons with disabilities by providing access to finances to promote businesses and enterprises," she stated.

The fund adopts a bottom-up approach, devolving decision-making to the grassroots and aligning with the Sustain-

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PS for the State Department of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, Susan Mang'eni and area MP Josses Lemengit display the Emgwen Constituency Strategic Plan 2023-2028 after the launch at Eliud Kipchoge Showground in Kapsabet.

Cargo growth soars at Mombasa Port amid operational efficiency

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) anticipates handling 2.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) by the end of 2024, marking a 20 percent increase from last year's performance.

KPA Managing Director, Captain William Ruto, revealed that the port has already exceeded last year's target of 1.6 million TEUs, with current volumes reaching 1.75 million TEUs.

He attributed this impressive growth to improved operational efficiency and streamlined processes at the facility.

"The growth of the global economy is at five percent, while that of East Africa is about five to seven percent," Ruto noted.

Ruto applauded KPA's growth, saying such levels have not been reached before.



INSET: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shippers Council of East Africa Agayo Ogambi briefs the media at KPA Headquarters, Mombasa.

The Week
In numbers

200

Number of farmers currently benefitting from the Boji Smallholder Irrigation Project in Tana River County

Sh19b

Amount of money the Ministry of Health has allocated to pay health facilities contracted under SHA.

2.2m

Twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) anticipates to handle by the end of 2024

82,000

Number of groups across the country that have benefitted from Sh7.9 billion disbursed by the Government under the Uwezo Fund

2026

The year Grade 10 students who transitioned to senior schools will finally be placed in their preferred pathways

51,000

Amount of coffee in tonnes Kenya sold last year compared to Uganda's 700,000 tonnes.

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Cargo growth soars at Mombasa Port amid operational efficiency

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He added that over the last two years, cargo volumes have increased so significantly that they will soon surpass the port's current capacity of 2.1 million TEUs.

Speaking at the KPA headquarters in Mombasa, Ruto said the Authority is working to boost the port's capacity by expanding Container Terminal 1, also known as Berth Number 19B. He added that KPA will soon sign a contract with the contractor to add 240 meters of quay length, increasing the port's capacity by an additional 300,000 TEUs.

"Before I took over as the CEO, the port was handling 1.4 million TEUs. By the end of my first year in 2023, we had achieved 1.6 million TEUs, a growth of 12 percent compared to the previous 0.4 percent," Ruto said.

He further stated that the port now serves more than eight transit countries and that the transit market has grown by over 35 percent.

Ruto said the Port is also implementing major upgrades including the modernization of the Terminal Operating System and the acquisition of advanced equipment in order to enhance the Port's operational efficiency.

As he reaffirmed commitment to operational efficiency, cost reduction, and environmental sustainability through the strategic investment in the new oil terminal which has drastically reduced ship waiting times, he noted that KPA has also addressed the long-standing challenge of high demurrage costs.

These costs, which are often passed on to consumers, have historically contributed to the rising prices of fuel and related products. By minimizing these delays, KPA is ensuring that the cost burden on end-users is significantly alleviated which has led to the continuous drop of petroleum products' cost.

"KPA's investment in the oil terminal is a testament to its unwavering dedication to modern-

ization, economic growth, and environmental stewardship. As the project takes shape, it is poised to cement Kenya's position as a leader in innovative and sustainable port management across Africa," Ruto said.

He noted that several ships have recently introduced new services at the Port, noting that despite what is going on in the Red Sea, KPA has continued to record improved efficiency, improved ship turnaround time, and improved rail productivity.

Agayo Ogambi, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shippers Council of East Africa, who is also the chairman of Port Charter on his part appreciated the tour of the facility noting that the Port charter has helped to monitor the port's performance and efficiency.

Ogambi said the cargo dwell time in Nairobi has been reduced from highs of 4.5 to 3.5. while Mombasa has above 79 hours, which is a good indicator.

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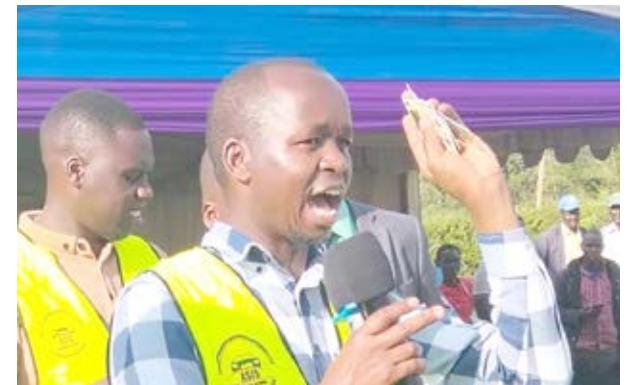
able Development Goals of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, promoting gender equality, and empowering women.

Highlighting the importance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Kenya's economy, Mang'eni noted, "SMEs contribute significantly to our economy.

Kenya has a potential workforce of 20 million, but only 1 million are in civil service. Elevating the SME sector to a primary sector is a step towards harnessing this untapped potential."

She called for international, business-oriented approaches, adding that government officers would be on the ground for two days to sensitize the public on available opportunities.

The PS also discussed the achievements of the Hustler Fund, revealing that 24.6 million Kenyans have borrowed from the fund, with 2 million borrowing for business purposes. "We have disbursed Sh56.7 million, and bor-



Emgwen Constituency MP Josses Lemengit addressing residents at Eliud Kipchoge stadium during the launch of Constituency Strategic Plan 2023-2028

rowers are diligently repaying. This culture of borrowing and repaying on time is commendable," she said.

To mark the second anniversary of the Hustler Fund later this month, the government will unveil a new product, 'The Bridge Loan,' she said.

This facility will target borrowers with a good repayment history, tripling their loan limits and extending the repayment period to 30 days. It will serve as a bridge to the SME loan product, which offers larger sums to up-

grade businesses.

Mang'eni urged citizens to form sector-specific groups, such as those in dairy farming, to help the government identify their needs and secure markets for their products. She also highlighted plans to introduce special loans to boost value addition in sectors like dairy, edible oils, and other manufacturing chains.

Area MP Josses Lemengit, who attended the event, used the platform to launch the Constituency Strategic Plan 2023-2028.



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Pursuant to the provision of KS 1515:2000 - Kenya Standard Code of Practice for Inspection of Road Vehicles, and Legal Notice No.78 of 28th April 2020 - The Verification of Conformity to Kenya Standards of Imports Order, we wish to notify all importers of used / second-hand motor vehicles including returning residents, diplomatic staff and the general public that in observance of clause 2.5 of KS 1515.2000 on the eight (8) year age limit requirement, only Right Hand Drive (RHD) motor vehicles whose Year of First Registration is from 1st January 2018 and later shall be allowed into the country effective 1st January 2025.

Vehicles exported to Kenya shall be expected to comply with KS 1515:2000 — Kenya Code of Practice for Inspection of Road Vehicles while vehicles from countries where KEBS has an inspection agency (i.e. Japan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Thailand, Singapore, and South Africa) shall be accompanied with a Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR) issued by Quality Inspection Services Inc. Japan (QISJ) which is an inspection company contracted by KEBS.

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Kenya calls for stronger labour migration partnerships to protect migrant workers

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime has called for the adoption of good practices in labour migration partnerships to ensure the protection of migrant workers from all forms of exploitation and abuse.

According to the PS, labour migration partnerships need to guarantee decent work for migrant workers to maximize their socio-economic contribution in both their countries of origin and destinations.

Addressing the European Migration Network (EMN) Austria National Conference 2024 in Vienna, Mr. Mwadime stated that such agreements foster sustainable labour migration and skills development by, among other things, establishing legal migration pathways.

“Clear, legal channels for migration reduce ir-

regular migration, protect workers from exploitation and trafficking, and ensure they move in a safe, orderly, and regular manner,” he told the conference, which was themed ‘Unleashing the Potential of Migration Partnerships: Towards a Comprehensive Approach.’

He observed that Skills Mobility Partnerships (SMPs) between countries are becoming more pronounced as they align skills development with the needs of the labour market, both in sending and receiving countries.

This includes devel-

EU Member States are confronted with a need for new skills and labour, prompted by technological changes

oping appropriate training programs. “Skills mobility partnerships ensure that workers are skilled and meet the specific demands of the labour market in the destination country.”

However, despite their potential benefits, Mr. Mwadime regretted that labour migration partnerships face several challenges that continue to hinder their effective implementation.

He cited the example of workers who may migrate through irregular channels, bypassing legal pathways, thus complicating the management of migration.

Further, despite training programs, a mismatch between the skills of migrant workers and the needs of the receiving country’s labour market can result in workers being employed in jobs that do not align with their qualifications or skills. This reduces



Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary, Shadrack Mwadime addresses the EMN Austria National Conference 2024 in Vienna.

their ability to earn a decent wage and can lead to exploitation, the PS noted.

He singled out the EU member states for recognition of skills migration partnerships as a policy tool to promote a sustainable approach to skilled migration and mobility, benefiting both the countries of origin and destination.

“EU Member States are confronted with a need for new skills and labour,

prompted by rapid technological changes, digitization, and demographic shifts. SMPs present one possible response to the future of work,” he said.

He added that Kenya has adopted strategic policies on labour migration that will ensure it enters into well-structured labour partnerships, creating capacities for regular, structured, and orderly migration pathways. “Looking ahead, the fu-

ture of labour migration will be shaped by several emerging trends and priorities that build more sustainable and resilient migration systems while addressing evolving global labour market needs. This will ultimately include increased demand of highly skilled workers in the digital space and the green economy,” the PS said.

He said it was for this reason that Kenya has over the years, signed bi-lateral labour agreements (BLA) with several countries including the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Federal Republic of Germany while it has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Austria on Labour Cooperation.

The two day conference aimed at exploring the dynamics of the various types of migration partnerships, how they are negotiated and implemented, how effective they are and how they can be improved. It was attended by among others representatives of International Organization of Migration (IOM), Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior and the EU.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Digital Health Agency (DHA) is a State Corporation established pursuant to the provisions of the Digital Health Act No. 15 of 2023 mandated to, amongst others, develop, operationalize and maintain a Comprehensive Integrated Health Information System to manage the core digital systems and the infrastructure required for seamless health information exchange, invites eligible candidates to bid for the Logo Design Competition for the logo of Digital Health Agency.

NO.	DESCRIPTION	TENDER NO.	CATE - GORY	CLOSING DATE
1	LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION FOR DIGITAL HEALTH AGENCY	DHA/LDC/001/2024-2025	OPEN	TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2024.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a set of tender documents with the detailed instructions from the Ministry of Health website www.health.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) from **Tuesday 26th November, 2024 to Tuesday 17th December, 2024**. Bidders who download the tender document from the website will be required to email their detailed contact information to procurement@dha.go.ke for recording, further clarifications, addenda, and security clearance to facilitate site access.

Tenders shall be submitted in the DHA Tender Box on the 9th Floor of SHA Building, along Ragati Road not later than **Tuesday 17th December, 2024 at 1100hrs local time**.

Submitted bids will be opened publicly at the same venue shortly thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. Bids shall remain valid for One Hundred and Eighty (180) days from the date of Tender opening. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

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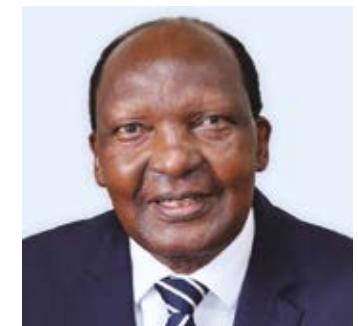


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PUBLIC NOTICE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DOCTORATE

The Technical University of Kenya is pleased to announce its intention to confer on Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree (Honoris Causa) during the 13th Graduation Ceremony to be held on 26th November 2024. This conferment is in recognition of Hon. Kangwana’s distinguished contribution to entrepreneurship and a free and independent media in Kenya.

Born in Nyaribari in 1949, Hon. Kangwana attended Kisii School where he sat his O-Level examination in 1970 and scored Division One and A-Level examination in 1972 and passed with 4 Principals. He was admitted to the University of Nairobi to study Law and graduated with an LLB Honours degree in 1975. After completing his post-graduate Diploma in Law in 1976, Kangwana was admitted to the Roll of Advocates. In 1977, Kangwana got a scholarship and joined the University of Edinburgh in Scotland to study a Master’s Degree in Law (LLM). After he graduated with LLM degree, he joined the Kenya School of Law as a lecturer and later moved to the University of Nairobi as a law lecturer.



Hon. Jared Kangwana,
LLB (Nairobi), LLM (Edinburgh), CPS(K), MBS

Through the 1980s and subsequent years, Kangwana served in many national and international public roles including: founding member of the Capital Markets Advisory (CMA) Board and thereafter a Board Member of the CMA, Member of the Presidential Working Party on Employment and Training in Kenya (Ndegwa Commission), Member of the Presidential Working Party on Education and Manpower Training for the next Decade and Beyond, Council Member of Kenyatta University, Honorary Treasurer and Council Member of Moi University, Council Member of Maseno University, and Member of the International Advisory Council to then President of the USA, Ronald Reagan.

During this period and to date Hon. Kangwana has been an entrepreneurial pioneer building a conglomerate enterprise and serving in various public and private roles including: Chairman of the Kenya Times Media Trust, founder of and Executive Chairman of Trans-National Bank, Chairman of the American Life Insurance Company, founder and Executive Chairman of the Kenya Television Network (Africa’s first private free-to-air television station), Board Member of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) and Member of the Advisory Council to the African Development Bank. Kangwana’s current business interests span real estate, hospitality, financial services and music publishing.

Hon. Kangwana was a founding member of the East African Legislative Assembly and served as a legislator between 2000 – 2006 during which time he served as a member of the House Business Committee and he also chaired the Legal, Privileges and Rules Committee that produced the Standing Orders of the House. He collaborated in drafting and steering through the Assembly at least six Bills that became law on their being assented to by the Heads of State of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, including establishment of the East African Community Customs Act.

The Technical University of Kenya is proud to be associated with Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana.

Over 20,000 Kenyans to benefit from state's overseas job scheme

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA

The Government has commenced the recruitment of over 20,000 skilled and unskilled Kenyans for the national overseas program.

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Labour and Social Protection, Dr. Alfred Mutua, stated that the program, which was officially launched last week at the Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind, is expected to cover all counties, starting with Machakos, followed by Makueni, Kitui, Nakuru, Baringo, Nyandarua, Kakamega, Bungoma, Vihiga, Busia, Turkana, Marsabit, among others, by the end of the year.

"The goal is to ensure every county receives an equal number of opportunities, depending on the types of skills available in over 10 different overseas countries, including Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, Iraq, Poland, the United States, the UK, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, and Germany," he said.

Dr. Mutua mentioned that the first phase of the program will offer 20,000 jobs. The available positions include housekeepers, housemaids, car wash attendants, cleaners, drivers, registered nurses, security officers, teachers, construction workers, casual laborers, hospitality industry workers, and



Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Dr Alfred Mutua speaking at a press briefing at his office in Nairobi during the announcement of the available overseas jobs and commencement of the National recruitment tour

engineers, among others.

Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of proper documentation for applicants, urging those attending interviews to ensure they have applied for certificates of good conduct and passports via the e-Citizen platform.

"Applicants must complete these requirements to facilitate the capturing of fingerprints by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Immigration Department," the CS said.

He noted that the initiative is part of the government's broader strategy to place at least one million Kenyans in overseas jobs annually, a significant boost to Kenya's foreign

exchange earnings.

"Financial institutions will give credit to agencies to ensure agents have money. The financial institutions can also give money to the jobseekers in order to complement the government and the employing company who will provide tickets," he said. The CS disclosed that currently, over three million Kenyans work abroad, making labour migration a key contributor as an economic mover.

On the other hand, while addressing concerns about mistreatment of Kenyans working abroad, Dr. Mutua reassured the public that such cases are addressed individually and should not undermine efforts to create employ-

ment opportunities.

"All Kenyans working abroad are protected by international and local laws. Isolated incidents of mistreatment should not discourage eligible Kenyans from seizing these opportunities," he said.

The CS lamented that the actions of a few individuals engaging in illegal activities abroad have complicated efforts to secure jobs in some countries since such behavior tarnishes the reputation of the nation and jeopardizes opportunities for law-abiding Kenyans.

Dr. Mutua urged eligible Kenyans to turn up for the exercise, expressing optimism about the program's potential to transform lives.

State to facilitate passport acquisition for skilled Kenyans heading abroad

BY ANNE KANGEREO AND ALLAN MAINA, KNA

The Government will assist skilled Kenyans in acquiring passports after successfully being recruited to work abroad, Cabinet Secretary for Labor and Social Protection, Dr. Alfred Mutua, has said.

Mutua disclosed that some Kenyans who have secured jobs abroad are unable to acquire passports, hindering their prospects overseas.

As such, the government will facilitate the issuance of passports to make travel easier, he said.

"Whether you have a passport or not, as long as you have been interviewed and have a job offer, the government will organize how to get the passport," Mutua added.

He mentioned that at least 1,000 Machakos residents have been recruited for various jobs and are expected to travel in three weeks to different destinations.

He also stated that a thorough verification of documents would be done after successful recruitment to ensure that

no one has forged documents.

Mutua advised the residents not to be discouraged by financial challenges in traveling, as several banks present at the recruitment site have expressed willingness to assist with funding for plane tickets and other documents. This will be arranged after agreements are made to deduct a certain amount from their expected salary abroad.

Principal Secretary for Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET), Dr. Esther Muoria, on her part, encouraged the youth to join TVET institutions to gain the required skills and certifications that will enable them to secure gainful employment abroad.

Additionally, Muoria urged skilled youths, such as mechanics, plumbers, and painters who lack formal education, to enroll in TVETs so they can acquire skills and certification within six months.

"When you have that certificate, you have a chance to earn a better salary and gain respect in your community," PS Muoria said.

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Applications should be emailed to the Chairperson of the Board using the email: Board@hrmpeb.or.ke quoting job title on the subject. All the documents should be in a **Single PDF File**.

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No.	Tender Name	Tender Number
1.	Rehabilitation of Savannah - stage 17 Bridge Road	KURA/DEV/HQ/392/2024-2025
2.	Maintenance of Jogoo Road	KURA/DEV/HQ/393/2024-2025
3.	Maintenance of Landhies Road	KURA/DEV/HQ/394/2024-2025

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

**Deputy Director – (SCM)
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

TSC confirms 46,000 JSS teachers on permanent and pensionable terms

BY MOSETI JULIUS, KNA

The Teachers Service Commission has confirmed 46,000 Junior Secondary School teachers on a permanent and pensionable basis.

Speaking at the official opening of Grade 9 classrooms at Ober Boys Boarding Comprehensive School in Rachuonyo Sub-County, Homa Bay County, Education Cabinet Secretary (CS) MigosOgamba stated that the confirmation is one of the promises he made to the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT).

"We will also add another 20,000 teachers in JSS to ensure we have sufficient staff so that our students receive the best education," he said, appreciating the efforts of all stakeholders.

He also outlined the government's readiness to achieve a seamless rollout of Grade 9 next year and addressed concerns about domiciling Junior Secondary School (JSS) in primary schools.

He mentioned that books for Grade 9 have been pre-



pared and are being distributed.

"We agreed with the headteachers that they will remain in the schools until December 15 when all the books will have arrived. If you have not received them yet, they are on the way," he said. Ober Boys Boarding Comprehensive School in Rachuonyo Sub-County, Homa-Bay County was built at cost Sh4 million funded by Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) programme of the World Bank in conjunction with the Government of Kenya.

The school has a student population of 781 with those transitioning to Grade 9 being 241 according to

Head Teacher, Mr Bernard Juma.

The CS, who was engaged in a back to back commissioning of Grade 9 classrooms in Nyanza region, said the classrooms he launched are complete, despite what he termed as backlash that they had not been finished.

"This is a complete project that you can see with your own eyes, that it is well done, it is completed, nothing is left unattended to including the blackboard is already inside," he said.

The CS said the Ministry of Education is working together with all stakeholders, saying by working together, it can face the challenges in the Education

Sector and solve them.

"You support me, I will give you support to work together to solve the challenges that we have," he said.

Apart from the construction of classrooms and provision of text books, the CS said next year MOE has a program of building laboratories.

On the domiciling of junior secondary school in primary level, the CS said it is not something that was decided in a boardroom.

"The Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms (PWPER) went round the country and it is something that members of the public participated in," he said.

The CS said after JSS was domiciled in the primary schools it became necessary that MOE conducts an assessment.

"We needed to confirm that we needed at least 16,000 classrooms to be able to transition to Grade 8 and 9," he said.

The second issue was an assessment of the cost of each classroom and devolved resources.

Government to cater for passports for skilled Kenyans

BY ANNE KANGERO AND ALLAN MAINA, KNA

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FUND) REGULATIONS, 2024

The National Treasury and Economic Planning has been leading the process of developing the Public Finance Management (Disaster Risk Management Fund) Regulations, 2024 and these have been availed at the National Treasury website (www.treasury.go.ke).

Pursuant to Sections 4(a) and 5(3) (a) and (b) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the National Treasury and Economic Planning invites interested members of the general public to attend public consultations on the draft Regulations as per the schedule set out below: (Time for all sessions is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

COUNTIES	VENUE	DATE
CLUSTER A		
Mombasa City, Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu and Taita Taveta	Mombasa City	Monday, 2nd December, 2024
Isiolo, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Garissa and Meru	Isiolo	Thursday, 5th December, 2024
Nyeri, Embu, Kitui, Tharaka Nithi, Makueni and Kirinyaga	Nyeri	Monday, 9th December, 2024
Nairobi City, Kiambu, Machakos, Murang'a and Kajiado	Machakos	Wednesday, 11th December 2024
CLUSTER B		
Kisii, Migori, Homabay, Nyamira, Kericho and Bomet	Kisii	Monday, 2nd December, 2024
Kisumu City, Vihiga, Bungoma, Busia, Siaya and Kakamega	Kisumu City	Thursday, 5th December 2024
Uasin Gishu, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Nandi, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and Turkana	Uasin Gishu	Monday, 9th December, 2024
Nakuru City, Laikipia, Narok, Nyandarua and Samburu	Nakuru City	Wednesday, 11th December, 2024

HON. CPA JOHN MBADI NC'ONGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

The National Housing Corporation (N.H.C) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for a Public Private Partnership for the following procurement process.

Tender Number	Description	Closing Date & Time
NHC/TECH-PPP/006/2024-25	<p>Request for Qualification For: The Development of an Affordable Housing Project at Mombasa Road, Stoni Athi Estates, Machakos County, Kenya on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Basis.</p>	21 st January 2024 at 11.00am.

Tender document can be downloaded free of charge from N.H.C website www.nhckenya.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. Enquiries can be made via email address: info@nhckenya.go.ke.

Any addenda/additional information on the tender will be posted on the N.H.C website and the Public Procurement Information Portal.

Duly completed bid documents shall be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the "Tender Number" and "Tender Description" and addressed to:-

**MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO,
P. O. BOX 30257 – 00100,
NAIROBI.**

And be deposited in the Tender Box located on the Ground Floor of N.H.C house, so as to be received on or before the above indicated date and shall be valid for a period of 182 days after bid submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the Conference Room located on 10th Floor of N.H.C House.

Late bids will be rejected

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



PS John Tanui highlights ICT milestones in budget hearing

BY GIFT MAINA AND
MANU MUMBA, KNA

The Ministry of ICT and the Digital Economy completed the construction of the Konza National Data Centre in the last financial year. This was announced by ICT Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui during the National Treasury and Economic Planning Public Sector Hearings for the FY 2025/26 and the Medium-Term Budget held in Nairobi. In the digital economy sub-sector, the PS highlighted that the Ministry has provided internet connectivity to 7,066 public institutions, including hospitals, and has installed 1,491



Principal Secretary (PS) ICT and the Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui (Second Right) makes his presentation at KICC on Thursday 21st 2024

public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country. "We have also laid 13,129 kilometers of fiber network and onboarded 17,668 government services to the

e-Citizen portal," Eng. Tanui stated.

He also announced that the ministry had recruited and trained 1,200 ICT interns under the Presidential Digital

Talent Program (PDTP).

On the Broadcasting and Telecommunications sub-sector, the PS stated that the Ministry has produced, printed, and disseminated the Kenya Yearbook publications, Agenda Kenya publications, and the Cabinet Series publications. "In the Big Four Agenda publications, we have standardized and published public sector advertisements in the weekly MyGov publications," Eng. Tanui emphasized.

On the Broadcasting and Telecommunications sector, he outlined that the government would operationalize the National Communications Center (NCC).



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
KP11/9A.4/OT/Supplier Reg/02/24-25	Registration of Suppliers for Supply of Tyres and Tubes for a Period of Two (2) Years in South Nyanza Region	Wednesday 27.11.2024	Wednesday 11.12.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION OF PROPERTY AGENT SERVICES PANEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Affordable Housing Board invites Request for Proposals from interested eligible tenderers for the following tender:

S.No.	Tender Description	Tender No.	Category	Opening Dates
1.	Request for Proposal for Provision of Property Agent Services Panel for Affordable Housing	AHB/RFP /T/009/2024-2025	Open Tender	Thursday, 5 th December 2024 at 10:00 am
2.	Request for Proposal for Onboarding Estate Agents for Marketing, Sales and Property Management (Framework Agreement)	AHB/RFP /T/010/2024-2025	Open Tender	Thursday, 5 th December 2024 at 10:00 am
3.	Readvertisement For Request for Proposal for provision of consultancy services for the institutionalization and transition Strategy for the Affordable Housing Program	AHB/RFP/T/011/2024-2025	Open Tender-ReAdvertisement	Tuesday, 10 th December 2024 at 10:00 am

- Prospective tenderers can access the tender documents from the State Department Housing and urban Development website www.housingandurban.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) <https://tenders.go.ke> free of charge. Tenderers who download the tender documents from the website and are required to provide their details by registering with the **Supply Chain Management Office, located at Prism Towers 23rd Floor, 3rd Ngong Avenue**, during normal working hours. All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: procurement@affordablehousingboard.go.ke. Completed Request for Proposal documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description shall be delivered in the Tender Box located on the 23rd Floor, Prism Tower, 3rd Ngong Avenue so as to be received as shown above. Bulky documents shall be delivered and Registered at the Office of the Head, Supply Chain Management Services Prism Tower 23rd Floor.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Affordable Housing Boardroom, located at Prism Tower 23rd Floor, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. Late tenders shall be rejected.
- The Affordable Housing Board may cancel the tender proceedings at any time before the award. Clarifications and addendums related to this notice shall be posted on the State Department's website. www.housingandurban.go.ke.

**The Ag CEO
Affordable Housing Board.
P.O. Box 27521 -00100 NAIROBI, KENYA**

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SPORTS, ARTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

TENDER NOTICE

The Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund (SASDF) is established under the Public Finance Management (Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund) Regulations, 2018 with the mandate of providing financial support for the development and promotion of sports and arts, and the promotion of social development including universal health care.

The Fund invites sealed bids from interested and eligible firms for the following National Open Tenders:

ITEM NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY	TARGET GROUP
1.	SASDF/T/02/2024-2025	Provision of Staff Medical Insurance	KSH.100,000	Eligible Insurance Underwriters
2.	SASDF/T/03/2024-2025	Provision of Group Personal Accident (GPA) Work Injury Benefit Cover (WIBA Plus), Group Life Cover, and Employers Liability Cover	KSH.100,000	Eligible Insurance Underwriters
3.	SASDF/T/04/2024-2025	Provision of Staff Pension Scheme Administrator	KSH.100,000	Eligible Insurance Underwriters

A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded from the Fund's website: [https://www.sasdef.go.ke](http://www.sasdef.go.ke) and the Public Procurement Information Portal <http://tenders.go.ke> free of charge.

All tenders must be accompanied by bid security specified in the table above from a reputable bank approved by the central bank of Kenya. The tender security shall be prescribed in the bidding document and valid for 150 days from the tender submission deadline.

Tenderers shall chronically serialize all pages of the tender document and make sure it is properly bound. Loose/stapled pages will not be allowed.

Completed tender documents one original and one copy in plain sealed envelope clearly marked on top with the Tender Number and Tender Name/Description, should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at TALANTA PLAZA Headquarters, 9th Floor, along Kenya Road to be received on or before 10th December 2024 at 11.00 am (East African Time). Electronic tenders will not be permitted.

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

Late bids will be rejected.

The address referred to above for inspection, submission and opening of tenders and obtaining further information is;

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SPORTS, ARTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
8TH FLOOR, TALANTA PLAZA,
KENYA ROAD,
UPPERHILL NAIROBI
P.O.BOX 4644 -00200 TEL:+2540720110088/+2540789110088/
NAIROBI, KENYA
E-mail: info@sasdef.go.ke
Website:www.sasdef.go.ke**

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State seeks public input in redesigning foreign policy



Prime Cabinet Secretary (PCS) and the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Dr. Musalia Mudavadi addresses the public during the validation forum on the review of Kenya Foreign Policy.

BY MANU MUMBA, KNA

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs is reviewing the 2014 Kenya Foreign Policy. During a public stakeholder validation forum, the Ministry also presented the new Draft Foreign Policy 2024.

The validation exercise aims to broaden the government's reach to citizens, ensuring the policy reflects the aspirations of the nation.

Speaking at a meeting in Nairobi, the Prime Cabinet Secretary (PCS) and Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, stated that the core of a country's foreign policy is to provide a strategy for achieving its national interests in line with its goals.

He acknowledged how foreign the document may seem to the people and expressed his commitment to presenting foreign policies to the public, ensuring they are aligned with diplomatic engagements.

"Public participation is a fundamental principle of Kenya's democratic governance, enshrined in our country's constitution," Mudavadi emphasized.

The Prime CS revealed that the policy resulted from engagements with government ministries, the Judiciary, high commissions, and the public, highlighting how these discussions are

crucial for improving all arms of the government.

Further, he announced that it is the first time in the country's history that the foreign policy review would be tabled in Parliament for deliberations.

"This will further widen the avenue for public interest through elected representatives. It aims at growing parliament's attention to the cost implications of our foreign policy formulation and implementation," the Prime CS explained.

At the same time, Dr. Mudavadi said Kenya has been able to sign mutually beneficial agreements to expand trade to the people, diversify creative economic prospects and secure agreements to address youth unemployment. "The country has received more international scholarships thereby leading to a rise in public-private partnerships and an increase in international engagements that not only flourish the tourism sector, but also guarantee our peace and security," he said.

The Prime CS reiterated that the public has a role to play in the formulation and implementation of the report and committed himself to closing the missing link between the country's foreign policy and the public's understanding and engagement in international affairs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS ACT (Cap 2A)

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development notifies tea industry stakeholders and members of the public that the Ministry has prepared the Tea (Levy) Regulations 2024, the Tea (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2024, Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the respective Regulatory Impact Statements, Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders in the Tea Board of Kenya, Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry and Tea Blending Requirements.

In compliance with the Constitution and the Statutory Instruments Act, the Ministry invites tea industry stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to submit their comments, views and inputs on the aforementioned Regulations, the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Conduct, the Regulatory Impact Statements, the Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry and Tea Blending Requirements.

The documents have been prepared pursuant to the Tea Act as follows: -

- (1) **Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and the Regulatory Impact Statement on Regulations;**
These Regulations provide for the manner of levying and collecting the tea levy in line with the powers given to the Cabinet Secretary under Section 53 of the Tea Act No. 23 of 2020. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024.
- (2) **The Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024 and the Regulatory Impact Statement on the Regulations**
These Regulations provide for the registration and licensing of tea value chain players, the terms and conditions of Licensing and Registration and the appeal process in case of denial or refusal. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024.

(3) **Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the Regulatory Impact Statement on the Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.**
The purpose of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct is to provide for enhanced accountability in the tea sector and align it with best corporate government practices to pave way for a revitalized and ethically governed industry. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct.

(4) **Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders in the Board;**
The Purpose of the Manuals is to provide election requirements, principles, processes, and dispute resolution mechanisms for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders at the Tea Board of Kenya.

(5) **Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;**
The purpose of the requirements is to provide for procedures and standards for handling pre- and post-harvested green leaf including green leaf transportation to ensure production of high-quality teas;

(6) **Tea Blending Requirements.**
The purpose of the blending requirements is to guide on blending and handling of made tea.

The above documents can be accessed on the Ministry's website at www.kilimo.go.ke and at the Tea Board of Kenya's website at www.teaboard.or.ke.

The Ministry will also hold public forums to discuss the documents. The proposed consultations are scheduled to be held as follows: -

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENT/DOCUMENT	DATE	VENUE	TARGET GROUP
NAIROBI			
1. • Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; • Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; • Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector; • Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; and on the Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector. • Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry; • Tea Blending Requirements.	9 th December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Tea Board of Kenya Offices, Tea House, Naivasha Rd, Nairobi	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large- scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories, Tea Traders and Management Agents.
EAST BLOCK			
2. • Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; • Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; • The Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;	10 th December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Nokras Riverine Hotel & Spa Sagana	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large- scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories, Tea Traders.
3. • Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers and Large Scale Tea Growers in the Tea Board of Kenya; • Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector; • The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector. • Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry; • Tea Blending Requirements.	11 th December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Nokras Riverine Hotel & Spa Sagana	Small-Scale, Medium Scale and large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
WEST BLOCK			
4. • Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; • Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; • Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;	16 th December 2024 starting at 10.00am	Sunshine Hotel in Kericho	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
5. • Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers and Large Scale Tea Growers in the Tea Board of Kenya; • Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector; • The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector. • Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry; • Tea Blending Requirements.	17 th December 2024 starting at 10.00am	Sunshine Hotel in Kericho	Small-Scale, Medium Scale and large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
MOMBASA			
6. • Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; • Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; • Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;	22 nd January 2025 starting at 10.00 am	Tea Trade Centre Mombasa	Tea Traders & Auction Organizers.
7. • Manuals for election of persons to represent Tea Traders in the Tea Board of Kenya; • Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector; • The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector. • Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry; • Tea Blending Requirements.	23 rd January 2025 starting at 10.00am	Tea Trade Centre Mombasa	Tea Traders & Auction Organizers.

Written submissions should be sent using the Public Comments/Feedback Form provided through info@teaboard.or.ke or hand delivered to the address provided below, not later than Fourteen days (14) from the date of this notice addressed to:

**Mr. Willy K. Mutai
Chief Executive Officer
Tea Board of Kenya
Tea House, Naivasha Rd, Off Ngong Rd
P.O Box 20064-00200 NAIROBI**

**ANDREW MWIHIA KARANJA,
CABINET SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT.**

KENYA VISION 2030

CDA seeks strategic partnerships to revitalize coastal irrigation projects

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAH, KNA

The Coast Development Authority (CDA) is actively seeking strategic partnerships to revitalize and expand its key initiatives aimed at boosting agricultural productivity, improving water access, and enhancing community resilience.

CDA is currently implementing water management and irrigation projects across Tana River, Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Kwale, and Lamu Counties. These efforts are designed to ensure stable, increased food production to meet the region's growing demand.

A key focus of CDA's work is the Boji Smallholder Irrigation Project in Tana River County, which currently benefits over 500 farmers across more than 200 acres of fertile farmland. This initiative plays a vital role in improving food security and providing stable incomes for local communities.

However, the project faces significant challenges due to the altered course of the Tana River,



A farmer at Kosokoni irrigation scheme. Local farmers contend the irrigation project supported by CDA has helped local farmers continue with their farming activities all year round

which has disrupted water access for irrigation. In light of this, CDA Acting Managing Director Pamela Ngure has emphasized the critical need for strategic partnerships to overcome these hurdles.

Ms. Ngure reaffirmed CDA's commitment to expanding irrigation and water development while reactivating dormant schemes as part of the authority's broader strategy to enhance food security

across the coastal region.

"While the Boji project is well-positioned due to the region's favorable climatic conditions and fertile soil, the shifting of the river course has disrupted water supply for irrigation," Ngure noted.

She said irrigation schemes have huge potential for food security, wealth creation, poverty reduction and job creation in the region.

"We are seeking col-

laboration with various stakeholders and partners to restore and expand the project, ensuring it can continue to deliver value to the farmers and communities it serves," she said.

The Boji Irrigation Project has long been a pillar of agricultural development in Tana River County, providing local farmers with the opportunity to cultivate crops throughout the year, regardless of the seasonal fluctuations in rainfall.

The project supports the local economy by increasing food production and providing a reliable source of income for hundreds of smallholder farmers.

However, the changing river course has led to challenges in securing a consistent and reliable water supply, threatening the project's long-term viability.

Ngure says CDA, with its partners, is focused on finding sustainable solutions to address the water accessibility issues, aiming to enhance the efficiency and scale of the irrigation system.

She stated that revital-

izing the Boji Irrigation Project is crucial not only for improving agricultural outputs but also for securing food sources and supporting the socio-economic wellbeing of the local population.

In addition to the Boji project, CDA is spearheading several other water and agriculture-focused initiatives in Tana River that aim to address broader regional challenges such as drought, water scarcity, and food insecurity. These ef-

The shifting of the river course has disrupted water supply for irrigation-Ngure

orts are vital to the long-term development of the region.

Ngure pointed out that one such initiative is the Wayuboru Water Pan, a critical resource for both people and livestock.

Located in Tana River County, the water pan serves 3,000 residents and provides water for over

8,000 cattle and 10,000 sheep and goats.

It has become a vital lifeline during dry periods, offering much-needed water to the community, ensuring both drought resilience and continuity in education, as children no longer need to spend long hours in search of water.

She said the water pan is an example of how strategic water resources can enhance both community health and educational outcomes.

The CDA's commitment to addressing the needs of communities in Tana River was highlighted during a recent visit by the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Regional Development led by the chairperson and MP for Sigor Peter Lochakapong.

The committee inspected the Boji Smallholder Irrigation Project, the Wayuboru Water Pan, and other CDA-led initiatives in the region.

MP Lochakapong said the purpose of the visit was to evaluate the progress of these two vital projects, both of which hold immense socio-economic potential for the region, providing essential water resources and supporting the livelihoods of hundreds of families through agricultural activities.

WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (WRTI)



INVITATION TO TENDER

Wildlife Research and Training Institute has received funding from the USAID under Combating Wildlife Crime in Kenya Programme for combating wildlife crimes through strengthening forensic science. Towards the stated objectives, Wildlife Research and Training Institute wishes to invite interested and eligible national candidates to tender for the following:

No	Tender Name	Tender Reference No	Target Group	Bid Security Amount	Tender Closing Date and Time
1	Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment for Forensics and Genetic Laboratory at Tsavo East Research Centre	WRTI/USAID/OT/07/2024-2025	ALL	20,000.00	10 th December 2024

Tender documents containing detailed terms of reference can be downloaded for free at our website: www.wrti.go.ke and at the Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke.

Interested candidates may also seek further information from the Procurement office, Tel. 0700 000 321 Extension, or email: tenders@wrti.go.ke. Any addendums or clarifications in respect to this tender will be available in our WRTI website www.wrti.go.ke and on the Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke. All bidders are advised to regularly check the website during the bidding period.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes and must be in Kenya Shillings and should remain valid for 126 days after date of tender opening

The completed bids in plain sealed envelope marked with tender reference number and tender name, and addressed to the Director/CEO, Wildlife Research and Training Institute, P.O. Box 842 - 20117 Naivasha shall be deposited into the Tender Box at the entrance of **Main Reception, Wildlife Research Headquarters, Naivasha Town**. On or before **12:00 Noon on 10th December 2024**

Returned/Submitted tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders of their representatives who chose to attend. Further information is available at www.wrti.go.ke.

HEAD OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

P.O. Box 842 - 20117 Naivasha - Kenya, Mobile: +254 700 000 321 / +254 731 919 465
Email: wrti@wrti.go.ke, Website: www.wrti.go.ke

WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (WRTI)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) is a State Corporation established under Section 50 of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 with the mandate to coordinate and undertake Wildlife Research and Training in Kenya. The Institute seeks to externally recruit dynamic, innovative and experienced individuals to fill the following vacant positions at its Headquarters in Naivasha and Field Research Stations:-

No	Job Title	Job Grade	Reference No.	No. of posts
1.	Drivers	WRTI/9	WRTI/10/2024	7

Details of the overall responsibilities and requirements for the positions can be obtained from our website: www.wrti.go.ke - careers section.

Interested and qualified individuals should download the WRTI Application for Employment Form on the website, fill and forward the same enclosing copies of their academic and professional certificates, copy of ID card, detailed CV indicating work experience, current remuneration and employer, daytime telephone contact - both office and mobile, names, addresses and emails of three (3) referees to the address below not later than **17th December, 2024 at 4:30pm**

Director/CEO
Wildlife Research and Training Institute
P.O Box 842-20117
Naivasha, Kenya
Email: recruitment@wrti.go.ke

WRTI is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to implementing affirmative action. In this regard, youth, women, people living with disabilities and those from marginalized groups with requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply. Those with previous paramilitary training are encouraged to apply.

Applications without relevant qualifications, copies of documentation/details as sought for will not be considered. Any form of canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification. **Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.**

P.O. Box 842 - 20117 Naivasha - Kenya, Mobile: +254 700 000 321 / +254 731 919 465
Email: wrti@wrti.go.ke, Website: www.wrti.go.ke



KENYA PETROLEUM REFINERIES LIMITED

DISPOSAL OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG)

KENYA PETROLEUM REFINERIES LIMITED (KPLR) now invites sealed bids from interested bidders for the purchase of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), to be sold on an **"As is Where is"** basis:

NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	QUANTITY	RESERVE PRICE (KES)
1.	LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG)	METRIC TONS (MT)	189	18,900,000

Interested bidders are invited to download the bidding document containing detailed specifications from our website www.kplr.co.ke or from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. In case of any inquiry kindly send an email to tenders@kplr.co.ke. No other email address shall be used.

Completed bids with full contact details must be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked **"Disposal of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)"** and should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the **Reception at Kenya Petroleum Refineries Ltd, Refinery Road, Changamwe, Mombasa**, before **10:00AM on Friday, 6th December 2024** which shall be the closing date and time; and shall be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Kenya Petroleum Refineries Ltd
P O Box 90401-80100
Mombasa, Kenya

Bids submitted later than the indicated closing date and time shall automatically be disqualified. Bids will be opened at the KPLR Board Room immediately after closing time in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER
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PUBLIC NOTICE ON PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES IN UNREGISTERED AND UNLICENSED FACILITIES

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is a body corporate established under Section 3 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (CAP 253, Laws of Kenya). The mandate of the Council is to regulate the training and practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health. The Council is also mandated by CAP 253 to regulate health facilities within the Republic of Kenya. The Health Act 2017 defines a health facility as the whole or part of a public or private institution, building or place, whether for profit or not, that is operated or designed to provide in-patient or out-patient treatment, diagnostic or therapeutic interventions, nursing, rehabilitative, palliative, convalescent, preventative or other health service.

The attention of the Council has been drawn to reports of medical and or dental services being offered in facilities that are not registered and licensed to do so.

This is to notify the public that:

- Section 22 (5) of CAP 253 stipulates that a person who uses premises as a health institution which premises is not licensed as a health institution commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a **fine not exceeding ten million shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both**.
- Medical and dental services can only be provided in health facilities that are registered and licensed to operate in Kenya. Standalone **laboratories** and **pharmacies** are registered and licensed within their regulatory framework for the specific purposes of **diagnostic testing and medication dispensing**.
- Invasive procedures such as those involving injection of medications, procedures requiring local anaesthetics and procedures on teeth are considered medical services and are required to be undertaken in health facilities and by practitioners that are registered and licensed. Some of these procedures include liposuction, botox, facial rejuvenation, micro needling, hair transplant, laser hair removal, dental waxing, teeth whitening, placement of dental braces or implants among others.
- The Council publishes the list of health facilities that are registered and licensed to operate in the country for the year at <https://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/MTreg/facilities.php>.
- Members of the public are advised to seek treatment from health facilities that are registered and licensed by the Council.

The registration and licensing status of a health facility can also be verified through SMS by sending a message:

H#Name of facility to 20547
OR
H#Registration number of facility to 20547

DR DAVID G KARIUKI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS COUNCIL



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND THE BLUE ECONOMY



IFAD
Investing in rural people

AQUACULTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME(ABDP)

IFAD Loan No. 2000002052

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING FIRMS)

Country	Kenya
Name of Project	Aquaculture Business Development Programme
Contract Title	Consultancy services for construction supervision of landing sites
ICB Reference No	KEN-200001132-0301-CS-QCBS

The Government of Kenya, through the National Treasury has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Aquaculture Business Development Project (ABDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with ABDP.

The consulting services ("the services") include services for construction supervision of landing sites

This request for expressions of interest (REOI) follows the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD website on **23rd October 2024** on UNDB on **23rd October 2024** and on MyGov pullout of the Star newspaper on **22nd October 2024**.

The ABDP ("the client") now invites eligible consulting firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest and submit found at the following link <https://www.abdpcu.org/tenders/> and send it to the address indicated below.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser's board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- General experience:** The firm has demonstrated general experience in execution of design and supervision contracts, if JV, that each partner must meet the criteria
- Specific experience**
 - Demonstrated track record of experience in Construction Supervision of landing sites: attach evidence of completion of the assignments. If consortium, attach for each profession involved if JV, that each partner must meet the criteria;
 - Demonstrated track record of experience in construction supervision: attach evidence of completion of the assignments. If JV, firm or at least one member of the consortium should meet the criteria;
 - successfully delivered at least two similar assignments within the last 10 years attach evidence of completion of the assignments. If JV, that each partner must meet the criteria;
 - Experience with donor funded projects; attach evidence. If JV, can be experience of the lead partner in case of a JV.

Kindly note that the Key experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

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

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address below procurement@abdpcu.org no later than **4th December April 2024 EAT**. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by **6th December 2024 EAT**.

"Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be submitted to the address below no later than **11.00AM 11th December 2024 EAT**."

The Programme Coordinator
Aquaculture Business Development Programme
P.O.Box 904-10100 Nyeri
Kamakwa Road, Nyeri

EOI can also be submitted on email through email address: procurement@abdpcu.org with the words **"Consultancy services for construction supervision of landing sites"** as the Title.



Judiciary takes major step forward with digital tools to reduce case backlogs

BY EVALYNETHINJI
(PCO)

The Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy (MICDE) is committed to supporting the Judiciary's ongoing digital initiatives, which are crucial for reducing case backlogs, streamlining processes, and ultimately delivering faster, more transparent justice.

Dr. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u, the Cabinet Secretary for MICDE, stated that the Ministry is spearheading the digitalization of government services and has already digitized over 19,000 services, significantly enhancing service delivery to the public.

"Among these services, the Judiciary has embraced e-services such as case filing, case status tracking, court order verification, advocate searches, e-filing support, and payment of fines and deposits," she reiterated.

She emphasized that these services are part of a broader digital trans-



The Cabinet Secretary, MICDE, Dr. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u

formation aimed at simplifying the procedural requirements and complexities of the legal system, streamlining legal processes, and ensuring greater access to justice for all citizens.

The CS made these remarks as the chief guest during the official presentation and unveiling of the State of the Judiciary

and the Administration of Justice Report (SOJAR) for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

She praised the significance of the Report, noting that it provides a comprehensive review of the progress made in administering justice over the past year, as well as the challenges the Judiciary must still overcome.

CS Ndung'u emphasized the importance of data security and privacy in the digital transformation journey. "As our Judiciary adopts more digital tools, we must ensure that citizens' data remains protected and confidential. Our Ministry is actively working on policies and frameworks to safeguard data across all sectors, including the Judiciary, to foster public trust in these digital systems."

In addition, she highlighted how the Ministry has deployed robust ICT infrastructure which has transformed how government, businesses and citizens produce, receive and access information and data.

In her remarks, the Chief Justice and President of the Supreme

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Court of Kenya, Justice Martha Koome noted that in the past year, the Judiciary has made significant strides and has achieved a Case Clearance Rate of 99 per cent, with 516,121 cases filed compared to 509, 664 cases resolved during the financial year.

Further observing that the Judiciary is closing geographic barriers that have historically restricted Kenyans' access to justice, she revealed that the High Court's presence now extends to 46 out of the 47 counties.

"Our achievements reflect a Judiciary that is increasingly efficient, accessible, and responsive. These strides bring us closer to realizing a justice system that is fair, timely, and within reach of every Kenyan," the Chief Justice noted.

She said that the Judiciary is utilizing digital technology in its operations and has successfully implemented the e-filing system, the case tracking system (CTS) expansion and the digitization of court records.

KENYA ORDNANCE FACTORIES CORPORATION



TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation (KOFC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the tenders listed below:

Tender No:	Item Description	Tender Closing Date
KOFC/ FRW /TWBP/004/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Water Bottles and Caps	10:00 am on 10 December 2024
KOFC/ FRW / TWBP /005/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Water Bottles Sleeves, Labels and Security Seals	10:00 am on 10 December 2024
KOFC/ FRW /BAKERY/002/24-25	Supply and delivery of Packaging Materials for Bread and Bottled Water	10:00 am on 10 December 2024
KOFC/FRW/TECH/001/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Pine Timber.	10:00 am on 10 December 2024

Qualified bidders may download the tender documents free of charge from our website www.kofc.co.ke. The downloaded documents should be duly completed as per the instructions given and dropped into the tender box at Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation (Main Gate) located at Eldoret - Kitale Road on or before **dates against each tender at 10:00 am**.

Completed serialized/paginated Bidding Documents; **One Original and a Copy** in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked on top with the Tender Number and Description accompanied by a Bid Security of an amount as indicated in the respective tender documents from a financial institution approved and licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya and should be addressed to:

Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation
P.O Box 6634-30100
Eldoret, Kenya
Tel: +254 722 209 639 / 0794517532

Tenders will be opened immediately in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Tenderers are advised to view samples for Water Bottles and Caps, Water Bottles Sleeves, Labels and Security Seals, and Packaging Materials for Bread & Bottled Water before tendering. Samples are available at KOFC main gate during working hours.

Bidders are advised to regularly visit KOFC Website to obtain any additional information /Addendum on the tender.

Late tenders shall not be accepted.

R K KIPTOO
Colonel
for Managing Director



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION

PRE-QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS/ SUPPLIERS/CONSULTANTS FOR PROVISION OF GOODS, SERVICES, WORKS AND CONSULTANCIES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS

The State Department for Water and Sanitation hereby invites applications for Prequalification and Registration of Contractors/Suppliers/ Consultants for the provision of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies for the period of Two (2) Years.

Interested eligible Contractors/Suppliers/ Consultants are invited to apply indicating the category of Goods/Services/Works/Consultancies they wish to Apply.

Qualified and interested applicants may obtain further information and inspect Prequalification/ Registration documents during office Hours i.e. 0800 to 1700 Hours at the address below from the Supply Chain Management Office, State Department for Water and Sanitation, Maji House Building, Community Area, Ngong Road, 3rd Floor Room 322.

Eligible candidates may download the Prequalification/Registration documents from websites www.water.go.ke and the PPIP website www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Completed Documents must be delivered to the address below on or before **Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 1100hours**. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted. The Prequalification/Registration documents shall be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **Tuesday 10th December 2024, 1100Hours, East African Time (EAT)**.

Principal Secretary
State Department for Water and Sanitation
P. O. Box 49720-00100 Nairobi
Maji House Building, Community Area, Ngong Road, Nairobi
Tender Box at the Reception Area on Ground Floor of Maji House Building
Att: Head, Supply Chain Management Services

**HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**



Postal Corporation of Kenya sets up PostaPay App to boost digital payments



Postal Corporation strategic consultant Alice Gathoni, taking the participants through a presentation on the Postapay app at Teleposta Towers on 19th November, 2024 during the sensitization and demonstration meeting. The platform is interoperable and works across all networks and has unique features. Photo by Norah Bochere (KNA).

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI, KNA

The Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) has introduced a unified mobile payment solution app, PostaPay, which complements other mobile apps used by Kenyans for money transactions. The app is interoperable with all mobile wallets and banks in the country and has already registered over 5,000 users who are enjoying its benefits. To date, more than 21,000 transactions have been successfully completed.

Joan Toroitich, the General Manager for Payment Services at PCK, urged Kenyans to embrace the new app by downloading it from the Play Store or App Store using their existing SIM card lines.

Ms. Toroitich also highlighted that PostaPay is a payment solution aimed at supporting the government's digital agenda by advancing efforts in digitization. She called on government agencies and the private sector to consider using the app for revenue collection and the payment of government services.

Government agencies can use the platform to collect and disburse funds through a collection account, as well as manage multiple activities such as salary payments to banks, dashboard access, and real-time reports and reconciliation in a cost-effective manner.

The General Manager was speaking during the PostaPay Sensitization Workshop held at the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy

Headquarters. The event was attended by various heads of departments, including the Director of Information, Mr. Joseph Kipkoech; Director of Public Communications, Monica Omoro; Director of Human Resource Management and Development, Juanita Ombima; Director of Planning in the State Department of Broadcasting, Penewell Nyadienga; and senior officers from the ministry.

Toroitich said PostaPay is cost effective and efficient as users will be able to do their money transactions to any network and vice versa at affordable rates of 30 per cent to 60 per cent while tills any playbills charges at 0.2 percent, as well as have at least five sub-wallets for transactions and a standing order for payment of bills.

"The users of this app have a capability of operating at least five sub wallets, for example one can operate a business app, a chama group, for farming among others," she stated.

"Through the Escrow services account the users will be safeguarded while making payments for purchases, as their money will be held in a suspense account until the purchased item is released," she stated.

In her remarks, the Manager for Payment Services at the Postal Corporation of Kenya,

RysperCherotich, said the money wallets is in three categories namely Agency Module wallet for withdrawal and deposit from agents, Merchant Module wallet that will be used for tills and pay bills, disbursement and collection, and the User Module where users will download the app to send and receive money, to pay bills, to buy airtime and to make payments.

"PostaPay is currently recruiting users across the country by creating awareness and doing sensitization campaign, as well as on boarding merchants and agents who will be receiving payments," Cherotich said.

The PCK partnered with a payment Service Provider (PSP) to develop PostaPay.

PostaPay app will help the government to save costs and bring transparency thereby eradicating fraud and misuse of government funds.

Transactions that can be made through the PostaPay App include SasaPay, Airtel-Money, M-Pesa, T-Kash, banking in banks, cards, diaspora and other financial services.

PostaPay plans to create 200 agents across the country and to on board 100 dealers as well enable over 100 Kenyan micro and small medium enterprises to receive payment and access business loans digitally.

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KAA Kenya Airports Authority
"Setting our sights high"

CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISED POSITION

Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) wishes to notify the public that the following position that was advertised on 11 June, 2024 is hereby cancelled.

Position	Reference No.	Job Grade	No. of Vacancies	Terms of Employment
Airport Manager, Wilson Airport(WAP)	AM-WAP/03/JUNE/2024	58	1	Permanent & Pensionable

KENYA VISION 2030



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY:	Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.			
CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows:				
Contract Name	Contract name and Description	Bid Security	Date and Time	Site Visit
RFX No 1000001225	Manda Island 11kv Double Circuit Power Line Ocean Crossing & Associated Works.	Kshs 3,300,000	31/01/2025 at 10.00am	9 th -13 th December 2024
RFX No. 1000001218	Supply And Delivery Of Global Navigation Satellite System (Survey Tools)	Kshs.1,000,000	17/12/2024 at 10.00am	N/A
RFX No. 100001221	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lighting in Nairobi, Machakos, Makueni and Meru Counties.	Amount in the Document	17/12/2024 at 10.00am	N/A
RFX No. 1000001227	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar Powered Solar Street Lights in Nairobi, Kajiado, Kiambu, Garissa, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Nyandarua, Migori and Siaya Counties.	Amount in the Document	18/12/2024 At 10.00am	N/A

3. Tendering will be conducted under National open competitive method using a standardized tender document.
 4. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
 5. Qualified interested tenderers may obtain further information during office 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday at the address given below.
 6. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
 7. Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREc must register their companies in order to participate in the tender using link below that can be found from the website www.rerec.co.ke Procurement-Supplier registration:[https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal/\(bD1lbizjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwd-application.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal/(bD1lbizjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==)/bspwd-application.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)
 8. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for 196 days from the date of opening of tenders.
 9. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender document submitted.
 10. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before date and time indicated above.
 11. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
 12. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below and the results relayed electronically.
 13. Late tenders will be rejected.
 14. Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporations website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
 15. The addresses referred to above are:
 Address for obtaining further information on tender documents: for hand Courier bid security Delivery to an office or Tender Box (Nairobi, Off Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Ground floor). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke
Address for Submission of Tenders: Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
Address for Opening of Tenders. Online
 Designation: Chief Executive Officer



Kenyatta National Hospital

P.O Box 20723-00202
Tel: 2726300-9 Ext 43252 Nairobi
Email: farewellhome@knh.or.ke

FAREWELL HOME DISPOSAL LIST

Kenyatta National Hospital is in possession of a number of unclaimed bodies at its Farewell Home. Pursuant to Public Health Act Cap 242 [Subsidiary Legislation **PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBLIC MORTUARIES) RULES, 1991**], interested members of the public are therefore requested to identify and collect the bodies within 7 days, failure to which the hospital will seek authority from the courts to dispose them. The list of the bodies is hereunder indicated.

FAREWELL HOME KNOWN ADULT DISPOSAL LIST

NO.	TAG NO	NAME	GENDER
1.	00984/22	ELIZABETH KOILI	F
2.	05811/22	CHARLES BUNDI	M
3.	06850/23	LOCHEM EYANGE	M
4.	00063/24	PATRICK OKOTH	M
5.	00585/24	JOHN MUNGAI	M
6.	00614/24	JOHN OLANDO	M
7.	00794/24	SAMMY MIANO MURIUKI	M
8.	00884/24	PATRICK MAGWA	M
9.	01096/24	LAWRENCE NJAGI	M
10.	01218/24	FRANCIS KIMANI MBUTHIA	M
11.	01425/24	CHARLES NYAGA	M
12.	08361/22	JAMES NDUNGU MUTINDA	M
13.	07495/23	UAM 383/23	M
14.	00052/24	UAM 2/24	M
15.	00150/24	UAM 4/24	M
16.	01708/24	UAM 63/24	M

FAREWELL HOME CHILD DISPOSAL LIST

NO.	TAG NO	NAME	GENDER
36.	02082/24	BABY TABITHA WAMBUI	M
37.	02086/24	BABY MUKULU MUTISYA	M
38.	02101/24	BABY EUNICE ADHI-AMBO ONIMBO	F
39.	02098/24	BABY JANET IMAYA	F
40.	02094/24	FAITH MUENI MUTISYA	F
41.	02110/24	BABY ANNETH MORAA OMBABA	M
42.	02104/24	BLESSING MUTHEU PETER	F
43.	02108/24	BABY AGNES NDUNGI FRANCIS	M
44.	02120/24	BABY LUCY NYONGESA	AMB
45.	02111/24	BABY PURITY MUNYIKHA	F
46.	02113/24	BABY MERCY CHEPKOGEI	M
47.	02121/24	BABY NANCY AKINYI ABOHA	F
48.	02126/24	BABY BRENDA NAFULA WANJALA	F
49.	02141/24	BABY SOPHIE GLADYS MALEMBA	M
50.	02137/24	BABY MARY NDANU MUTUKU	F
51.	02136/24	BABY NANCY NYANCHOKA	F
52.	02150/24	BLESSING WAMBUI NJERI	F
53.	02159/24	BABY ROSE WANJIRU GATHURU	F
54.	02156/24	BLESSING NEEMA	F
55.	02166/24	BABY MAGDALENE NDUNGI	M
56.	02164/24	JANE WANJIKU WANJIRU	M
57.	02171/24	MARKGEES ISRAEL MWANGI	M
58.	02174/24	BABY MARGARET WAMBUI KIMANI	M
59.	02178/24	REBECCA MBARIKIWA MUMBUA	F
60.	02176/24	BABY NELLY WANJIKU WARUGURU	M
61.	02175/24	BABY GRACE GAMINI KITONGA	M
62.	02181/24	BABY BETH WARUGURU NJOKI	M
63.	02190/24	VICTOR JAMES MUCHAI	M
64.	02213/24	BABY PHILISTER AHINA LANGO	M
65.	0221024	BABY FRANCISCA KAVUTHA	M

FAREWELL HOME CHILD DISPOSAL LIST

NO.	TAG NO	NAME	GENDER
66.	02202/24	PRINCESS MITCHELL RADASHA	F
67.	02215/24	BRADEN NYABOKE NYASINGA	F
68.	02219/24	BABY MERCY WANJIKU KIRORI	F
69.	02216/24	BABY ESMERALDA OLUODI	F
70.	02235/24	BABY LEAH NJOKI NYAKIO TI	M
71.	02234/24	BABY LEAH NJOKI NYAKIO T2	M
72.	02593/24	BABY TABITHA WANGECHI	F
73.	02232/24	CHRISTINE SYOMBUA	F
74.	02248/24	BABY EMILY AWUOR GOR	M
75.	02677/24	BABY LINET MUTHONI	F
76.	02258/24	BABY EVELYN KEMUNTO	F
77.	02259/24	JAYLEEN MUENI MASIA	F
78.	02273/24	BABY JOSEPHINE OJING OBUMBA	F
79.	02268/24	BLESSING AMANI ANDANJE	F
80.	02272/24	BABY FAITH WANGARE WANJOYA	M
81.	02276/24	BABY VIOLET NANJALA	M
82.	02291/24	BABY LUCY AUMA ODONGO	M
83.	02294/24	BABY MONICA ATIENO OWIDI	M
84.	02307/24	MARGARET NYAMBU-RA KARIUKI	F
85.	02310/24	BABY NAOMI CHEPKIRUI	M
86.	02309/24	BABY FRANCISCA KANYANU	M
87.	02326/24	PRUDENCE MACHARIA MUGAMBI	M
88.	02340/24	BABY WINNIE CHEPKOECH	M
89.	02334/24	BABY CAROLINE MAKENE	M
90.	02346/24	BABY FAITH KATHINI MUTIE	M
91.	02341/24	BABY WINFRED MINOO KAMENDE	M
92.	02342/24	BABY MARY WANJIKU MAKAU	F
93.	02371/24	BABY ANN WAYUA MUTINDA	M
94.	02359/24	KELLIAN MALI KWEYU	M
95.	02350/24	EDITH WANJIRU IRUNGU	F

FAREWELL HOME CHILD DISPOSAL LIST

NO.	TAG NO	NAME	GENDER
96.	02362/24	TYRONE MULAMA MUCHIRI	M
97.	023781/24	LEWIS WAMBUA NDOLU	M
98.	02385/24	BABY ANGELA MUTHOKI KILONZO	M
99.	02384/24	BABY LUCY WAMBUI MWANGI	M
100.	02397/24	BABY PURITY JEROP	M
101.	02400/24	BABY ESTHER WANJIKU	F
102.	02396/24	BABY EMILY WANGARI WAMBUI	M
103.	02430/24	BABY ROSE ATIENO OTIENO TI	M
104.	02430/24	BABY ROSE ATIENO OTIENO T2	F
105.	02433/24	BABY LUCY NYAKOA WESA	F
106.	02432/24	BABY KATE NYAMBURA	M
107.	02402/24	CALEB KURIA MAINA	M
108.	02449/24	BABY LILIAN KERUBO	M
109.	02448/24	BABY JOSEPHINE MUTINDI MUTUA	M
110.	02447/24	BABY SUSAN WAHU MURIGI	M
111.	02472/24	BABY ELIZABETH NANJAKA	M
112.	02482/24	BABY JUDITH MULONGO BARASA	F
113.	02458/24	BABY MIRIAM NJERI	F
114.	02459/24	REMY RUSSEL OMONDI	M
115.	02461/24	BABY RUTH KWAMBO-KA MINCHA	F
116.	02462/24	BABY EUNICE WAMBUI IRUNGU	F
117.	02473/24	BABY ESTHER WACUKA	M
118.	02490/24	BABY HALIMA ABUTT SALIM T2	F
119.	02489/24	BABY HALIMA ABUTT SALIM TI	F
120.	02486/24	VIVIAN IMBADE	F
121.	02498/24	BABY MILKAH WANGUI MAINA	M
122.	02495/24	BABY RACHEL AKINYI ODERO	M
123.	02496/24	BABY RAHAB WANGARE KAMAU	F
124.	62492/24	TITUS IRUNGU MWANGI	M
125.	02494/24	BABY IRENE NDUKU WANJIKU	M
126.	02507/24	ANGEL WANJIRU WANGARI	F

FAREWELL HOME DISPOSAL LIST

FAREWELL HOME CHILD DISPOSAL LIST

NO.	TAG NO	NAME	GENDER
127.	02522/24	BABY MARY WANJI-KU MUCHERU	F
128.	02536/24	BABY HELLEN WANJA RIMBERIA	M
129.	02551/24	BABY NIGHT MUSIMBI	AMB
130.	02550/24	LILIAN NZISA MACK-ENZIE	M
131.	02539/24	JASMINE LEILA KYALO	F
132.	02559/24	BABY LILLIAN NAMUNYAK	M
133.	02552/24	BABY FIDELIS BOSIBORI CAROLINE	F
134.	02567/24	BABY JANE NYAWIRA MUGO	M
135.	02561/24	BRIAN MUNENE NGARI	M
136.	02564/24	BAY ANN TRACY AUMA	M
137.	02563/24	BABY RITA KARUTANI	M
138.	02586/24	JAYDEN KINUTHIA KARANJA	M
139.	02582/24	BABY ZIPPORAH MUMBE	M
140.	02583/24	BABY CAROLINE MWIKALI KIMAMNZI	F
141.	02576/24	BABY NAOMI KERUBO MAINA	M
142.	02577/24	BABY ZIPPORAH MUMBE NJOROGE	F
143.	02571/24	JOSEPH WAIKWA NYAMBURA	M
144.	02595/24	BABY FAITH NYAWIRAWA WANJIRU	M
145.	02585/24	RAYSHAN ARIEL VITA	M
146.	02607/24	JOY MODEST NKİROTE	F
147.	02613/24	BABY ALICE WAIRIMU	M
148.	02246/24	BABY ESTHER WANGUI	M
149.	02625/24	BABY VERONICA MUENI	F
150.	02650/24	LUZIANA ROZI CHIDYFYN CHUKWU	F
151.	02647/24	BABY JULIANA OSITA OMEDO	F
152.	02645/24	BABY MARION NADIN ATIENO	F
153.	02646/24	BABY RENITA NJERI	F
154.	02651/24	BABY LINNE ATIENO ADUNDA TWIN	F
155.	02658/24	BABY MARY WANGARI WABERA	M
156.	02659/24	BABY ELIZABETH NGENDO	M
157.	02645/24	BABY NAOMI ALUSA LUGALIA	M
158.	02704/24	BABY MARGARET WANJIRU	F
159.	02705/24	BABY JUDY BARONGO	F
160.	02698/24	BABY BENEDETTA MWANZIA	M
161.	02697/24	BABY SERAH MUKULU MWEU	F

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162.	02692/24	BABY LILLIAN ACHIENG ABUGA	M
163.	02727/24	BABY VIVIAN ATIENO MAKOKHA	F
164.	02712/24	ELIZABETH NAJULA	F
165.	02714/24	BABY MWIKALI MAKASI	M
166.	02703/24	PATIENCE KAREMBO MUTHINI	M
167.	02737/24	MATILDA MOYI KARUGI	M
168.	02734/24	BABY LINNE ATIENO ADUNDA	F
169.	02729/24	BABY MARGARET MGHALU	M
170.	02733/24	BABY EDITH MWANGWISI	F
171.	02732/24	BABY EUNICE WANJIKU MATHENGE	F
172.	02750/24	BABY MELLEN NYABOKE	F
173.	02760/24	BABY DOREEN ANYANGO	M
174.	02759/24	BABY DORCAS MUJABI	M
175.	02753/24	BABY DOREEN MREMMA TWIN 1	M
176.	02758/24	LAWRENCE PEDRO OTIENO	M
177.	02739/24	PRINCE RAWEL MUENI	M
178.	02801/24	BABY RACHAEL MWELU MUTUA	F
179.	02767/24	BABY TRESSY GESARE OMARE	F
180.	02773/24	BABY LILIAN MIRENJA ODEM	F
181.	02791/24	BABY CELINE ALUOCH WESONGA	F
182.	02818/24	BABY NANCY NANJALA	M
183.	02821/24	BABY MARY WANJIKU KIMANI	M
184.	02797/24	FAVOUR KANANA MUGAMBI	F
185.	02807/24	PRINCESS WAIATHERERO MAINA	F
186.	02802/24	BABY PERIS MWIHKI MARIRA	F
187.	02850/24	SHANIA WAIYEGO MUTURA	F
188.	02849/24	ALVIN MAINA MAKOME	M
189.	02861/24	BABY GRACE WANGUI MAINA	F
190.	02867/24	BABY FAITH SILU CHARO	F
191.	02860/24	SHARLET GIFT MUHONJA	F
192.	02877/24	TREVOR IRUNGU WAIATHERA	M
193.	02884/24	ABIGAEL MUTHOKI	F
194.	02822/24	DALIAN KYLAN KIURA MACHARIA	M
195.	02901/24	JOAN KAMBUA	F
196.	02912/24	GOODLUCK AMANI	M

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198.	02899/24	EZRA MWAKI KITHINJI	M
199.	02896/24	LEVIA NDUKU JOHN	F
200.	02927/24	BABY PAMELA NECHESA SIMBA	F
201.	02921/24	BABY ANNAH WAYUA NZUKI	AMB
202.	02931/24	BABY MUNEZERO	M
203.	02941/24	BABY FAITH MWENI	F
204.	02947/24	BABY CATHERINE WAWIRA NDIGA	F
205.	02989/24	BABY ALICE WANGAI MWANGI	F
206.	02965/24	BABY ALICE MUTHONI NDUGU	M
207.	02955/24	BABY ANN MUTHONI	F
208.	02985/24	GRACE NGIMA MUAI	F
209.	02988/24	BABY ROSE AKINYI OMONDI	F
210.	03013/24	BABY BEATRICE MBEIRE TWIN 2	F
211.	03015/24	BABY BEATRICE WANGUI MBERE	F
212.	03012/24	BABY CAROLINE WANJIKU MAINA	F
213.	03011/24	BABY IRENE CHEPATUMBA	M
214.	03014/24	BABY EMMACULATE NDINDA	M
215.	03023/24	BABY IRENE WAIATHERA	F
216.	03041/24	BRIGIT KARIMI MUTEMBEI	F
217.	03038/24	BABY FAITH KASALU NGILA TWIN 1	M
218.	03040/24	BABY FAITH KASALU NGILA TWIN 2	M
219.	03053/24	BABY SERA NYAMBURA KIMANI	F
220.	03039/24	BABY JULIA WANJIRU NDUNGU	F
221.	03056/24	BABY JEPHRES ADHIAMBO ASIYO	F
222.	03057/24	BABY VALARY NALIKA SIKUKU	M
223.	03052/24	MOSES MUHIA MWaura	M
224.	03069/24	BABY MARY MUTHONI MUCHAI	F
225.	03068/24	BABY ANN WAGAKI MACHOMBA	M
226.	03084/24	BABY STELLMARIA NDANU MULI	M
227.	03070/24	BABY MARY WAIRIMU GAKURE	M
228.	03074/24	SARAH WANJIKU MAINA	F
229.	03093/24	BABY JOSEPHINE NYANGALA BABU	M

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230.	03092/24	BABY GIFT MUTHEU MWENDE	M
231.	03118/24	ASHLEY WAMBUI WANJIRU	F
232.	03119/24	BABY MARY MASITA SAYO	F
233.	03133/24	BABY MERCY SUKUKU	F
234.	03111/24	PENINAH JONATHAN NGINA	F
235.	03149/24	BABY RUTH WAMBUI KAMAU	F
236.	03153/24	CELIE CAMRI MULINGE	F
237.	03150/24	BABY DOROTHY KATHINA	M
238.	03148/24	OWEN NKURUNZIZA	M
239.	03163/24	BABY GRACE NYAMBURA KIGARIE	M
240.	03159/24	ADRIAN BAHATI METRIN	M
241.	03188/24	BABY TABITHA WEVETI NYAGA	M
242.	03190/24	BABY MERCY MUTHEU MUTHINA	M
243.	03196/24	TIFFANY MUTHONI MUMBI	F
244.	03219/24	BAY ANN WAENI	F
245.	03219/24	BAY ANN WAENI	F
246.	03209/24	BABY MOHAMED O	M
247.	03209/24	BABY MOHAMED O	M
248.	03226/24	BABY GRACE ANN WAMBUI	M
249.	03226/24	BABY GRACE ANN WAMBUI	M
250.	03224/24	JOSEPH IRUNGU KIBE	M
251.	03249/24	LEILA KINYA KIRINYA	F
252.	03247/24	BABY DIANA CHEPGETICH	M
253.	03262/24	BABY NAOMI WANGARI	M
254.	03263/24	BABY FAUSTINA WANJIRU KIMANI	M
255.	03268/24	ABIGAEL MAKENA MUTEMBEI	F

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256.	02936/24	GEORGINA WANJA CHEGE	F
257.	02990/24	BABY CATHERINE NDUKU MANGULA	F
258.	03330/24	LAWRENCE MUUO MUTISYA	M
259.	03336/24	BABY IRENE NABWIRE WAMUKOTA	M
260.	03444/24	ETHAN MUIYO MUTISO	M
261.	03454/24	BABY ESTHER MBAYA NTOKOTE	M
262.	03720/24	BABY CHRISTINE NYAMBEKI	F

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Kenya releases landmark report on intellectual property rights protection and enforcement

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA

Kenya has released the Second International Symposium on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE-2) Report, reaffirming its commitment to combating counterfeiting and safeguarding intellectual property (IP) rights.

The report summarizes insights, best practices, and actionable recommendations to strengthen IP protection, en-

hance enforcement, and promote public awareness.

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Investments, Trade, and Industry, Salim Mvurya, noted that the ISIPPE-2 Report serves as a clarion call for collective action to address the challenges facing intellectual property rights comprehensively.

"Counterfeiting is a global menace that costs the world economy \$2.2 trillion annually. In Kenya, it robs us of approximately Sh100 billion each

year," he lamented, adding that beyond the economic impact, counterfeit goods jeopardize lives and undermine fair trade.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to safeguarding Kenya's economy, innovators, and consumers, as well as achieving its targets of increasing the manufacturing sector's GDP contribution to 20 percent by 2030 and tripling the export contribution annually.

In a speech read on his behalf by Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe, Mvurya emphasized the role of County Aggregation Industrial Parks in fostering innovation and value addition across all 47 counties.

"The release of the ISIPPE-2 Report comes at a time when the Kenyan government has renewed its efforts toward strengthening its IP protection framework to drive innovation and economic development," he stated.

Further, the CS called upon stakeholders and patriots to unite and act decisively in defending the country against counterfeiting, a collaboration he maintains will create a safer and healthier world while fostering a culture of innovation for the future generations.

"We are making significant strides in aligning with global best practices in IP protection. Early this month, experts validated the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (NIPPS), developed in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)," revealed Mvurya, as he underscored the strategic importance of intellectual property in Kenya's industrial development.

He at the same time reiterated that the policy fosters innovation, attracts investment and ensures that there is fair competition in Kenyan markets because the IP policy development and implementation is one of the recommendations from ISIPPE-2.

The CS pointed out that the efforts align with the govern-



Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe officially hands over the report on the Second International Symposium on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement ISIPPE-2 to the Executive Director, Anti-Counterfeit Authority Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge. Looking on is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority Josephat Kabeabea in Nairobi.

ment's agenda which prioritizes industrial growth through Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) support.

Speaking at the event, the Chairman of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Board of Directors, Josephat Kabeabea stressed that the report is more than a publication since it is a call to action and a blueprint for action.

Emphasizing the importance of collaboration in tackling counterfeiting, he asserted that through multi-agency collaborations and the adoption of technology-driven solutions like the Anti-Counterfeit Authority Integrated Management System (AIMS), the report strengthens enforcement mechanisms and facilitates legitimate trade.

Meanwhile, ACA Executive Director Dr. Robi Njoroge

The ISIPPE-2 symposium demonstrated Kenya's commitment to becoming a leader in IP protection in Africa

emphasised the role of the ISIPPE forums in fostering global collaboration and creation of knowledge in the global south.

He recalled the hosting of the Second International Symposium on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE-2) which was held between June 5th -6th, 2024 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi with the aim of protecting consumers from adverse health and safety risks associated with counterfeit products.

"The ISIPPE-2 symposium demonstrated Kenya's commitment to becoming a leader in IP protection in Africa," he said, adding that the recommendations in the report will fuel industrial growth, protect innovators and enhance consumer safety.

Dr. Njoroge announced the preparations for the Third International Symposium on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE-3), scheduled to commence on 4th to 5th June 2025, with the aim of focusing on sustainability and advancing enforcement mechanisms.

Kenya, Switzerland to collaborate on research, technology and innovation

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI, KNA

The Ministry of Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Economic Affairs, Education, and Research of Switzerland to promote collaboration in research, technology, and innovation. The MoU was signed by Dr. Belio Kipsang, the

Principal Secretary for Basic Education, who represented the Ministry of Education. The Swiss Confederation was represented by Martina Hirayama, the State Secretary for Education, Research, and Innovation, at a ceremony held at Jogoo House in Nairobi.

Dr. Kipsang stated that the partnership aims to create opportunities for exchange

programs for lecturers from both countries, provide scholarship opportunities for Kenyan students to study in Switzerland, support joint research initiatives, offer grants for research projects, and facilitate knowledge-sharing programs, among other areas. "This agreement marks a significant step in strengthening ties between Kenya

and Switzerland, fostering innovation and growth in education and research for mutual benefit," the Principal Secretary said.

To ensure the effective implementation of the MoU, both parties agreed to establish a technical working committee. Present at the signing ceremony were the Swiss envoy to Kenya, Mirko Giulietti.



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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



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CS urges Kakamega farmers to grow coffee for better livelihoods

BY MELECHE ZEDECKE
JAKAIT, KNA

Cooperatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya has urged farmers in Kakamega County to embrace coffee farming to transform their livelihoods.

Oparanya made the rallying call when he led several lawmakers from the county in a coffee farming and agronomy sensitization forum at Kongoni in Likuyani Constituency.

He said that most farmers in Central Kenya are economically empowered because they sell their farm produce through



Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Wycliffe Oparanya speaks during a coffee farming and agronomy sensitization forum at Kongoni in Likuyani Constituency in Kakamega County.

cooperative societies, and Kakamega farmers should emulate them for better incomes.

The CS stated that his ministry, along with other stakeholders, was undertaking a series of sensitization campaigns across the country to encourage

more farmers to embrace coffee farming and uplift their livelihoods. "Coffee is going to be a game-changer for our people. I'm not saying you should stop growing maize, but if you have an acre of land, you can grow maize on one half and

coffee on the other half. You will start earning from it after two years, yet you still need food," he said. "However, once you start earning from coffee, you can abandon maize farming because you will have enough money to buy and stock maize. We want more individuals to join coffee farming, and those already growing coffee should reap more from their farms," he added.

"Last year, Kenya sold only 51,000 tonnes of coffee while Uganda sold 700,000 tonnes yet several years ago Kenya was the leading coffee producer in Africa. Twenty years ago, we were in position one.



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KAA/OT/ISILO/0053/2024-2025	Replacement of Underground Electrical Cables at Isiolo Airport	There shall be a Pre-Bid/site visit on 16/12/2024 at Isiolo Airport at 10:00 am	19/12/2024 at 11:00 am
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GDC/FLM/OT/031/2024:2025	Tender for Hire of Crane Services for a Period of One (1) Year Through Framework Contract (Re-tender)	Open to All	Ksh 300,000.00	20.12.2024 at 11.00am

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

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

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

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

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor.

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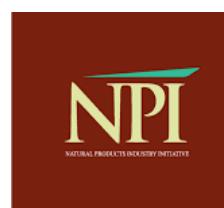
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TENDER NAME:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF PRIORITIZED INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTELLECTUAL ASSETS AND BUSINESS PLANS
TENDER NO:	NMK/T/19/CONSULTANCY/2024-2025

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Client:	National Museums of Kenya - Natural Products Industry (NPI) Initiative
Project Duration:	Twelve (12) weeks
Tender Number:	NMK/T/19/CONSULTANCY/2024-2025
Tender Closing Date:	10th December 2024 at 12:00 Noon

1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Context

The "Natural Products Industry (NPI) Initiative for Kenya" is a flagship project under the Kenya Vision 2030 development blueprint as incorporated in Medium Term Plan IV 2023-2027 and the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BeTA). This agenda is also cascaded in the National Museums of Kenya Strategic Plan 2023-2027. This initiative seeks to fully harness the natural products subsector and thereby build it into a vibrant industry that will significantly contribute to national development priorities including employment and wealth creation, poverty alleviation, improved biodiversity management and attainment of double-digit GDP growth. Hitherto, local initiatives on Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets (IKIAs) operate in the informal sector of the economy and, therefore, there is limited data on the potential contribution of the subsector to the economy and local livelihoods. There is therefore need for data to establish the market outlook (access, current and future) and the potential of this subsector.

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK), through the Natural Products Industry (NPI) Program, seeks a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the commercial viability of Indigenous Knowledge Intellectual Assets (IKIAs) in thirteen (13) counties. The study will provide evidence-based insights on the potential for IKIAs commercialization and outline the investments required to fully harness and mainstream these value chains, driving grassroots economic and social transformation.

1.2 Goal

The overall goal of the feasibility study is to determine the commercial viability of prioritized IKIAs, and provide a road map towards opening up a new subsector of Kenya's economy through harnessing the IKIAs into market-ready innovations for impactful grass root economic and social transformation.

1.3 Project Objectives

Overall Objective: To conduct feasibility studies to evaluate the commercial viability of IKIAs as Heritage-Based Enterprises at the local, national, and international levels.

Specific Objectives

- To conduct a feasibility study for prioritized IKIAs with product-specific value chains and identify the requirements for successful commercialization.
- To propose product-specific business plans/model for potentially viable assets, including estimated investment levels.
- To identify key factors to ensure the long-term sustainability of these enterprises.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Consultancy Services

The consultant will:

- Produce a report and present during the inception meeting.
- Conduct a feasibility study on the prioritized IKIAs (under the following five categories: Traditional Foods, Traditional Medicines, Music, Traditional Technologies, and Heritage Sites) in 13 counties namely Kilifi, Maukeni, Tharaka Nithi, Garissa, Marsabit, Murang'a, Narok, Kisii, Kericho, Turkana, Siaya, Vihiga, and Kakamega. The study will involve assessing product value chains, market analysis, risk assessment, exploring critical sustainability factors among thematic areas of study that need to be investigated. In particular, the consultant will be expected to share ideas on strategies of transforming the IKIAs into services and goods for market uptake. The study will also involve ranking the viability of IKIAs in individual counties and across counties.
- Explore the potential inherent in aggregation of IKIAs within and across counties. For instance, harnessing heritage sites into tourism circuits within which traditional foods, music and dance, traditional attire can be developed as connected economic activities to deliver multiplier effect.
- Develop product-specific business plans for commercially viable products/assets and propose investment models that will bring the products into profitability and ultimately lead to socio-economic benefits including wealth creation, contribution to GDP growth, job creation, increased household income, enhanced livelihood.
- Produce and physically present of the mid-term report
- Prepare a comprehensive feasibility study report and an abridged version of not more than 25 pages.
- Present the key highlights of the report to key stakeholder for validation and ownership and thereafter submit final reports (comprehensive and abridged versions)

2.2 Deliverables

- Inception Report:** A detailed inception.
- Feasibility Study Reports:** A comprehensive report and an abridged version (25 pager).
- Product-specific Business Plans for Commercially Viable Assets:** Detailed product specific business plans reports.

3. Responsibilities:

Role of NMK-NPI and key partners:

- To provide relevant documents needed for the study.
- To avail the list of key informant/respondents and key contacts.
- To organize and host inception and stakeholders' validation meetings.

The role of the consulting firm/consultant:

- Carry out the assignment as stipulated in the terms of reference.

Timelines and milestones:

The project will be executed over a 12-week period.

- Inception report within 1 week of contract signing.
- Mid-term report within 7 weeks of contract signing.
- Present reports to stakeholders for validation within 13 weeks of contract signing.
- Final reports within 14 weeks of contract signing.

4. Reporting and Communication

- Reporting Requirements:** The consultant will report to the NPI Secretariat and provide bi-weekly updates on the project's progress.
- Communication Channels:** The consultant will maintain official communication with the NMK-NPI design-



Tourism CS flags off wildlife census in Northern Kenya to boost conservation



Tourism and Wildlife CS Rebecca Miano speaking during the launch of the second phase of the National Wildlife Census 2024. PHOTO: DICKSON MWITI

KNA BY DICKSON MWITI

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has launched the second phase of its national wildlife census, aimed at accurately determining the number and health of wildlife in Kenya's ecosystem.

The initiative, which is crucial for future tourism planning and conservation efforts, was flagged off by Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano in Isiolo County.

The second phase of the census will focus on Northern Kenya, covering key regions such as Laikipia, Samburu, Meru, Tharaka-Nithi, Isiolo, and Marsabit.

This follows a similar exercise conducted in 2021, which revealed a 29 percent increase in the elephant population, with over 7,000 elephants counted.

However, the drought experienced in 2022, floods, and other natural factors have led to a reduction in some animal populations, such as buffaloes.

Speaking at the launch, CS Miano highlighted the growing challenges posed by human activities like logging and charcoal burning, which continue to threaten wildlife habitats.

"Through aerial surveys, the ministry aims to better monitor these threats and assess their impact on Kenya's wildlife," Ms. Miano said.

She added that with the support of modern aviation technology and GPS connectivity, Kenya Wildlife Service is equipped to track wildlife more effectively and make informed decisions to preserve Kenya's natural heritage.

The importance of Northern Kenya

Counting wildlife is not like counting human beings and this exercise is therefore very sophisticated - Miano

as a critical elephant habitat, not just for Kenya but for Africa as a whole, was underscored by Dr. Festus Ihwagi, Senior Scientist at the Save the Elephant Initiative.

He pointed out that the region, which hosts non-protected wildlife areas, offers unique opportunities for fostering a balanced co-existence between wildlife conservancies and local communities.

The census also holds significant importance for policymakers. The Member of Parliament for Maara and Chair of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee in the National Assembly KarekeMbiuki emphasized that the survey's findings will help legislators craft more effective policies for the management and sustainable growth of Kenya's tourism sector.

The second phase of the wildlife census being conducted by the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) is expected to not only provide crucial data for conservation but also support Kenya's broader tourism goals by ensuring the protection of its world-renowned wildlife attractions, he said.

The census is targeting 65,000 square kilometers in the six counties.

WRTI director Dr Patrick Omondi said the institute is using the latest technology of mapping and counting the animals by ensuring they track every area simultaneously using the seven choppers flagged off last week by CS Miano.

The data will then be immediately sent to the data centre located at Shaba for tabulation and analysis.

"Counting wildlife is not like counting human beings and this exercise is therefore very sophisticated. To avoid total and double counts we have to fly the blocks simultaneously so that we can map where these animals are in time and space," Dr Omondi said.

He thanked the counties, communities, and other partners for their support in the exercise.

Collaboration in Samburu County focuses on improving GBV survivor reintegration



James Mungai from the Gender Violence Recovery Center trains gender stakeholders in Samburu county on the need to strengthen the Gender Based Violence referral pathway so that survivors access services and get justice. PHOTO: ROBERT GITHU

BY ROBERT GITHU, KNA

Gender stakeholders in Samburu County have been trained on strengthening the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) referral pathway to ensure that survivors can access the services they need in a coordinated manner.

Speaking after a three-day training in Maralal town, James Mungai from the Gender Violence Recovery Center (GVRC) stated that the referral pathway is a structured method of assisting GBV survivors and is a vital component of the response to GBV and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

He noted that the referral pathway provides crucial support to GBV victims by helping them access services such as rescue centers, medical and legal services, and psychological support throughout the process. "We have unpacked the referral process and strengthened existing gaps, from when the case is reported at the police gender desk, through the expectations of medical practitioners, the ODPP, the courts,

the role of the rescue center, and up until the victim is reintegrated back into society as a GBV survivor," he said.

Mungai added that stakeholder engagement also focused on supporting rescue centers or safe spaces in Samburu County by reviewing their guiding principles for service provision, resource mobilization, rules and regulations, and the various shelter models currently in use in the county.

"The safety of the survivor should be the top priority. After conducting a needs assessment in Samburu County, in collaboration with the Directorate of Gender and the Ministry of Health, we focused on supporting the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Rescue Centre in SugutaMarmar through the Accelerate Project, funded by the Embassy of Denmark in Kenya," he said.

Mungai was optimistic that after the engagement, Samburu residents would be aware of the presence of safe spaces and would have a better understanding of the referral pathway and where to get help.



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Treasury outlines strategies for growth amid high debt and climate change risks

BY JOAN OGOLLA, KNA

The National Treasury and Economic Planning has conducted a public-sector hearing for the Financial Year 2025/2026 and the medium-term budget.

The National Treasury and Economic Planning CS, John Mbadi, noted that the country continues

to face challenges such as high debt levels and the impact of climate change, which poses significant risks to the region's agriculture, tourism, and other sectors.

"Climate change continues to affect critical sectors like agriculture and tourism, undermining our economic resilience, escalating public debt

limits, and reducing fiscal flexibility, thus making it harder to invest in priority programs," he explained.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by the National Treasury PS, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, in Nairobi, Mbadi stated that to mitigate these risks and sustain economic growth, the government would implement sound macroeco-

nomic policies, promote private sector investment, and prioritize climate resilience, as this will play a key role in the region's economic development.

"Kenya's economy is projected to grow at a moderate pace in the medium term, supported by strong domestic demand, investments in agriculture, manufacturing, favorable water conditions, a strong service sector, a stable macroeconomic environment, ongoing public investments in infrastructure, and sustained business confidence. The economy is expected to grow gradually to 5.5 percent in the next five years," he noted.

Despite these hurdles, Kenya's economy is projected to grow steadily, with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth expected to reach 5 percent in 2024 and rise to 5.5 percent by 2025. This growth will be driven by robust domestic demand, agricultural development, manufacturing investments, and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the inflation rate is anticipated to remain within the target range of 2.5 percent above or below the 5 percent goal, and foreign exchange rates are expected to remain stable.

In order to address fiscal challenges, the government has committed to a fiscal consolidation policy focusing on three key areas including reducing priority expenditures through non-streamlining spending to prioritize essential programs, tax reforms through expanding the tax base by enhancing



(From Left) National Treasury PS Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Appropriations Committee Chairperson Ndindi Nyoro during the launch of public hearings for the FY 2025/2026 and Medium-Term Budget at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi.

tax administration and debt reduction through lowering the fiscal deficit from 8.6 per cent of GDP in 2021/22 to 4.5 per cent by 2024/25 and reducing public debt from 67.6 per cent to 62.8 per cent of GDP over the same period.

"By reducing public debt and improving our fiscal position, we create room for investments in infrastructure, education, and health," Mbadi stated.

According to the Chairman, Budget and Appropriations Committee, National Assembly Ndindi Nyoro, the FY 2024/2025 budget is set at

Sh3.88 Trillion, highlighting the key revenue streams that are ordinary revenue, Sh2.6 trillion appropriations in aid and Sh438 billion grants.

"The budget faces a Sh767 billion deficit, necessitating borrowing to fill the gap, this borrowing reflects the fiscal challenges we are navigating," Nyoro noted.

"We need to address the imbalance between recurrent and development expenditures, while innovating revenue collection and aligning spending with national priorities," Nyoro emphasized.

Ahead of the public hearings, Nyoro urged stakeholders to actively participate in the budget formulation process, noting that this is an ideal platform for voicing their concerns, aspirations and suggestions for the country's budget allocations.

Security committee camps at conflict zone to foster peace

BY JOHN KALEKE, KNA

The Government has committed to address insecurity at the AngataBarrikoi in Trans Mara South Sub-County Tongoyo said, "Our visit is focused on uncovering the root cause of these conflicts and developing a comprehensive plan for enduring peace."

During a National Assembly Security Committee peace meeting at the AngataBarrikoi-Gwitembe border, Gabriel Tongoyo, Narok West Member of Parliament and the committee chair reiterated the government's unwavering commitment to fostering peace and security in the area.

The region has been plagued by border conflicts between the Maasai

and Kuria communities that have claimed over 30 lives in the past two decades. Speaking during a community engagement in AngataBarrikoi in Trans Mara South Sub-County Tongoyo said, "Our visit is focused on uncovering the root cause of these conflicts and developing a comprehensive plan for enduring peace."

He emphasized that the committee's mission was prompted by grievances raised by local leaders, who sought the government's intervention to resolve pressing issues in the community.

Tongoyo said the primary challenges affecting

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Archaeologists uncover 500-year-old shipwreck off Ngomeni coast

BY EMMANUEL MASHA,
KNA

Kilifi County's Ngomeni area is set to host Sub-Saharan Africa's first underwater museum, with significant progress already made in the initial research phase.

Over the past two weeks, archaeologists from the National Museums of Kenya (NMK) and their collaborators have been investigating a shipwreck believed to have sunk in the Indian Ocean off Ngomeni's shores approximately 500 years ago.

Dr. Caesar Bita, the Head of Coastal Archaeology at the National Museums of Kenya (NMK), is leading the team in an effort to determine the shipwreck's dimensions and ascertain whether the vessel served commercial or military purposes.

The team is also working to uncover the circumstances surrounding the ship's sinking in 1524, with early findings suggesting a fire, as charred timber fragments have been discovered among



Underwater cultural heritage enthusiasts admire some of the artifacts recovered from the Portuguese ship that sank off the Ngomeni coast in Kilifi County 500 years ago. Archeologists from the National Museums of Kenya and its partners are exploring the possibility of building the first ever underwater museums in sub-Saharan Africa. PHOTO: EMMANUEL MASHA.

the wreckage.

Journalists were invited over the weekend to observe the archaeologists in action, witnessing their deep-sea dives and the retrieval of various historical artifacts from the shipwreck.

"This is a big and unique project in East African and also Sub-Saharan Africa because no other country has taken keen interest in conserving

cultures that are found in the sea and Kenya is very advanced in that field as she has experts who are able to research and conserve those cultures," Dr. Bita said.

Dr. Bita, a prominent underwater archaeologist in East and Central Africa, said the biggest objective of the project is to open an underwater museum that will be the only one of its kind in the country, and

which will enable NMK to develop a new tourism product in the country.

"We want to make Ngomeni a very unique tourist attraction site in our country, which will be added to what we call the Big Five. When tourists explore our national parks, beaches and monuments, they can also appreciate and enjoy the underwater heritage," he said.

He said after the research, the National Museums of Kenya will build a replica of the shipwreck, possibly at Ras Ngomeni, so that those who will visit the site will not see a building but a replica of the original ship that will contain some of the items found underwater.

"This will be done while the original ship under the water is conserved so that visitors wishing to see it can venture into the seabed to see it, because if we remove the timber from under the water and bring them up, they will decay," he said.

Mr. Hussein Athman Hussein, the Deputy NMK Director in charge of the Coast Region echoed Dr. Bita's sentiments, saying that NMK would build the museum on land but allow people who would wish to see the ac-

‘This is a big and unique project in East African and also Sub-Saharan Africa

tual ship to dive to the site of the wreckage.

The shipwreck was discovered in 2007 by fishermen who reported to NMK that they had come across ancient items such as pots, Dr. Bita said, adding that NMK partnered with the National Museums of China and conducted the initial research on the wreckage and discovered that the ill-fated ship was from Portugal.

The scientists who ventured into the seabed emerged after staying underwater for between 30 minutes and one hour with tales of excitement about what they had found out, with some coming out with artifacts they collected from the wreckage.

They included Dr. Bita, Mr. Philippe Castro who is an archaeologist from America, Ms. Susan Mtakai from the Kenya Coast Guard and Dr. Gary Philbrick, the main sponsor of the activity and also an underwater archaeologist.

Locals, led by Alphonse Dena expressed optimism that the museum would be a big tourist attraction and thanked the NMK and especially Dr. Bita for training 15 local youths on the use of gas cylinders in diving.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR



Newborn care training program launched to reduce neonatal deaths

BY DAVIS LANGAT, KNA

The Government has rolled out guidelines for comprehensive newborn care in a bid to reduce neonatal deaths.

Health Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa said the newborn care training package is designed to equip healthcare workers with the skills needed to care for newborns.

The Cabinet Secretary, who was accompanied by Health Director General Patrick Amoth and Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga, launched the guidelines at the Homa Bay Kenya Medical Training College grounds.

The launch took place during celebrations marking World Prematurity Day, aimed at raising awareness of premature birth.

Dr. Barasa stated that prematurity is the leading cause of death among children under the age of five worldwide.

According to the Minis-

try of Health, every baby born before the completion of 37 weeks of pregnancy is considered preterm.

Dr. Barasa emphasized that preterm birth complications could be prevented, noting that it is the leading cause of death among children under five years in the country.

She called for innovative solutions to reduce the number of babies who die during birth, adding that majority of the deaths could be prevented.

According to the Ministry of Health, 12 per cent of all live births annually are preterm with the

Kenya Demographic and Health Survey

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—Amoth

Report indicating a neonatal mortality rate of 21 deaths per 1000 live births which accounts for 51 per cent of under-five mortality in the country.

Dr. Barasa emphasized the importance of breast milk and respiratory support through use of machines such as Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), caffeine citrate and provision of oxygen where needed.

During the launch, the Ministry also distributed CPAP machines for babies to help those with breathing complications after birth.

"We have equally improved monitoring of new born care indicators through development of standardized data collection and monitoring in all admitting facilities," Dr. Barasa said.

Dr. Amoth on his part said the country should put more efforts to reduce the number of children who die during birth.



From L: Health CS Dr Deborah Barasa, Director General Patrick Amoth and Governor Gladys Wanga. PHOTO: DAVIS LANGAT

He said it was regrettable that Homa Bay was one of the counties leading in neonatal deaths at 26 deaths per 1000 live births.

However, the county has made progress in addressing malnutrition and other underlying factors that promote child deaths, the Director General said. He noted that 89 per cent of mothers in the county deliver in health facilities against the national average of 90 per

cent and that a quarter of births in the county are of teenage mothers.

"Teenage mothers are at risk of dying during childbirth as well as their children dying in the process," the health director said.

Governor Wanga said there was a need to provide quality care to preterm babies.

According to Ms. Wanga, the county has increased access to maternal and

new-born health care by strengthening primary health care systems.

Ms. Wanga announced that her administration intends to build two specialized neonatal clinics by 2026 and train more health care workers to handle preterm births effectively.

USAID donated more than 1000 CPAP machines which will be taken to different hospitals across the country.



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State moves to reinforce transparency and good governance in cooperative societies

BY MABEL KEYA – SHIKUKU, KNA

The Government is planning to develop and implement several legal frameworks to revitalize the cooperative movement, which is currently facing significant challenges.

Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya stated that the government is on the verge of finalizing the Cooperatives Bill No. 7 of 2024, which will enhance governance and foster legal collaboration between the national and county governments.

Speaking during the third Annual Cooperatives



Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya addressing cooperative sector stakeholders in Naivasha.

Movement Stakeholders' meeting in Naivasha, the CS also mentioned that the Commissioner of

Cooperatives is working on a policy to streamline operations in the cooperative sector and enhance

accountability and transparency.

Oparanya noted that some Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) have sacrificed professionalism and accountability in favor of offering huge dividends, to the extent of borrowing to pay these dividends or even declaring dividends from losses.

This, he said, is done to create the illusion that their Saccos are financially sound, when in reality, they are struggling.

"It is essential to instill 'good dividend manners' within cooperatives. Prioritizing long-term sustainability over short-term benefits ensures that cooperatives remain financially robust

and capable of meeting members' future needs.

To this end, my ministry, through the Commissioner for Cooperatives Development, is developing a dividend policy to address malpractice in the sector," Oparanya concluded.

He was categorical that the legislations that are coming up on the floor of the House will help end these malpractices.

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To this end, this forum presents an invaluable opportunity to align our efforts

movement, Oparanya said, has witnessed remarkable growth, contributing significantly to job creation, wealth generation, financial inclusion, and community empowerment.

With over 14 million people engaged as co-operators and more than 500,000 employed in the sector, the role of cooperatives in shaping our nation's prosperity cannot be overstated.

"To this end, this forum presents an invaluable opportunity to align our efforts, refine strategies, and reaffirm the movement's central role in driving sustainable development through this sector,"

The CS also noted with concern that despite many cooperatives upholding their values, a few have failed to adhere to good governance principles, resulting in financial losses and eroding public trust.



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Our Vision
"A citizen-centric public service"

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"To reform and transform the public service for efficient and effective service delivery"

1. ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 35(1)(a) (v) of the Universities Act, 2012 amended through Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act No. 18 of 2018, the Public Service Commission invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the following vacant positions in public universities.

S/No.	Position	University	No. of Vacancies
1.	Vice Chancellor (Re-advertisement)	Open University of Kenya	1
2.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs)		1
3.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning and Infrastructure)		1
4.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation) (Re-advertisement)	MultiMedia University of Kenya	1
5.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Planning) (Re-advertisement)		1
6.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance)	Kenyatta University	1
7.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Planning)	Meru University of Science and Technology	1

The details of the posts and mode of application can be accessed on the Commission's website: www.public-service.go.ke

Applications should reach the Commission on or before **17th December, 2024 latest 5.00 pm (East African Time)**.

2. CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISED POSITIONS

The following positions advertised on 16th November, 2023 are hereby cancelled. Those who had applied are encouraged to re-apply.

S/No.	Position	University	No. of Vacancies
1.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation)	Multi Media University of Kenya	1
2.	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Planning)		1

**SECRETARY/CEO
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TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a State Corporation whose mandate is to plan, design, construct, operate, own, and maintain high voltage national electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors. KETRACO now invites tenders from interested/eligible firms to bid for the tender given below:

TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
SUPPLY OF SPECIALIZED TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	KETRACO-PT-039-2024	OPEN	20 TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30 AM EAT
RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR TOWER NO.163 ON 132KV MANGU-GITHAMBO TRANSMISSION LINE, TOWER NO.110 ON 132KV MWINGI-GARISWA TRANSMISSION LINE AND TOWER NO. 90 ON 132KV SULTAN-WOTE TRANSMISSION LINE	KETRACO-PT-040-2024	OPEN	19 TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30 AM EAT
SUPPLY OF SPARES AND CONSUMABLES FOR AIR HANDLING UNITS FOR AIR CONDITIONING OF POLE 1 AND POLE 2 VALVE HALLS AT SUSWA HVDC CONVERTER STATION.	KETRACO-PT-041-2024	OPEN	18 TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30 AM EAT
PROCUREMENT OF TRANSMISSION LINE INSULATORS AND FITTINGS FOR OVERHEAD LINE MAINTENANCE WORKS	KETRACO-PT-042-2024	OPEN	19 TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30 AM EAT
TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SPARES, CONSUMABLES, AND TOOLS FOR CONVERTER WATER COOLING SYSTEM AT THE CONVERTER STATION.	KETRACO-PT-043-2024	OPEN	18 TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30 AM EAT

KETRACO tenders run on SAP ARIBA e-procurement platform and therefore the tender document detailing the requirements may be viewed by clicking on the link provided in KETRACO website (www.ketraco.co.ke) beginning **27th November 2024**.

All enquiries on this tender should be channelled through kettenders@ketraco.co.ke ;cc hkisero@ketraco.co.ke or through message board in SAP Ariba. Complete tender documents shall be electronically submitted through SAP ARIBA platform on or before the dates as indicated in the table above for specific tenders.

Tenders will be opened electronically promptly thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend in KETRACO Procurement Office at Kawi Complex, Block B, Second Floor.

**AG. SENIOR MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN
FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR**



Government to pay youth stipends for safeguarding tree seedlings

BY GEOFFREY SATIA, KNA

The National Government, through the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, has promised to pay stipends to youths who will protect tree seedlings in the counties of Nandi and Kisii.

Hezron Nyamberi, Senior Deputy Secretary in the Ministry, revealed that funds will be set aside to pay a select group of youth scouts who will be involved in weeding and offering protection in tree-growing areas.

Nyamberi, who made these remarks during a tree-planting exercise in Kubuji Forest, Nandi South Sub-County, said that engaging youths in Kisii County to protect grown trees has been successful, and this initiative will soon be introduced in Nandi.

"We began engaging youths in Kisii in September to protect grown seedlings, and so far, no tree

seedlings have been uprooted or destroyed, contrary to previous reports," he said.

He added that the Ministry is working closely with the community to identify scouts who will provide protection at tree-growing sites. "They will assist with weeding and protect the grown trees," Nyamberi explained.

Nyamberi also urged agencies, non-state actors, and various partners to collaborate with the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy in efforts to green degraded sites in Nandi County.

He noted that the Ministry's target is to plant 10 million trees, with the State Department of Broadcasting and Telecommunication aiming to plant 5 million, while the State Department of ICT and Digital Economy will plant 5 million trees in Kisii and Nandi counties.

"So far, we have planted 20,000 seedlings, as op-



Hezron Nyamberi, Senior Deputy Secretary Ministry of Information, Communications and The Digital Economy, Nandi South Deputy County Commissioner Mokin Ptang'ony, Nandi County Forest Conservator Dennis Kerengo and Nandi County Warden Augustine Langat during tree planting exercise in Kubuji Forest, Nandi South Sub-County.

posed to the target of 500,000 this year, due to unpredictable weather patterns in the region," Nyamberi said.

"Today, in Kubuji Forest, we were supposed to plant 10,000 seedlings,

but due to weather vagaries, we have only planted 1,000," he added.

Nandi County Forest Conservator Dennis Kerengo reiterated that they would provide the needed support in identifying the right individuals from the community to protect grown trees since already, the community of Nandi had been sensitized on planting and protecting trees.

Kerengo revealed that a total of 8.6 million trees had been grown in Nandi County since the beginning of the year against the year target of 17.4 million trees.

"We are bulking trees

in the nurseries so that by February, March and May next year, we will be able to surpass our target," he said.

He said the Kenya Forest Service had mobilized One Acre Fund, Eastern Produce Kenya, various agencies CBOs and NGOs to provide sufficient trees seedlings to be planted

“My team and relevant partners will ensure trees grown areas are protected from weeds

by next year.

"We also encourage fruit tree seedlings for its high demand in areas outside gazetted forest. Our farmers have a high affinity for fruit trees," he said.

According to him, gazetted forests in Nandi is 63,000 hectares which forms about 26 per cent of the land mass, this falling below the target area.

He said the bigger area which needed to be planted is within the private firms; tea estates and also government owned land such as institutions and schools.

"To meet the President's directive to plant 15 billion trees in the next 10 years, we are ensuring every land unit has 30 per cent trees cover," the County Forest Conservator said.

Kerengo noted that Nandi County is privileged to work together with the area Members of Parliament, local communities through Kenya Forest Association and Planting Protection of the Forests.

"My team and relevant partners will ensure trees grown areas are protected from weeds and animals or human destruction," he noted

Deputy County Commissioner Nandi South MokinPtang'ony said residents of Nandi are passionate about the Presidential directive on tree planting as a strategy to combat the life-threatening effects of global warming.

Grade 9 students to select specialization paths ahead of 2026 senior school transition

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI AND PHILLIP RUTTO, KNA

The Ministry of Education is implementing guidelines to ensure that Grade 10 students transitioning to senior schools in 2026 are placed in their preferred pathways.

Basic Education PS Dr. BelioKipsang stated that Grade 9 students, currently in Grade 8 in junior schools, will be required to select their areas of specialization when they reach Grade 9.

The three available pathways are: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), the Arts, and Sports Dis-

cipline courses.

"The ministry will conduct several simulations starting next year before the new placement method is adopted in 2026," he said.

The PS, who was speaking in Dagoretti South Sub-County after opening the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination container for distribution to schools, also noted that all senior schools will offer STEM courses.

He commended the multi-agency team overseeing the ongoing National Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exercise, which has been

running for four weeks, and acknowledged that their efforts have greatly contributed to the successful administration of this year's examination.

"We have had a successful run, and the country is satisfied with our efforts. We are satisfied," said the PS.Dr. Kipsang confirmed that this year's examination malpractices were fewer compared to previous years.

The PS announced that the marking of the examination will commence after the completion of the last paper, calling upon all the examination markers to do their part efficiently.



KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY Connecting Devolved Kenya

TENDER NOTICE

SPOT IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADING/ CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROADS AND DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a state corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, with the responsibility of management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of Rural Roads.

The Authority hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the Spot Improvement and Upgrading/ Construction of various Roads & Drainage Structures to be financed through the RMLF, Development Vote.

Interested Bidders are advised to download the Long Advertisement and Tender Documents from the Authority's website www.kerra.go.ke and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge as from 2nd December, 2024.

MANDATORY PRE-TENDER site visits shall be held on dates and times agreed with the respective Regional Directors and bidders are required to have the Certificate of Bidders Visit to Site signed by the respective Regional Director. Contact details for the respective Regional Directors can be downloaded from the Authority's website.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and deposited in the Tender Boxes at the offices of the respective Regional Directors as indicated in the Long Advertisement or be addressed and posted to the respective Regional Directors address indicated in the same Long Advertisement so as to be received on or before 7th January, 2025 at 11.00am.

Opening of the bids will take place immediately thereafter on 7th January, 2025 at the offices of the respective Regional Directors in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Bids not received at the submission venue by the closing date and time will not be accepted for opening and will be rejected and returned unopened.

Interested bidders are required to continually check the Authority's website for any tender addendums or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Chain Unit at the address below during working hours from 09:00 to 16:00 Hours local time Monday to Friday.

Kenya Rural Roads Authority,
Barabara Plaza Block B, Mazao Road, Opposite KCAA building
P. O. Box 48151 - 00100, NAIROBI.
Email Addresses: dg@kerra.go.ke, procurement@kerra.go.ke
Tel: +254(20)780600/01-05, Mobile: +254 711851103

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL

Connecting Devolved Kenya



Health experts call for timely treatment, vaccination to control cervical cancer

BY SHARON ATIENO, KNA

Cervical cancer remains a major health challenge and a leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in Kenya.

According to the Ministry of Health, it claims the lives of 10 Kenyan women every day, with more than three-quarters of cases diagnosed at advanced stages.

However, investing in research ensures that strategies to tackle the disease are evidence-based and capable of delivering measurable outcomes, said Health Director General (DG) Dr. Patrick Amoth.

In a speech read on his behalf by Dr. Gladwell Gathecha, Acting Head of the Division of Non-Communicable Diseases at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Amoth highlighted that the World Health Organ-

ization, through the 2020 Global Strategy for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer, has laid out a plan to address cervical cancer as a public health concern.

"This creates a significant health and socio-economic burden on families, communities, and the nation, yet this disease is preventable and treatable through well-established interventions such as HPV vaccination, HPV testing, early screening, and timely treatment," he said.

The strategy sets a mission target of vaccinating 90% of girls

‘We have also managed to expand screening services to primary health care facilities—Amoth

against HPV by the age of 18, screening 70% of eligible women, and ensuring 90% of those diagnosed with cancer or invasive cancer receive timely treatment by 2030," he disclosed.

Dr. Amoth mentioned that Kenya is committed to the global mandate through policy frameworks including the National Cancer Policy which runs between 2019 and 2030 and the National Cancer Control Strategy which provides a foundation for addressing cervical cancer.

"Building on this policy, Kenya has achieved key milestones in combating the disease," he added, highlighting the milestones made including running of the HPV vaccination program, with 75 per cent of the adolescent girls receiving the first dose and 25 per cent receiving the second dose.



The Acting Head of the Division of Non-Communicable Diseases at the Ministry of Health Dr. Gladwell Gathecha (Seated Centre) poses for a photo with other health stakeholders during National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cervical Cancer Symposium held in Nairobi.

He at the same time noted that the country is transitioning to a one dose HPV vaccination regime which is expected to improve coverage and the introduction of HPV testing as a more sensitive and effective screening method that enables early identification of HPV individuals.

"We have also managed to expand screening services to primary health care facilities hence improving access for women across the country and strengthening the referral system that ensures a timely care for those diagnosed with cervical cancer or invasive cancer," he maintained, adding that

the efforts demonstrate Kenya's sustained commitment, innovation and collaboration in advancing cancer prevention and treatment.

Further, the DG emphasized research and collaboration as a cornerstone of the stakeholders' efforts to combat cervical cancer since the National Cancer Control Strategy emphasizes the integration of strategic information, registration and surveillance with robust research initiatives.

"Collaborative studies by institutions such as Cambridge, the Aga Khan University, the University of Nairobi among others

have provided important insights into HPV prevalence, vaccine efficacy and the effectiveness of screening programs," he said, adding that the findings inform policy decisions and guide the design of targeted interventions to address emerging challenges. Dr. Amoth stressed that county governments are indispensable in the fight against cervical cancer and as custodians of devolved health systems, counties play an important role in integrating cancer prevention, screening and treatment services into local healthcare frameworks.



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The National Biosafety Authority (NBA) is a State Corporation established under the Biosafety Act No. 2 of 2009 with an overarching mandate to exercise general supervision and control over the development, transfer, handling and use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) with a view to ensuring safety to human and animal health as well as the provision of adequate level of protection to the environment.

The Authority wishes to replace the following vacant position.

NO	POSITION	REF. NO	JOB GRADE
1.	Principal Planning Officer	NBA/01/2024	NBA 4
2.	Driver	NBA/02/2024	NBA 9

Details of the job and person specifications, as well as method of application are available at www.biosafetykenya.go.ke.

For applications sent by email, the subject line should contain the Job Title attaching application letter, National ID, Certificates, CV and other credentials and sent to hrm@biosafetykenya.go.ke.

Applications sent by either post or hand delivery should be contained in a sealed envelope indicating the job title and reference number on the surface of the envelope and delivered to the address below:

**The Chief Executive Officer
National Biosafety Authority
NACOSTI Building 2nd Floor, Loresho – Off Waiyaki Way
P.O Box 28251 – 00100 – NAIROBI**

National Biosafety Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Youth, Women and Persons with Disability are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Applications should be delivered on or before 16th December 2024.



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO DEALERS IN GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs) AND THEIR DERIVED PRODUCTS

The National Biosafety Authority is a State Corporation established under section 5 of the Biosafety Act, No. 2 of 2009 to exercise general supervision and control over the transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with a view of ensuring safety of human and animal health and provision of adequate level of protection of the environment. The Authority is also the National Focal for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The Authority takes note of the recent High Court ruling on GMOs and their derived products which was delivered on Thursday 7th November 2024 re-affirming the Cabinet decision of 3rd October 2022 that Kenya has a robust legal, regulatory and institutional framework to regulate GMOs.

By virtue of the High Court ruling, the Authority draws the attention of persons wishing to deal in GMO products to the provisions of Biosafety Act, 2009 Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 50 and the Regulations made thereunder which require such persons to make applications to the Authority for approval to deal with the said products. Details of the application procedures, including application forms can be accessed at www.biosafetykenya.go.ke as well as the E-citizen platform.

Take notice that it is an offence under Section 52 of the Biosafety Act for any person to deal in GMOs or their derived products without the written approval of the Authority.

The Authority affirms to Kenyans that following the High Court ruling, it shall discharge its mandate of ensuring safety of human, animal health and protection of the environment in accordance with the Biosafety Act.

For more information, please contact –

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National Biosafety Authority
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Rift Valley Institute of Business Studies learners unveil smart farm management system at expo

BY DENNIS RASTO (KNA)

Imagine using an Internet of Things (IOT) technology that ensures that watering, temperature, lighting, humidity, air quality and soil moisture in a farm are perfect for plants to thrive?

This is a new farming innovation mooted by three students from Rift Valley Institute of Business Studies, (RVIBS) which promises and delivers just that.

"The innovation is a system that monitors a farm by accurately regulating the conditions best suited for the particular crop. It consists of a set of sensors and modules which collect data and trigger the system to control the farm and ensure proper agro-nomical conditions," says Ms Mercy Wanjiru, one of the brains behind the innovation.

The other innovators of this system which was showcased during the recent RVIBS Tech Expo are Mr Charles Munyora and Ms. Gladys Daisi.

At the same exhibition Ms. Susan Muthami and Mr. Martin Kyalo explained to their audience workings of a security system that uses Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) and



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guards against theft, toxic gas leaks, fires, intrusion and prying in residential premises.

Ms. Muthami said their innovation was inspired by the fact that security is one of the most important aspects for a home or a business owner whether he is away or at home.

There is nothing reassuring for one to know that his or her property is secure and intact, she said.

Mr Kyalo explained that the automated anti-theft system notifies the owner when there is an intruder in a home since it is fitted with motion detectors

and sensors which send a message to the mobile phone or laptop computer of the owner.

The three students, all who are studying Internet of Things (IOT) and Robotics at RVIBS are beneficiaries of the Sh6.5 billion (50 million dollars) World Bank Funded SKIES (Strengthening Kenya's Innovation Ecosystem) scholarship

“ Basically, we have configured the system to avoid over-watering or under-watering of crops

program.

SKIES, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry through the State Department for Industry aims to enhance the innovation ecosystem infrastructure by building the capacity of 13 Kenyan intermediaries such as incubators, accelerators, and technology boot camp providers.

Through the Kenya Industrial and Entrepreneurship Project (KIEP), the program is supporting these intermediaries who also include eight universities and 500 middle level colleges in start-ups in developing and deepening their operational strengths and individual business models, ensuring operational sustainability, expansion and improved quality of services provided.

Mr. Munyora explained that the prototype they developed can help farmers in automating irrigation systems and tracking soil moisture content.

"Basically, we have configured the system to avoid over-watering or under-watering of crops. The system is also equipped with a rain sensor designed to switch off water pumps whenever it is raining. This is to avoid wastage and bolster conservation of water which is gradually becoming a scarce resource," he elaborated.

Mr. Munyora is confident that the prototype they developed can automatically control conditions in a green house and enables a farmer to remotely monitor the situation as when temperatures soar it triggers ventilation

systems to cool the facilities.

"Our initial trials have confirmed that it also checks air quality and guarantees appropriate aeration. When the temperatures plummet below unfavorable levels, it triggers a heating system automatically. If the green house is either too hot or too cold the farmer is notified," the young innovator elaborated.

Mr. Munyora said the system enables farmers to control a greenhouse with the smart-phone through a user-friendly app which is easy to understand and operate. More so, farmers can log into their accounts and control the greenhouse from there or through SMS.

The farmer can choose to control the farm automatically, where the farm regulates itself according to the optimum conditions of the crops being grown.

Notifications are sent to the farmer through the app or SMS. On the other hand, it can be controlled manually where, for example, the farmer can set the temperature to 24 degrees or the soil moisture to a particular value.

The system also regulates humidity, temperature, soil moisture, air flow, light and pH.

EAC partner states bank on inland waterways transport to cut carbon emissions

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The East African Community (EAC) Partner States have emphasized the need to strengthen Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) as a strategy to reduce carbon emissions across the region.

Andrea Aguer Ariik, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of infrastructure, productive, social, and political sectors, highlighted that IWT provides an environmentally friendly alternative to road and rail transport. He noted that inland waterway transport consumes six times less energy than road transport and twice as much as rail, with its carbon emissions generally lower than other modes of transportation.

Deputy Secretary General Ariik further emphasized that water transport holds significant promise for moving large volumes of bulk goods through shorter maritime routes with fewer interruptions. With enhanced infrastructure on Lake Victoria, he believes the region could generate an annual trade worth USD 60 billion, while simultaneously boosting tourism numbers.

Speaking during a side event at the COP29 summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, Ariik said the region's transport networks could leverage lakes and rivers to enhance regional integration and trade.

"While road and rail systems necessitate ongoing maintenance and upgrades, navigable waterways require consider-

ably less investment and can be seamlessly integrated with existing road and rail links," he said.

The EAC partner states, he said, have made great strides in strengthening Inland Water Transport through the renovation of key ports, including Kisumu, Mwanza, and Port Bell, which have greatly improved the navigability of Lake Victoria.

Construction of the new Bujasa Port in Uganda, he added, will establish a reliable, effective, and sustainable multi-modal transport system along the Central and Northern Corridor.

Additionally, the rehabilitation of vessels such as the MV Uhuru I, MV Umoja, MV Victoria, and MV Butiama, along with the introduction of new cargo and passenger ves-



EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of infrastructure, productive, social and political sectors Andrea Aguer Ariik (L) during the COP29 side event in Baku, Azerbaijan. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LVBC

sels like the MV Mwanza and MV Uhuru II, he said, are positive indicators.

He added that the launch of two tankers, the MT Kabaka Mutebi II and MT Elgon, with a combined capacity of approximately 10 million litres will enhance efficient transportation of fuel from the Kenya Pipeline Depot in Kisumu to Port Bell in Uganda through Lake Victoria, removing hundreds of trucks, which are behind the rising carbon emissions in the area, from the road.

"These tankers have ef-

fectively removed around 300 fuel trucks from the roads, thereby minimizing pollution," he said, adding that other key investments include the construction and modernization of dry-docking facilities at Mwanza and Kisumu ports, along with the ongoing establishment of Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres in Mwanza, Entebbe, and Kisumu.

Besides Lake Victoria, Akagera River which flows through Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, and River Nile which flows through 11 countries, have the po-

tential to deliver significant benefits to Africa, he said.

"Once fully developed for navigation, these waterways could optimize the use of the continent's natural resources, driving increased development and economic growth," Ariik said.

Sustainable development of inland waterways, he said, is however hampered by lack of funds to fix the infrastructure, inland ports, navigation aids and updated charts and signals. Other challenges include lack of regional regulatory framework and shortage of qualified personnel, which limits the current and future potential of inland navigation, he noted. He called for collaboration between development partners and the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) to effectively address the challenges. The session which was moderated by LVBC Deputy Executive Secretary (ES) Eng. Coletha Ruhanya was also graced by EAC Principal Secretary (PS) Abdi Dubat.

Water CS pledges to ensure timely completion of Kitui's Ummaa Dam

BY DENSON MUTUTO (KNA)

Water and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa has emphasized the government's commitment to completing the Ummaa Dam Water Project in Kitui, which had stalled years ago.

Eng. Mugaa, speaking during an inspection tour of the dam and an assessment of the project's implementation progress (currently at 73.4%), vowed to ensure that construction will not stall again.

"The contractor has no excuse for delaying the work, as we have paid for all completed tasks, and we are committed to ensuring continuous funding for the project to be completed as scheduled," Eng. Mugaa said.

The CS added that ongoing assessment and monitoring of the project are crucial to resolve any challenges, ensuring the project progresses without further delays and that past mistakes are not

repeated.

He pointed out that with availability of funds, the contractor should not have any excuse for extension of time as this leads to increased project costs and other associated inconveniences.

During the tour, Eng. Mugaa noted that the progress of the works is on course with the coffer dam having been completed while grouting work is on-going smoothly.

The CS consequently urged the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority, which is the implementing agency to utilize the on-going short rains by planting trees along the water catchment area of the dam to ensure sustainable environmental conservation.

The Sh1.9-billion project which is located along the River Nzeu in Kitui County has a capacity of 1.2 billion liters of water with a supply output of 2,650,000 litres per day to serve 75,000 people in Kitui County.

The construction of the dam project started in 2009 but stalled for over ten years due to a dispute between the contractor and National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority.

The dispute led to a court case which finally ended up in arbitration where the two parties were advised to reach an agreement and terminate the contract to pave the way for a new contractor.

The contract was terminated after the first contractor had done works up to 68 per cent at a cost of Sh566 million.

The ongoing works are being undertaken by a new contractor, the China Jiangxi International at a cost of Sh1.9 billion and the project will be complete in two years' time (2026).

Ummaa dam is one of the Vision 2030 flagship projects aimed at improving water supply for domestic use and irrigation within Kitui County which is semi-arid.

NMK calls for introduction of underwater archaeology courses at universities

BY EMMANUEL MASHA, KNA

Kenyan universities have been urged to introduce courses in underwater archaeology to increase the number of specialists capable of exploring the country's vast underwater cultural heritage.

Dr. Caesar Bita, the Head of Coastal Archaeology at the National Museums of Kenya, says the rich heritage in the Indian Ocean could generate significant foreign exchange through underwater cultural tourism. Unfortunately, there is a severe shortage of underwater archaeologists in Kenya.

He made this appeal after delivering a talk titled "Discover the Amazing Wonders of Kenya's Underwater Cultural Heritage - the Ngomeni Shipwreck" at the Malindi Heritage Complex in Kilifi

County.

The event was attended by local community members, including youths, employees of the National Museums of Kenya, and members of the Malindi Museum Society. They were taken through the history of explorer and navigator Vasco da Gama and the ships he used on his voyages, some of which sank in Kenyan waters.

Dr. Bita led a team of underwater archaeologists and divers in researching a Portuguese shipwreck believed to have sunk off Ngomeni shores in 1524. During their search, the team recovered various historical artefacts from the wreckage.

"Underwater archaeology does not have enough professionals in Kenya. As we speak, I am the only one with the exper-

tise, which I learned outside Kenya and though I have taught four to five young men, they are not enough," Dr. Bita said.

He stressed the need for local education in this field to make learning more accessible and affordable.

"We should take this science to our universities in order to make underwater archaeology learning easier and less expensive. I was forced to study underwater archaeology outside Kenya, and it is very expensive," he explained.

Dr. Bita emphasized that starting underwater archaeology courses in Kenyan universities would benefit the country, allowing more experts to be trained to conduct research on Kenya's vast underwater archaeological heritage.



Water and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng Eric Mugaa (second left) and other stakeholders during a tour of Ummaa Dam in Kitui County.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Cabinet Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL AGROECOLOGY STRATEGY FOR FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION 2024-2033

Kenya's Food system has progressively evolved over the years but continues to be constrained by numerous endogenous and exogenous factors. There is increasing recognition that the food system, the way we produce, distribute and consume food as a country, is not sustainable and is therefore unable to sufficiently meet the needs of the country's growing population as we move into the future. Reports show that while agricultural output grew by 10% from 2018-2022, the burden of malnutrition continues to persist and the proportion of the population with severe food insecurity increased from 15% in 2016 to 28% in 2022.

Kenya's food system is heavily impacted by global climate change while also contributing to a larger share (over 60%) of GHGs and biodiversity loss. The intensity of extreme weather events including droughts, heavy rains and floods have worsened over the years with serious negative effects on food security and the ecosystem.

Kenya has committed to the transformation of Country's food system within the framework of agreed global and regional frameworks such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UNFCCC COP 27, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP 15, the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) framework and UN Food Systems Summit (2021). These frameworks and the National Position Paper on the Country's Food System Transformation Pathway Plan recognize agroecology as an approach to facilitate a transition towards more productive, sustainable and inclusive food systems through the harnessing of ecosystem services and natural processes in a productive manner.

Agroecology is an integrated approach that combines ecological principles with social justice to design and manage sustainable food systems. Agroecology emphasizes the optimization of interactions among plants, animals, humans, and the environment while minimizing overreliance on external inputs. This holistic framework not only addresses agricultural productivity but also aims to enhance food sovereignty and empower local communities, particularly marginalized groups such as women and indigenous peoples.

The following key aspects underlie Agroecology:

- A scientific discipline rooted in the application of ecological science to agricultural systems, studying interactions within agroecosystems to promote sustainability and resilience;
- Set of practices that mimic natural processes, fostering beneficial biological interactions and enhancing soil health through organic matter management; and,
- A social movement that advocates for food sovereignty, supporting smallholder farmers and promoting equitable food systems that respect local cultures and traditions;

Agroecology is guided by several principles that aim to transform food systems. Key among these -

- Co-creation of Knowledge by encouraging collaboration between farmers and scientists to share insights and innovations that support and develop food systems;
- Promoting crop and livestock diversity to enhance ecosystem resilience;
- Utilizing local renewable resources to reduce dependency on external inputs; and,
- Focusing on social equity within food systems, ensuring fair access to resources and decision-making processes.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development in collaboration with other Ministries, Departments and State Agencies; County Governments and relevant non-State actors, have developed a **National Agroecology Strategy for Food System Transformation (NAS_FST) 2024-2033**. The NAS_FST, 2024 – 2033 is intended to augment Government efforts towards delivering food security and nutrition for all without compromising the economic, social and environmental underpinnings for future food security and nutrition. The overall goal of the NAS_FST is to promote a sustainable transformation of the food system in Kenya to ensure food nutrition and security, climate resilient livelihoods and social inclusion for all. The Strategy employs a holistic agro-ecosystems and food systems approach; advocates for use of principles and practices that enhances the resilience and sustainability of food and farming systems while preserving social integrity; and, focuses on the practical application of agroecology to promote society sensitive and nature-positive agriculture, processing, distribution and consumption of food. The Strategy document was taken through extensive public participation during its development.

This notice is intended to notify the general public of the planned official unveiling of the NAS_FST, 2024-2033 on **Thursday, 28th November 2024**. This will be accompanied by an exhibition of agroecology practices and technologies. **Those invited to attend will be expected to arrive and be seated at the launch venue by 8.00 am.**

Members of the public may access copies of the NAS_FST, 2024-2033 after the launch at www.kilimo.go.ke/Ministry-policies/agriculture/National Agroecology Strategy for Food System Transformation, 2024 – 2033.

Dr. Andrew M. Karanja, PhD.
CABINET SECRETARY

Kenya Utalii Students get a taste of excellence in Italian cooking

BY AHMED ELMAMI AND ALICE GWORO

The 9th edition of the Week of Italian Cuisine concluded with a certificate award ceremony at Kenya Utalii College (KUC), highlighting a call for deeper collaboration between Kenya and Italy in the culinary arts.

The Principal Secretary of the State Department

of Tourism, John Ololtuua, praised the initiative as a significant driver of cultural and economic ties between the two nations.

"This ceremony is a testament to the enduring bonds between our two countries. Food and drink are not merely sustenance; they are powerful tools for fostering connections and understanding across cul-

tures. Gastronomy, as the United Nations highlights, reflects heritage, traditions, and a sense of community while promoting cultural exchange," Ololtuua remarked.

The week-long event, which included a 10-day culinary workshop led by Michelin-starred Chef Luca Mastromattie, was made possible through a

partnership with the Italian Embassy and Qatar Airways.

The training provided Kenya Utalii College students with an in-depth exploration of Italian cuisine—an experience Ololtuua described as transformative for their future in the hospitality industry.

"To the students, this

workshop has offered you more than skills; it has opened a window to endless possibilities in gastronomy. However, success in this industry requires discipline, determination, and a commitment to continuous learning," Ololtuua added.

He also revealed plans to enhance the capacity of Kenya Utalii College, em-

phasizing its pivotal role in driving the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"We are finalizing a report by the Kenya Utalii College Transformation Team, which will propose measures to strengthen the college in training, infrastructure, and partnerships," he noted.

Government plans to double milk production, boosting small-scale farmers' incomes

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

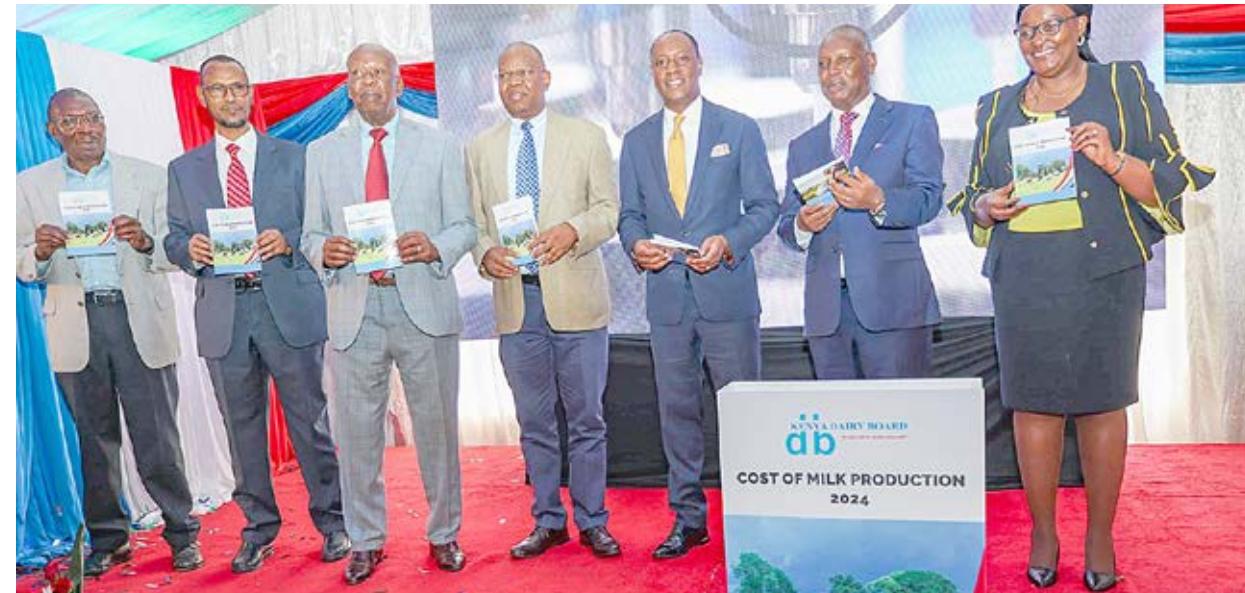
The Government has outlined plans aimed at doubling milk production in the country from 5.2 billion to 10 billion liters annually. This initiative will boost small-scale farmers' average monthly incomes to Sh56,000.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja stated that achieving these ambitious goals requires focused, collaborative efforts from all stakeholders to address challenges in productivity, value addition, and market access for milk and dairy products.

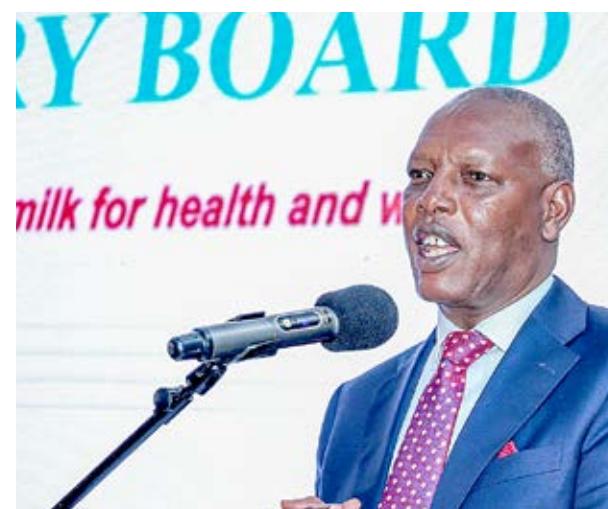
"Last year, the Ministry facilitated a key meeting between milk processors and President William Ruto to develop strategies for these goals. The discussions identified a six-point agenda, including enhancing milk productivity and reducing production costs, promoting efficient bulking and cooling of raw milk, addressing tax barriers that hinder dairy growth, establishing a development fund to support the industry, and improving the quality and safety of milk and dairy products," said the CS.

Speaking at the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) head office during the launch of the Cost of Milk Production Study Report (2024), Dr. Karanja said the Ministry is advancing critical legal and regulatory reforms, including the Livestock Bill 2024, Dairy Industry Bill 2024, and the Veterinary Practice and Veterinary Medicine Bill 2024, to create a more supportive environment for the dairy sector.

The Kenya Dairy Board recently established a national dairy regulatory laboratory, now ISO 17025



(From right) Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) Managing Director (MD) Margaret Kibogy, Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja, State Department for Livestock Development Principal Secretary (PS) Jonathan Mueke and other delegates during the launch of the cost of Milk Production Study Report (2024). PHOTO: GLADYS NJOKA.



Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Andrew Karanja speaking at the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) head office during the launch of the cost of Milk Production Study Report (2024). PHOTO: GLADYS NJOKA.

certified, ensuring reliable testing of milk and dairy products. The Ministry aims to enhance the lab's capacity for specialized contaminant testing and encourages stakeholders to use this facility to access domestic and export markets," the CS said.

To support farmers, Dr. Karanja said that the government is procuring additional milk coolers to improve milk bulking,

quality, and safety while fostering stronger contract farming arrangements.

He said efforts are also underway to improve access to affordable commercial concentrates, quality fodder and superior genetics.

Dr. Karanja said the dairy industry is a vital socio-economic sector in Kenya, supporting incomes, employment, food security, and social sta-

tus for many. Annually, Kenya produces about 5.2 billion liters of milk, accounting for 10 per cent of Africa's and 35 per cent of the East African Community's total production.

The CS highlighted that in 2023, milk received by the formal market rose by 7.4 per cent to 811 million kilograms, up from 755 million kilograms in 2022. The value of this milk increased by 13 per cent, reaching Sh40.5 billion, compared to Sh35.7 billion the previous year.

Dr. Karanja said according to the Economic Survey 2024, milk ranks as Kenya's fourth most valuable agricultural commodity after tea, horticulture, and cattle sales, supporting the livelihoods of over two million small scale rural dairy farmers.

The CS explained that the recent study on the cost of milk production confirms that dairy farming remains profitable, with earnings of Sh9.8 to

Sh13.9 per liter, depending on the production system.

"Despite challenges like high costs for commercial feeds, fodder, and labor, the profitability highlights dairy farming as a promising investment," Dr. Karanja said.

He called on stakeholders, including farmers, cooperatives, processors and private investors to leverage the Government's public land leasing program for large-scale production and distribution of quality fodder saying that improved feeding strategies will greatly enhance productivity.

"Notably, average milk productivity per cow has risen from 7.9 liters in 2020 to 9.3 kilograms in 2023. While there's still a long way to reach global benchmarks like Israel's 40 liters per cow per day, sustained efforts and effective strategies can drive significant progress," he said.

Dr. Karanja appreciated the industry's effort to maintain high producer prices, averaging Sh46 per liter over the past year saying that this falls below the Government's recommended Sh50 per liter.

KDB Managing Director (MD) Margaret Kibogy said there has been an increase in the number of farmers who sell their milk to cooperatives and they will be intervening to look at the deductions by the cooperatives to ensure that more money goes to the farmers.

Kibogy said the number of cooperatives has increased from 600 to the current around 700 across the country which means farmers are getting more organized and this will help improve on quality.

"Increased production of quality milk will enable us to implement the quality-based payment systems since we will be able to track and monitor the quality and safety of the milk through our laboratory," said Kibogy.

She explained that out of the one billion liters of milk processed annually, 85 per cent goes to liquid products, that is Ultra-High-Temperature (UHT) and pasteurized milk, but on the high value products like cheese, butter and ghee the production is still very low.

"Currently we are not able to meet the local demand for the high value dairy products and we are looking at ways of increasing production which will help us even meet the export demands," said the MD. Kibogy allayed any fears that as the rainy season kicks in and there is increased milk production, farmers will not be pouring their milk due to overproduction since the country has enough installed capacity to process the additional milk.

Kenya Rallies RECSA Member States to Support the Nairobi Protocol and Combat Illicit Arms to Secure the Region

BY SHARON ATIENO,
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The Ministry of Interior and National Administration has held the 15th Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of the Regional Center on Small Arms (RECSA) with the aim of addressing the persistent challenge of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) proliferation in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa.

Additionally, the meeting was also intended to combat illicit arms proliferation, ensuring a safer and more secure future for the region.

The event marks a milestone in regional cooperation, aligning with the resolutions of the 3rd Extraordinary Council of Ministers meeting as the country reaffirms its leadership in addressing the proliferation of SALW in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa.

Speaking in Nairobi, Interior and National Administration Acting Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi emphasised the urgent need for RECSA Member States to enhance cooperation, stockpile management and harmonise arms control policies.

He also called on partners to bolster RECSA's capacity to



Principal Secretary for Interior and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo speaks during the 15th RECSA Technical Advisory Committee meeting on Small Arms and Light Weapons

address regional security challenges effectively.

While reiterating the importance of aligning national laws with the Nairobi Protocol, Mudavadi noted that the overview of the security status highlights the devastating impacts that the unregulated flow of illicit small arms continues to have such as fueling armed conflicts, illegal exploitation of natural resources, terrorism, cattle rustling and other serious crimes.

According to the Acting CS,

these destabilizing forces are undermining the peace, security and development of our states.

"The Agreement Establishing RECSA clearly outlines our shared responsibility to identify and prioritize areas of common interventions," he argued.

Mudavadi called upon all RECSA Member States to redouble their efforts and support towards the effective implementation of the Nairobi Protocol including strengthening cooperation and information-sharing between their governments, as well as with regional and international partners.

He at the same time mentioned that the RECSA Secretariat plays a critical coordinating role that must be empowered and aligned with the objectives of the Nairobi Protocol. Particularly Article 2 which calls for enhanced regional cooperation, information sharing, capacity building and policy harmonisation.

Further, Mudavadi stressed that investing in national control mechanisms and stockpile management systems ensures the responsible and accountable control of state-held small arms.

In addition, he argued that securing weapons stockpiles is crucial to stemming the diversion of arms into illicit channels hence

acknowledged RECSA Secretariat for spearheading the Regional Physical Stockpile Management Training of trainers.

The Acting CS further rallied all RECSA member states to support the implementation of the Nairobi Protocol through enhancing regional harmonisation of small arms policies, legislation and regulatory frameworks.

"Effective implementation begins with strong, comprehensive national laws that align with the Nairobi Protocol. These laws must provide a framework for arms control and impose penalties on illicit arms trafficking and possession," affirmed Mudavadi.

He added that the Technical Advisory Committee should drive the effective implementation agenda forward by empowering the secretariat to undertake collective research, analysis and policy development.

Still in support of the Protocol, Mudavadi urged the RECSA member states to mobilize adequate and sustained financial and technical resources to fund RECSA's vital work and programs.

"I urge the Member States to fulfill their financial obligations. I appreciate the Development Partners, Donors and Civil Societies for their great support to RECSA and Member States towards implementation of Small Arms

and Light Weapons control programmes," he expressed, noting that the challenges faced are significant hence through a shared vision, stability and having a secured peace must be strengthened in order for the challenges to be resolved.

"The Nairobi Protocol embodies a vision of cooperation, shared values and collective action. Let us commit ourselves today to honour this vision, not just through words but through actions and policies," he added.

Concurrently, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Interior and National Administration and TAC Chairperson Dr Raymond Omollo reaffirmed Kenya's progress in marking firearms and ammunition.

"As prescribed by RECSA, Kenya is nearing completion of its ambitious marking of firearms and ammunition. The National Police Service (NPS) has already marked 98 percent of its firearms stock while the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) is at 70 percent," disclosed the PS.

Alluding to the status of implementation of previous Council of Ministers resolutions, Dr. Omollo reiterated that member states must recommit themselves to the principles and objectives of the Nairobi Declaration and the Nairobi Protocol.

KenGen joins elite team to lead Kenya's carbon market revolution in the fight against climate change

BY DIANA NGUNJIRI
(MYGOV)

Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) has been appointed to the Multi-Sectoral Technical Committee (MSTC), a high-level team tasked with shaping Kenya's carbon market framework.

This prestigious three-year appointment, effective November 22, 2024, was announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry, Hon. Aden Duale, through a gazette notice.

The move positions KenGen at the forefront of advancing the Africa's carbon trading future and unlocking new opportunities in the fight against climate change.

Reacting to the appointment, KenGen Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga, hailed it as a timely recognition of the company's contributions to sustainable development.

"We are honored to join this climate-positive committee, which will play a key role in advancing the climate agenda not just in Kenya but across Africa. KenGen's extensive experience in renewable energy and carbon

credit generation uniquely positions us to provide valuable insights and help shape a robust carbon market framework for Kenya," said Eng. Njenga.

The NSE-listed company CEO added, "This appointment underscores KenGen's leadership in clean energy innovation, driving sustainable solutions that power our nation and contribute to global efforts to combat climate change.

"The appointment, made under the Climate Change Act, 2013, and the newly enacted Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, 2024, establishes a technical structure to oversee the development of carbon projects and facilitate participation in carbon markets.

"The initiative is expected to catalyse the growth of Kenya's carbon economy, paving the way for the country to monetize its climate actions through the sale of carbon credits," said Eng. Njenga.

KenGen, the CEO said, a trailblazer in clean energy production, brings a wealth of expertise to the committee, having earned a cu-

mulative 6.9 million carbon credits from six Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects registered under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

He said that these projects include the Olkaria II Geothermal Expansion, Redevelopment of Tana Hydro Power Station, and Ngong Wind Project, among others.

He noted that MSTC is a multidisciplinary body comprising representatives from key government ministries, counties, and agencies.

"Its primary mandate is to provide technical advice to the Designated National Authority (National Environment Management Authority, NEMA) on carbon project assessments. This collaboration ensures alignment with international climate protocols while fostering local expertise and innovation," said the CEO.

Eng Njenga disclosed that KenGen's inclusion in the MSTC aligns with its strategic focus on renewable energy, with over 90% of its electricity generated from clean sources such as geothermal, hydro, and wind.

ODPC has resolved 88 per cent of the complaints regarding personal data violation

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) highlighted the major achievement last week noting that since starting operations in November 2020 it has resolved 5,822 out of the 6,592 complaints it received regarding possible data breaches.

Data Commissioner, Immaculate Kassait, noted that among key focus areas for the office to continue maintaining an ample environment within the personal data ecosystem was increasing global and regional regulatory frameworks, rapid technological advancements, the intersection of data privacy and information security, and addressing cross-border data transfers.

The ODPC has since empowered implementation of the law through creation of several regulations, including Protection (General) Regulations, 2021, Data Protection (Complaints Handling and Enforcement Procedures) Regulations, 2021 and Data Protection

(Registration of Data Controllers & Data Processors) Regulations, 2021.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy John Tanui said that under the Act, Kenya has hit several milestones, including strengthening data rights, enhancing regulatory compliance and growing digital trust.

"However, as we celebrate, we must also acknowledge the challenges that remain. Rapid advancements in technology, the increasing complexity of data ecosystems, and the ever-evolving nature of cyber threats demand vigilance and adaptability.

"As stakeholders, it is our shared responsibility to ensure that the principles enshrined in the Data Protection Act keep pace with these changes," the PS said in a speech read by Mr. Bernard Rotich, the Director of ICT Systems Audit and Control at the State Department for ICT and Digital Economy.

During the event, Irungu Houghton, the Executive

Director of Amnesty International Kenya, said that while Kenya has made significant steps towards enhancing the right of its citizens to their privacy, several challenges still remain.

"From analogue to digital citizens in record time, Kenya's journey highlights the critical role of the Data Protection Act in safeguarding our constitutional right to privacy under Article 31.

"Despite progress, recurring data breaches—like Safaricom (2019), NTSA (2020), and recent incidents with WorldCoin and e-Citizen—remind us that vigilance is key. As we reflect on these five years, let's commit to learning from past challenges to ensure a safer digital future," said Mr. Irungu.

Dr. Mugambi Laibuta, Chairperson, Data Governance and Privacy Society of Kenya, reiterated the importance of the right to privacy by Kenyans.

Dr. Mugambi reiterated the need by relevant stakeholders to collaborate to further enhance the data privacy landscape in Kenya.

Kenya leading in axle control in the region as countries flock to KeNHA to learn to benchmark

BY LINAH ODHIAMBO, PCO

The Government has automated operations in weighbridge management through system clearance which is enhanced by the installation of Weigh-in-Motion-System (WIMS).

According to KeNHA, this has resulted in effective and efficient movement of trucks through the various road corridors while maintaining the recommended axle load limits while weighbridges have supported the Authority's road maintenance mandate.

The Authority says axle load monitoring is done through static, virtual, and mobile weighbridges across the country, affirming cooperation with the transport sector.

"It is important to be mindful of other road users since the road is a shared asset. Avoiding overloading that could cause destruction of the road and lead to accidents is a responsibility of all road users," the Director in charge of the Axle Load unit at KeNHA, Eng. Michael Ngala said during

a benchmarking visit of teams from Zambia and Mozambique.

The delegation from the two countries under the aegis of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) were convinced that Kenya leads the way in axle load control and management in East Africa, especially with the level of automation they witnessed.

"We are impressed by the positive impacts of the system deployment you are using. No doubt, our selection for our study tour was spot on. We have been able to gain variable experience on how the weighbridges operate and the automated nature of collecting data makes it even more interesting," the JICA Technical Corporation who was leading the two teams, Eng. Hikino Seiya said.

Eng. Seiya assured their Kenyan counterparts that they cannot wait to implement the technology in their respective countries so as to maintain the standards of their roads.

Different Kenyan roads are constructed to ac-



Surveillance officers check a vehicle on compliance to Axle Load limits on the Kenyan highways.

commodate specified axle load limits and load sizes beyond which KeNHA issues exemption permits for transporters whose goods are not within the allowable limits. Such goods are given a specified route and other road users are notified accordingly.

The axle load monitoring by the Authority contributes significantly to lowering the costs of road maintenance which ensures that the road

asset is suitable for all users and offers optimum ser-

vice. The target, according to Eng. Ngala, is to preserve

the road to near the original state after construction as possible besides protecting all the installed road furniture.

"This ensures efficient travel along the country's highways that also cross traffic to neighbouring countries," Eng. Ngala stated.

To ensure effective monitoring, the Authority has constructed over 11 static weighbridges and 23 virtual weighbridges across the country.

In addition, these are complemented by 23 mobile weighbridge units assigned to monitor different road networks, especially in areas that are not covered by either static or virtual weighbridges.



PRESIDENTIAL TASKFORCE ON ADDRESSING HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

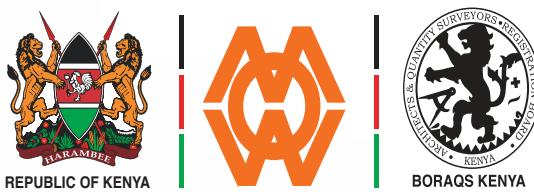
Human Resources for Health is one of the six (6) health systems building blocks. The Government aspires to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC), a cornerstone of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). The Government of Kenya has therefore identified and prioritized Human Resources for Health as one of the four critical pillars for the delivery of UHC.

In view of the above, His Excellency the President appointed the Presidential Taskforce on Addressing Human Resources for Health (HRH) to identify and make recommendations on areas of reforms. The Presidential Taskforce shall accordingly be receiving views from members of the public regarding the HRH in the following thematic areas: Workforce Production; Labour Market Dynamics; Governance, Policy & Legislative framework; HRH Data Generation, Usage and Management; and any other Health System reforms, from 20th November to 20th December, 2024.

Members of the public are requested to give their views to the Presidential Taskforce in writing via info.healthtaskforce@headofpublicservice.go.ke, in line with the Terms of Reference as per Executive Order No. 5 of 2024 of 5th July 2024. Physical copies can be submitted at the Secretariat Office at the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority's Regional Office (Oloolua Radiation Facility), Oloolua, Kajiado County, marked "Memorandum to the Presidential Taskforce on Addressing Human Resources for Health".

CHAIRPERSON

JOINT SECRETARIES



PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Department for Public Works in collaboration with the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS) has commenced the review of the General Specifications for Building Works 1976 Edition.

The review of the General Specifications is intended to;

- Accommodate new building materials, emerging application technologies and systems in the building industry,
- Establish consistency in product performance specification,
- Ensure that building material suppliers provide materials as specified,
- Ensure that the building industry complies with the green building materials,
- Serve as a reference for the preparations of specifications for materials and workmanship in the building and construction industry.
- Provide access and key guidelines to material specifications for the building and construction industry.

This is therefore to invite all manufacturers, distributors, stockists and other interested persons to participate in the review process through the link below;

<https://boraqs.or.ke/review-of-the-general-specifications-for-building-works/>

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Paradigm shift from food imports to sustainable local production

BY DR. MUCHELULE YUSUF
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Agriculture is key to Kenya's economy, contributing 33 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and another 27 per cent of GDP indirectly through linkages with other sectors such as manufacturing, distribution, and other service related sectors.

Kenya's agriculture is faced by many challenges among them being climate change, high cost of inputs, pest's infestation and occasional outbreaks disease.

Currently, the country spends nearly US\$4 billion (Ksh520 billion) annually on importing staple food items like maize, wheat, rice, sugar, and edible oils - draining valuable foreign exchange and limiting local job creation.

Dependence on imports has serious threats to food

security due to issues like unreliable global supply chains due to conflicts, high costs associated with currency fluctuations and uncertainty due to stress at source.

The Government has thus put in efforts to shift from high food imports to domestic production. In these efforts, there is also deliberate action to enhance production of our traditional export crops.

By reducing reliance on imports and increasing homegrown food production, the Government aims to improve food security, reduce dependency on external markets and strengthen the local economy. This shift also helps protect Kenya from global market shocks, climate risks, and geopolitical tension. Kenyan initiatives focus on boosting agricultural productivity, ensuring food security, generating

income, and supplying raw materials to support manufacturing value chains.

These efforts will strengthen Kenya's export performance and create millions of jobs, a share of which will benefit the youth.

To achieve this, the Government is actively working with stakeholders to reduce cost of agri-inputs, provide affordable financing, and secure markets for agricultural products.

Recognizing agriculture's potential, the Government prioritized the sector as part of its Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) alongside MSMEs, housing, healthcare, and the digital and creative economy. Through BETA, the Government has identified priority value chains to support three main goals; enhancing food security, boosting exports, and reducing imports.

Under the food security pillars, key focus areas include staple crops like maize, potatoes, pulses, bananas, and livestock products like dairy and beef. To grow exports, the Government is prioritizing high-value crops such as coffee, tea, fruits, vegetables, and nuts. For import reduction, the focus is on increasing local production of rice, wheat, edible oils, cotton, sugar, and honey.

Kenya is in the top 10 out of 62 for digital transformation metrics such as integrated water management, including individual water use; seed development and quality control including plant breeding; and access to financial services including non-bank lending institutions and branchless banking through digital transformation.

Optimization of the digital economy matrix scorecard in Agriculture will

have the potential to enhance trust, sustainability, and efficiency throughout the supply chain, thereby benefiting farmers, consumers, and other stakeholders in the agricultural ecosystem. By leveraging these scorecard technologies, farmers can optimize their production processes, which helps to reduce waste and increase yield.

The ministry has also incubated 100 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at Agricultural Technology Innovation Centers on farm mechanization, agro-processing and value addition technologies annually as well as Piloted four Agricultural Mechanization hubs established for rice in Bunyala, Busia and Mwea in Kirinyaga; while maize in Soi, Moiben in Uasin Gishu value chains; Provision and operationalization of 36 (three Ton) grain dryers (in 2013) and 100 (seven and ten ton) grain dryers in 2023/2024 FY.

incubation centres have been established and some refurbished as centres of agricultural engineering technology development, testing, validation and dissemination while 10 new appropriate technologies developed/acquired, tested, validated and disseminated every year.

Ultimately, the adoption of a digital economy matrix scorecard in agriculture is expected to contribute on the agricultural achievements as follows; currently 6.4 million farmers have been registered in KIAMIS while 17 million e-vouchers have been issued to farmers in the financial year 2023/2024, the ministry has also trained 6,300 ward-based agripreneurs on technology transformation while 10 Agriculture Technology Innovation Centres (ATDCs) with three



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

DECLARATION OF A VACANCY MEMBER, MINISTERIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Ministry of Public Service and Human Capital Development, seek to recruit the Members, Ministerial Audit Committee pursuant to Section 73 (5) of the Public Financial Management Act, 2012 and PFM Regulations, 2015 and the guidelines for establishment of Audit Committees in all Public entities vide Kenya Gazette Notice Vol. CXVIII-No. 40 of 15th April, 2016.

Job Requirements

For appointment to this position, a candidate must have:

- A degree in either Accounting, Finance, Auditing, Economics and Risk Management, procurement, Statistics, project Management or ICT from a University recognized in Kenya.
- Working experience of not less than 5 years;
- Be a member of a professional body and in good standing;
- Knowledge in Public Service/ Government operations;
- Be a person of integrity and in compliance requirements of chapter six of the constitution of Kenya 2010. Refer, Regulations 174 PFM Regulations, 2015 for details; and
- Experience in Risk Management will be an added advantage.

Attributes

- An independent proactive leader with confidence and integrity;
- A highly respectable person who possesses strong interpersonal skills ;and
- Available to develop and closely monitor the committee agenda.

Other Requirements

The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya by presenting clearance certificates from the following bodies:

- Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
- Kenya Revenue Authority;
- Ethics and Anti - Corruption Commission;
- Credit Reference Bureau; and
- Commission for University Education (for foreign degrees).

Terms of Service

The Member shall be engaged on contract for a period of three (3) years which may be extended subject to review of performance.

Applicants who meet the above requirements should submit their applications together with detailed curriculum Vitae, Copies of academic and professional certificates with, testimonials and National Identity Card to the address below or hand delivered to the **Human Resource Management (Services) Unit at Uchumi House 12th floor, Room 1201 on or before 16th December, 2024 at 5:00 p.m (East African Time)**

The Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Public Service and
Human Capital Development
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NOTICE

INVITATION TO A VIRTUAL WEBINAR-VALIDATION FORUM

VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(REMOVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 2024

The Public Service Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Section 76 and 92 of the Public Service Commission Act, 2017, has Reviewed the **Public Service Commission (Removal of the Director of Public Prosecutions) Regulations, 2024**. The reviewed draft Regulations is aimed at providing mechanisms for filing petitions for the removal of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The removal of the Director of Public Prosecutions is as provided under Article 158 of the Constitution. The Regulations will provide a framework for consideration of petitions for the removal of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Views were sought from all stakeholders seeking written memoranda as was notified to all stakeholders vide our official communication dated 26th March, 2024 and further notification provided in the My Gov pull-out notice dated 26th March, 2024 and 9th April, 2024. The Commission received the written memoranda which were considered for inclusion in the draft Regulations.

The Commission therefore invites all stakeholders for a **one-day virtual validation forum scheduled for 10th December, 2024**. Consequently, all institutions and individual participants are required to send to the Commission:-

- Name of two participants and their designation(s),
- Name of Institution (where applicable),
- Email address, and
- Cellphone number.

A dedicated email address has been assigned for this exercise. Kindly send an advance copy of the participant details to webinar@publicservice.go.ke on or before **6th December, 2024**.

The Draft, Public Service Commission (Removal of the Director of Public Prosecutions) Regulations, 2024 can be accessed from the Commission's website <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>, under Publications-Legislation.

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Government effectively implementing beta to enhance the livelihoods of Kenyans

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The Government is on the right trajectory in the implementation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) which is aligned with Kenya's Vision 2030.

Broadcasting Principal Secretary Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani reiterated this during the inaugural 'TheShift' programme at the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) TV.

The programme will be airing every Tuesday to expound the progress of government projects.

Prof Kisiang'ani noted that BETA is anchored on inclusivity and empowerment for economic transformation.

"When President Ruto assumed office, he highlighted his priority areas which are based on addressing the immediate needs of the people. And he said he wants to lower the cost of living, eliminate hunger, create jobs, stabilise foreign exchange and expand the tax revenue," he said.

The PS emphasized Kenya Kwanza Government's unique characteristic of communicating through actions, reiterating that the nation is enjoying bountiful agricultural produce and food items such as maize flour which are retailing at lower prices compared to how they used to two years ago.

PS Kisiang'ani said the government has put in place measures that have stabilized the foreign exchange rate, created jobs through the Affordable Housing projects ongoing in various parts of the country and other projects under BETA that are of benefit to the welfare of the citizens.

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These initiatives, he said, are central to the government's efforts to actualize the BETA agenda which prioritizes inclusive growth and equitable economic empowerment.

Notably, the ministry's programs focus on leveraging technology to

streamline government services, improve access to information, and create a digitally inclusive environment where all citizens can participate in and benefit from the digital economy, he observed.

This aligns with the government's vision of making technology a key enabler of economic transformation across all sectors, the PS added.

He said through a robust framework, the ministry has implemented measures aimed at increasing connectivity, supporting innovation, and building capacity within the digital ecosystem.

"These initiatives are designed to bridge the digital divide, empowering marginalized communities and enhancing market access for small and medium enterprises.

"The digitization drive also ensures that public services are accessible and efficient, reducing bureaucracy and fostering transparency," he said.

Prof Kisiang'ani said by strategically integrating technology into everyday governance and business operations, the ministry is not only contributing to economic growth but also setting the foundation for a sustainable, knowledge-based economy.

The PS pointed out the partnership between the ministry and Kenya Power to avail fibre network connectivity up to the grass root levels.

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Currently, MICDE has connected approximately 57 hospitals to internet under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC), installed 1,491 public Wi-Fis across coun-

ties and sub-counties, onboarded 17,668 services to the e-Citizen portal, produced and disseminated BETA sector-based publications amongst other achievements.

PS Kisiang'ani also pointed out the significance of the government's Affordable Housing ini-

tiatives noting that they are not only meant for improving housing and settlement but are instrumental in the creation of jobs and preserving fertile land that is essential for food production.

"Housing is about planning how to construct houses in less productive

areas and retain the land that can produce food, create jobs in the process and widen the revenue base," he said.

The PS indicated that the country is importing less food products owing to the bumper harvest, attributed to the government's subsidized and good quality fer-

tilizer given to farmers.

"Failure is not an option in this country, we are on the right track. This government has an agenda and at the end of five years, it shall be judged along the BETA pillars. We shall present our report card to the people of Kenya," he said.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FEACAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN N'GOMBENI WAA WARD, N'GOMBENI LOCATION, MATUGA SUB-COUNTY, KWALE COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Coast Water Works Development Agency**, proposes the construction of a faecal sludge management facility, which will comprise the following components for treatment process: pre-treatment units, solid/liquid separation unit, liquid fraction treatment units, solid fraction dewatering units, ancillary units, associated amenities and facilities in N'ombeni Waa Ward, N'gombeni Location, Matuga Sub-County, Kwale County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

Impact	MITIGATION MEASURES	Impact	MITIGATION MEASURES
Water Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institution of spill prevention and control measures Conservative use of water in construction works Implement a construction waste management plan Implement soil erosion control measures Install and regularly empty sediment traps in surface drains around construction works 	Solid Waste Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modification of construction activities and methods to reduce potential adverse impacts Segregate wastes into inert fill materials, recyclable/reusable materials and hazardous wastes for appropriate disposal Composite organic waste Provide sanitary facilities at construction camps and sites Adopt best practices in concrete waste management Isolate woody vegetation cleared and facilitate collection by neighbouring residents
Dust and Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper equipment and vehicle maintenance; Use of low Sulphur fuels Regulation of construction vehicle speeds; Sprinkling of dust access roads and other dust prone areas to lay dust Provision of PPEs such as dust masks to workers Minimize the period for machinery idling Rehabilitation of disturbed areas once completed 	Occupational Health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a health and safety management plan Designate a health and safety officer Comply with the OSHA 2007 and all other relevant regulations governing health and safety Restrict access to construction site Provide appropriate signage and warnings in work areas Provide First-Aid kits/boxes Provide adequate sanitary facilities Fire extinguishers should be provided and placed in areas that have potential fire threat Set of clear plans for workers to avoid overworking them Enforce and monitor road safety through traffic management at work sites and routes Ensure all dangerous construction sites are fenced off Implement a community safety management plan
Noise Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of noise abatement equipment for machinery Limit construction activities to daytime only 21ss2q1 BV Provide PPEs such as earmuffs to workers at the site Locate noisy equipment away from receptors Sensitise drivers/operators against hooting 	Biodiversity Disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Reinstatement Plan and a landscaping/revegetation plan Ensure minimal stripping of vegetation at work areas; Establishment of sediment traps and silt fences; Institution of containment measures for hazardous substances Institution of waste management plan Only clear vegetation necessary for the construction activities Ensure that all personnel are informed and aware of the importance to protect fauna and flora Reinstatement of disturbed site Avoid removal of mature trees that have visual focal points Replacement of removed trees where possible; Proper housekeeping at construction site to reduce visual nuisance
Soil Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid offsite disposal of spoil Salvage, stockpile and ensure re-use of native topsoil Implementation of a site-specific reinstatement plan Institution of spill prevention and control measures Hazardous material to be stored as per MSDS's Stabilize and maintain access roads created to access project sites Stabilize construction site and camp(s) entrances/exists 	Increased Energy Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise idling of machinery Avoid overloading of trucks and machinery Regular service of vehicles, plant and machinery Use environmentally friendly fuels such as low-sulphur diesel Specify and procure the most energy efficient plant options fit for purpose and avoid use of plant with unnecessary and excess capacity

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at

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Lifting ban on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) will lower the cost of animal feeds

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The lifting of the ban on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and their derived products will reduce the cost of animal feeds in the country and, consequently, lower the cost of milk production, the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has stated.

In response, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja emphasized the need to enhance the monitoring and enforcement of feed quality and raw materials in the market. He made these remarks when releasing the Kenya Dairy Board's Cost of Milk Production 2024 Report in Nairobi. Speaking on the same issue, NBA Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nehemiah Ngetich confirmed that the Authority is ready to receive and process applications for the environmental release and market placement of GMO commodities, in collaboration with other regulatory agencies.

Ngetich also noted that research on GMOs will continue, as this aspect had not been affected by the previously imposed ban, which has now been lifted.

"Applications for the im-



portation and transit of GMOs can be processed by the Authority. All applications will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Biosafety Act and Biosafety Regulations," the Acting CEO said.

He explained that the Biosafety Act requires approval to place on the market and another approval to import as dealers are required to get written approval from the Authority before importing a genetically modified organism.

Importers, according to Ngetich, are required to register with the National Biosafety Authority in the prescribed manner by completing and submitting an

online application for placement on the market of GMOs and derived products.

"If approved, the approval for placing on the market is for a period not exceeding 10 years for the same commodity and exclusive to the applicant. If rejected, the applicant is informed of the reasons," added Ngetich.

The acting CEO reassured the general public that Kenya has a regulatory framework, which provides for a streamlined process for companies and organizations seeking to import GMOs and their derived products and outlines specific application requirements, safety assessments, and monitoring measures.

"This procedure aligns with Kenya's commitment to food safety, environmental safeguards and the economic welfare of its citizens," he maintained.

Kenya is a signatory to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety having ratified it in 2003, and domesticated by the National Biotechnology Development Policy of 2006, the Biosafety Act of 2009 and the National Biosafety Authority. The protocol is part of the global convention on biological diversity (CBD) and provides a framework for the utilization of biotechnology, while also recognizing the potential risks that may be posed by the new technologies.

State to include livestock farmers in new fertilizer subsidy wallet program

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development is engaging with sector players on ways to incorporate crop-specific fertilizer blends into the subsidy program to ensure farmers receive tailored inputs for better yields.

Agriculture CS Dr. Andrew Karanja stated that the ministry is prioritizing local blending and building capacity for domestic fertilizer production to reduce reliance on imports and strengthen local supply chains.

Speaking in Nairobi during a consultative meeting with the Fertilizer Association of Kenya (FA-K), Dr. Karanja outlined key strategies to enhance ag-



Agriculture and Livestock Development CS Dr. Andrew Karanja speaking in Nairobi during a consultative meeting with the Fertilizer Association of Kenya (FA-K).

ricultural productivity and strengthen public-private sector collaboration.

The CS emphasized the critical role of the private sector in agricultural support programs, particularly in the last-mile delivery of subsidized inputs.

"We are committed to using agro-dealers in the last-mile delivery system. Our

aim is not to disrupt the private sector but to complement it," he said, highlighting the government's collaborative approach to fostering agricultural growth.

Dr. Karanja reassured farmers that preparations for the 2025 long rains season were well on track, stating that subsidized fer-

tilizer would be in the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) stores by January 2024. "This timely delivery will ensure farmers are well-prepared for the planting season," he assured.

Dr. Karanja also revealed plans to expand the subsidy program by developing a "farmer wallet" for subsidy redemption, which will include livestock farmers. "This digital innovation will simplify access to subsidies and extend benefits to livestock farmers, ensuring inclusivity in our agricultural transformation agenda," he explained.

He acknowledged that livestock farmers have sometimes felt excluded, as subsidies have primarily been directed to crop farmers.

BRIEFS

Ministry prioritizes nurse and midwife development to strengthen SHA

The Ministry of Health is dedicated to investing in the professional development of nurses and midwives, with plans to assign a nurse to each county as a champion to drive the success of the Social Health Authority (SHA). Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Deborah Barasa emphasized that when nurses lead programs, they ensure their success. This is why the ministry is prioritizing their continuous professional development, not only in clinical skills but also in leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

Speaking at the County Chief Nursing Officers' Workshop in Nairobi, Dr. Barasa affirmed the Ministry's commitment to supporting programs that will strengthen the capacity of the Nursing workforce. "As nurses and midwives, we need to engage actively with policymakers, and other stakeholders to ensure our voices are heard at all levels," she stated.

The CS noted that in today's rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, embracing innovative approaches to healthcare

delivery is crucial. She added that nurses must lead the way in adapting to new challenges, from leveraging digital health solutions to embracing new treatment protocols.

"I have been told that you want to improve your data collection through an AI technological system for nurses and midwives and you will be adopting this technological system in this workshop. This gives me great honor for the nurses and midwives. It also gives me great hope of success in the roll out of SHA," the CS said.

Dr. Barasa said that nurses and midwives are often the first point of contact for patients and communities providing not only medical care but also compassion, support, and a sense of security to those in need.

"You are the face of health services across our diverse communities, and your role is central to the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC)," she said.

The CS said as leaders in this field, nurses and midwives have the potential to transform healthcare delivery,

By Joseph Ng'ang'a, KNA

Patients to benefit from outpatient facility at Embu Level Five Hospital

The County Government of Embu is in the process of establishing a level-two dispensary unit at Embu Level Five Hospital to care for patients seeking outpatient services.

Governor Kinyua Mugo, the unit will alleviate the challenges faced by patients, particularly those within Embu town, who are often turned away from seeking outpatient services at the facility.

As per Social Health Authority (SHAs),

According to Dep

) regulations, patients must first seek outpatient care at lower-level facilities and can only be referred to higher-level facilities when necessary.

"We aim to transform this facility into a one-stop shop to reduce the suffering of patients by providing both inpatient and outpatient care services here," he said.

There has been an outcry from patients claiming they were turned away

without treatment. The Deputy Governor attributed this to a lack of information regarding SHA packages and contracts.

Speaking during a tour of the facility, the DG added that they will equip the lower-level facilities to enable them offer quality services and handle complex outpatient cases.

The facility Chief Executive Officer Bancy Wairwa said assessment has already been done for the new level two unit and was awaiting registration.

"We are establishing the unit at the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) clinic and we are optimistic that it will be registered very soon," she said.

The CEO said they had set up a desk at the facility to enhance communication and registration of residents into SHA.

She said the new health policy was working and the few teething problems will end soon and Kenyans will realize its full benefits.

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