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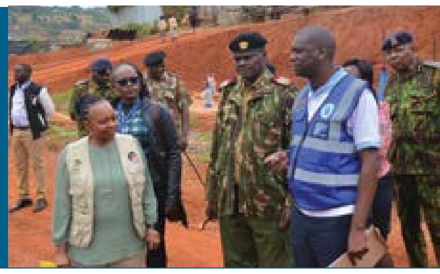

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Mega projects turn Coast into investment hub

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Mega road and railway projects position Kenya's Coast as investment hub

Nyali Bridge–Mtwapa Bridge section under construction in Mombasa.

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

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Once launched, the refinery will become the country's largest private-sector investment and is projected to create about 60,000 jobs.

The refinery will be Dangote's second after his 650,000-barrel-per-day refinery in Lekki, Nigeria, which commenced operations in January 2024.

Expected to break ground before the end of 2026, the investment comes at a time when Kenya and the wider region are grappling with rising fuel prices driven by the conflict in the Middle East and disruptions caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

The decision to locate the refinery in Lamu has drawn mixed reactions from residents and leaders. Once considered marginalised, the county is now emerging as a major beneficiary of government-led infrastructure projects and private-sector investments.

The Lamu archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, hosts the Lamu Port, the first component of the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project. The port is planned to have 23 berths, with three already operational, featuring a draft of 17.5 metres and a turning basin of 500 metres.

According to the LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority, Phase Two of the port will include a liquid bulk terminal and an agri-bulk terminal to meet the projected regional demand of 70 million tonnes of agricultural bulk cargo by 2045 and Kenya's estimated refined petroleum demand of 16.3 million tonnes.

Once a sleepy coastal town, Lamu has become a hive of economic activity since the commissioning of the first berth in 2021. The port currently handles transhipment cargo destined for the United Arab Emirates, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Seychelles, Comoros and Madagascar, including containerised cargo, bulk goods and motor vehicles.

The government is also pursuing a landlord model for some port operations to enhance efficiency and competitiveness. The Lamu Port Container Terminal berths and the Lamu Special Economic Zone are earmarked for development and operation through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

The broader LAPSSET Corridor project includes highways linking Lamu to Isiolo, Isiolo to Juba in South Sudan, Isiolo to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, and Lamu to Garsen, alongside the establishment of a Special Economic Zone.

Other flagship components include a crude oil pipeline from South Sudan through the Lokichar oil fields to Lamu, a refined products pipeline from Lamu to Ethiopia via Isiolo and Moyale, and a 3,000-kilometre single-track Standard Gauge Railway linking Lamu Port to Juba and Addis Ababa.

To further strengthen regional connectivity, the government is fast-tracking the Multinational Bagamoyo-Tanga-Horohoro/Lunga Lunga-Malindi Road Project.

The Sh15 billion project, jointly financed by the African Development Bank, the European Union and the Government of Kenya, is divided into two sections. Lot One, covering the Nyali Bridge-

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Mtwapa Bridge stretch, is 56 per cent complete after works began in November 2022 and is expected to be completed by August 2027.

Lot Two, covering the Mtwapa-Kwa Kadzengo-Kilifi section, has reached 76 per cent completion despite earlier delays caused by land acquisition challenges.

Once complete, the road is expected to improve regional connectivity, facilitate trade and significantly boost tourism along the Coast.

Meanwhile, construction of a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage facility by Taifa Gas at the 3,000-acre Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone in Mombasa is nearing completion.

Last year, the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), the Kenya Ports Authority and the Special Economic Zones Authority signed a lease agreement for the development of the Dongo Kundu and Naivasha Special Economic Zones.

Afreximbank is financing the two integrated industrial parks with an investment of US$1 billion (approximately Sh128.5 billion) in support of the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, particularly on value addition and export-oriented manufacturing.

On the railway front, the government in April launched the revival of the 130-kilometre Voi-Mwatate-Taveta Metre Gauge Railway line at a cost of Sh5.5 billion.

KEFRI unveils a national center of excellence for Mangrove in Lamu

BY EVERLINE KIMORGO AND BRIDGIT NASURUMBI (MYGOV)

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) has unveiled a National Centre of Excellence for Mangrove and Estuarine Research and Development in Mokowe, Lamu County.

This positions Lamu as a key hub for advancing the protection, restoration and sustainable use of Kenya's mangrove and estuarine ecosystems.

The centre was officially launched by Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr. Deborah Barasa, accompanied by Lamu County Governor Issa Timamy, KEFRI Chairman Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Walter Koipaton and Director General Dr. Jane Njuguna.

During the launch, Dr. Barasa, commended KEFRI for strengthening mangrove research and advancing forestry research and conservation efforts along Kenya's coastline.

"Although mangroves occupy a relatively small share of Kenya's forest cover, their contribution to people, nature and the economy is immense", she said.

Mangroves play a key role in supporting fisheries and food security, protecting shorelines, storing carbon, providing wood products, conserving biodiversity and strengthening the blue economy.

In Kenya, the total economic value of mangroves is estimated at Sh9.54 billion per year, while Lamu County accounts for Sh3.96 billion, representing 41.5% of the country's total mangrove ecosystem value.

Wood products from mangroves in Lamu are valued at Sh266.5 million, while their contribution to fisheries and food security is estimated at Sh167 million.

"Lamu County covers about 61% of Kenya's mangrove coverage, generating significant value for livelihoods and ecosystem services. However, these critical ecosystems continue to face threats, underscoring the urgent need for research, restoration and innovation," Dr. Njuguna said.

Community-based ecological mangrove restoration in Mokowe, Lamu County..

Through the Coast Eco-Regional Research Programme, KEFRI continues to develop practical technologies for restoring degraded mangroves and conserving coastal forests.

The Centre of Excellence will serve as a platform for generating scientific knowledge, innovation and policy solutions for healthier mangroves, stronger climate resilience and a more sustainable blue economy.

KEFRI has played a key role in advancing sustainable mangrove conservation and management in Kenya through partnerships with government agencies, development partners, communities and other stakeholders. Its contributions include developing key policy and technical tools, such as the National Mangrove Ecosystem Management Plan, restoration guidelines, technical orders, nursery manuals and county harvest plans.

KEFRI has supported the production of more than 1 million mangrove seedlings in Lamu and Kilifi counties, contributing to the national target of growing 15 billion trees by 2032.

The Institute has spearheaded technical support and capacity building on Community-Based Ecological Mangrove Restoration approaches with CFAs, BMUs, and conservation partners.

Pharmacy Board to implement pharmaceutical reforms

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Chairperson of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB), Dr. John Munyu has called on pharmacists, pharmaceutical technologists and proprietors to embrace ethical practice and regulatory compliance as Kenya implements pharmaceutical reforms designed to strengthen patient safety, improve medicine quality and secure the country's pharmaceutical supply chain.

Addressing delegates at the 22nd Kenya Pharmaceutical Association Scientific Conference in Mombasa, Dr Munyu said the future of pharmaceutical practice depends on partnership between regulators and healthcare professionals stressing that regulation and professional practice are complementary responsibilities with a shared objective of protecting patients.

"Every Kenyan deserves medicine that is safe, effective and of assured quality dispensed by qualified professionals operating within a credible and responsive regulatory system," he said.

The conference, officially opened by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, brought together pharmaceutical professionals, regulators, academia, manufacturers, development partners and industry leaders under the theme, "Optimising Pharmaceutical Practice to Advance Patient Safety, Medicine Access and Healthcare Excellence."

Dr Munyu said the Board is implementing institutional reforms to position PPB as a modern, efficient and internationally recognised National Medicines Regulatory Authority capable of responding to emerging health challenges while facilitating innovation and access to quality-assured medical products.

He noted that the reforms are aimed at creating a transparent, predictable and risk-based regulatory environment that supports ethical professional practice, enhances public confidence and promotes investment in Kenya's pharmaceutical sector.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni (second right), joins Pharmacy and Poisons Board Chairperson Dr. John Munyu (right), Kenya Pharmaceutical Association officials and delegates during the 22nd Kenya Pharmaceutical Association Scientific Conference

The PPB Chair challenged pharmaceutical professionals to strengthen compliance with Good Storage and Distribution Practice (GSDP) standards, noting that preserving the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines throughout the supply chain is a professional obligation that directly affects patient outcomes.

Coffee sector targets global investors as Kenya eyes tripling production

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

The Government is stepping up efforts to attract private investment into Kenya's coffee value chain as it seeks to triple national production from the current 50,000 metric tons to 150,000 metric tons by 2028.

The investment drive, spearheaded by the Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs Development in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (New KPCU) will culminate in an international investment forum in Rome, Italy, in October where Kenya will showcase investment opportunities to global financiers and agribusiness investors.

Various coffee beans displaced at the 2026 HiH local private sector forum geared towards transforming Kenya's coffee

Speaking during the 2026 Hand-in-Hand Local Private Sector Investment Forum in Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Development, Wycliffe Oparanya, said Kenya's premium coffee enjoys strong global demand making increased production the country's immediate priority rather than searching for new markets.

"Kenya's coffee production is currently a drop in the ocean. As soon as we produce more quality coffee, the market is available," he said, noting that growing demand in China, India, and the United States presents significant opportunities for Kenyan farmers.

Oparanya said the government has introduced wide-ranging reforms to revive the sector after production declined in the 1980s. The measures include reducing the number of intermediaries to improve farmer earnings, expanding coffee cultivation into Nyanza, Western, and the Rift Valley and boosting productivity in traditional growing areas through extension services, agronomic support, and farm inputs.

He noted that average yields currently stand at about two kilograms per coffee bush, with the government targeting at least five kilograms per bush.

The CS highlighted financial reforms to strengthen coffee cooperatives, including settling long-standing debts and improving governance.

He said an audit established genuine cooperative debts at Sh6.8 billion down from an initial estimate of Sh11 billion with the government already clearing about Sh2 billion owed to state institutions.

A further Sh2 billion has been allocated in the current financial year to settle loans owed to commercial banks while the remaining balance is expected to be cleared through a supplementary budget.

To reduce dependence on expensive commercial loans, the government has also established an Sh8 billion advance revolving fund to enable farmers to access credit at three percent interest.

Ministry urges public sector to adopt AI, Cloud Computing

BY EUGINE OTIENO

The Government has called on public institutions to accelerate the adoption of cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI) as it steps up efforts to modernise public service delivery, strengthen data governance and position Kenya as Africa's leading digital economy.

Speaking during the Oracle Public Sector Ministerial and Senior Leadership Summit in Nairobi, Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary, William Kabogo, said the country's next phase of digital transformation will be anchored on trusted data, secure cloud infrastructure and a digitally skilled workforce capable of harnessing emerging technologies to improve service delivery.

The summit, which brought together senior government officials, Oracle executives, diplomats and technology leaders, focused on how public-private partnerships can accelerate Kenya's digital agenda through investments in cloud infrastructure, artificial intelligence and digital skills.

The CS said the government's adoption of cloud technologies will be guided by the Kenya Cloud Policy 2025 and the forthcoming National Data Governance Framework to ensure that public institutions migrate their systems securely while safeguarding citizens' information.

"Our adoption of cloud will be guided by the Kenya Cloud Policy 2025 and its implementation guidelines. Public institutions will classify their data, procure services only from accredited providers and migrate their systems in a structured and secure environment," he said.

"That is our role in embracing innovation while protecting the public interest," he added.

He challenged public institutions to prioritise data governance, stating that artificial intelligence is only as effective as the quality of the information it relies on.

The CS said the Ministry is working with Oracle to expand training in artificial intelligence, cloud computing and digital technologies in universities, ICT Centres of Excellence and community digital hubs to prepare Kenyans for opportunities in the digital economy.

Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy Eng John Tanui said the investment reflects the government's deliberate efforts to position digital infrastructure at the centre of national development since 2022.

Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo making his remarks during the Oracle Public Service Summit held in Nairobi.

"When our President came into office, he placed the Digital Superhighway at the centre of delivering the country's vision," he said

He noted that sustained engagement between the government and global technology firms had resulted in Oracle's decision to establish its advanced AI-powered cloud platform in Kenya.

"Today we celebrate a great milestone. One of the world's most advanced AI platforms is finally coming to Kenya," he added

Eng Tanui said the platform will provide innovators, enterprises and public institutions with modern digital infrastructure while creating new opportunities for Kenyan technology talent.

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications,Stephen Isaboke, said Kenya's ongoing investments in digital infrastructure including the rollout of 100,000 kilometres of fibre optic cable, digital hubs and public Wi-Fi are laying the foundation for the next phase of the country's digital transformation.

He noted that cloud infrastructure and AI platforms such as Oracle's will enable innovators and businesses to develop locally relevant digital solutions while creating new opportunities for young people.

"We are putting up the infrastructure across the country because that is what will support applications, cloud services and data," he said

The summit also received support from the United States Government, with U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Suzanne Barnes describing Oracle's investment as a reflection of the growing strategic partnership between Kenya and the United States.

Galana-Kulalu irrigation scheme poised to transform Kenya's food security

BY ABSALOM NAMWALO (KNA)

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to the Galana-Kulalu Irrigation Scheme, describing the flagship project as a cornerstone of Kenya's long-term food security strategy and a key investment in climate-smart agriculture aimed at increasing food production, creating employment and reducing reliance on rain-fed farming.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the project, the Principal Secretary for Agriculture Dr Kipronoh Ronoh said the expansive irrigation scheme represents a major shift in Kenya's agricultural transformation agenda by embracing modern irrigation technologies capable of ensuring year-round food production despite the growing impacts of climate change.

Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh tours the Galana-Kulalu Irrigation Scheme during an inspection visit accompanied by Principal Secretaries Eng. John Tanui (ICT and Digital Economy) and Ephantus Kimotho Kimani (Irrigation), ADC Managing Director Wilison Tanui, National Irrigation Authority officials, investors and other senior government officials.

Ronoh led a government delegation that toured the project to assess the progress of irrigation infrastructure and review preparations for large-scale commercial farming.

The delegation included Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui, Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho Kimani, Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) Managing Director Wilison Tanui, officials from the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), development partners, investors and technical experts.

Sh76b education drive transforms schools

BY HEZEKIEL GIKAMBI AND PHILLIP RUTO (PCO)

Kenya's Sh76 billion education programme, jointly funded by the Government and the World Bank, is delivering record gains in school retention, learner transition and science infrastructure.

The Kenya Secondary Education Equity and Quality Improvement Programme (SEEQIP), launched in partnership with the International Development Association (IDA), is already surpassing several of its targets.

Progress was highlighted during a joint implementation review meeting at the Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), where stakeholders hailed the initiative as a game-changer for equitable access to quality education.

Director of Project Coordination and Delivery Elijah Mungai said SEEQIP is combining infrastructure development with policy and institutional reforms to strengthen education systems nationwide.

"The progress we are witnessing shows that strategic investments in education are translating into tangible outcomes. We are not only expanding access to quality learning facilities but also strengthening the systems that ensure every learner has an opportunity to complete school and transition successfully," Mungai noted.

Students of Tumaini International hold books during World Book Day (Photo courtesy)

The programme, which runs until December 2029, focuses on expanding access to secondary education, improving junior school teaching and reinforcing governance reforms to deliver inclusive, equitable learning across all 47 counties.

A flagship component is the construction of 1,600 science laboratories in senior schools and 37 laboratories in special needs institutions. Already, 273 laboratories are under construction, with the remaining 1,327 scheduled for funding in the 2026/27 financial year.

To complement physical infrastructure, 35 virtual science laboratories have been developed for junior schools, with another 72 in progress. These innovations are designed to strengthen science teaching and ensure learners in remote or resource-constrained areas can access modern learning tools.

The programme has recorded remarkable gains in learner retention and transition. Junior school retention in target counties stands at 96.34 per cent, far above the 80 per cent target. Transition from Grade 9 to senior school has reached 97.57 per cent, with girls recording slightly higher transition rates than boys.

These figures underscore the impact of targeted interventions in keeping learners in school and ensuring smooth progression through the education system.

SEEQIP has expanded support for vulnerable learners through the Elimu Scholarship, which has already benefited 10,000 students with scholarships and school kits. Beneficiaries include learners from refugee camps and host communities. The programme aims to raise the number to 15,000 in the coming years.

School feeding has also exceeded expectations, with 2.6 million learners receiving daily meals against an annual target of two million. The initiative is piloting clean cooking technologies through a centralized kitchen in Uasin Gishu County and clean energy solutions in schools in Turkana County, ensuring healthier, sustainable learning environments.

Retention rates in Kakuma and Garissa refugee camps have improved, supported by School Improvement Plans for 50 camp-based schools. These plans are unlocking grants for infrastructure, teaching and learner welfare, ensuring refugee children are not left behind in the national education agenda.Teacher Support and Training.

Teacher support has been reinforced through a revised School-Based Teacher Support System and training of school heads across 17 counties. Plans are underway to upgrade infrastructure in 35 public teacher training colleges, ensuring educators are equipped to deliver quality instruction under the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC).

Education governance reforms are progressing steadily. The Basic Education Bill is already before Parliament, alongside new quality assurance frameworks and school safety standards. These reforms are expected to entrench accountability, improve oversight and safeguard learners' welfare.

With three years remaining before completion, officials said SEEQIP will focus on completing the remaining science laboratories, expanding scholarships, upgrading teacher training institutions and deepening reforms.

The programme's long-term goal is to deliver quality, inclusive and equitable education across all counties, ensuring that every child—regardless of background—has the opportunity to thrive.

South Korea donates food worth Sh1.2 billion to refugees in Kenya

BY SADIK HASSAN AND JOAN KINUTHIA (KNA)

More than 500,000 refugees living in Kenya's Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps have received a major boost after the Republic of Korea donated 10,000 metric tonnes of milled rice to the World Food Programme (WFP), easing fears of worsening hunger caused by deep funding cuts and shrinking food rations.

The humanitarian donation, valued at approximately Sh1.2 billion, is expected to cushion vulnerable refugees, mainly from Somalia, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who have been severely affected by reductions in international humanitarian assistance.

The Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services, Dr Belio Kipsang, officiated the handover ceremony of the rice consignment from the Republic of Korea to the WFP in Mombasa.

He described the donation as a demonstration of international solidarity and shared responsibility toward some of the world's most vulnerable populations.

"This contribution will help sustain nearly half a million refugees in Dadaab and Kakuma during a period of immense humanitarian need," said Dr Kipsang, while commending the Republic of Korea for its continued support at a time when humanitarian resources are increasingly constrained.

The Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services, Dr Belio Kipsang (left), receives a symbolic bag of rice from Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Kenya, Kang Hyung-shik (R), as WFP Country Director, Ms Betty Ka (C) looks on, during the Korea-WFP rice handover ceremony held at the WFP offices, Mombasa.

The PS noted that since 2018, Korea has contributed more than 132,000 metric tonnes of rice to refugees in Kenya through the WFP, underscoring the country's consistent commitment to humanitarian values, global responsibility and the protection of vulnerable communities.

Dr Kipsang reaffirmed that Kenya has, for decades, remained a haven for people fleeing conflict, persecution and instability across the region.

He said the country continues to uphold its international and regional obligations under refugee protection and human rights frameworks, guided by its long-standing tradition of hospitality, humanity and solidarity.

He observed that humanitarian needs have reached unprecedented levels due to funding constraints, forcing humanitarian agencies to slash food rations and leaving many refugee households to make impossible choices simply to survive.

"Behind every statistic are families whose resilience is being tested each day: mothers foregoing meals so that their children can eat, vulnerable people skipping meals, and young people facing uncertain futures. These are not abstract figures. They represent real people whose dignity, health and prospects depend on the choices that we make together," he said.

The PS warned that without sustained support from partners such as the Republic of Korea and other donors, humanitarian agencies would be forced to make even tougher decisions, including further reducing already inadequate food rations or excluding some of the most vulnerable refugees from life-saving assistance.

He further highlighted the Government's implementation of the Shirika Plan, a bold national framework aimed at transforming refugee management from long-term humanitarian dependency into sustainable socio-economic inclusion, self-reliance and shared development for both refugees and host communities.

According to Dr Kipsang, the Shirika Plan seeks to ensure that refugees not only survive but also gain opportunities to become productive members of society through access to education, livelihoods, financial inclusion, infrastructure and public services, while simultaneously improving opportunities for host communities.

"The transition from humanitarian assistance to self-reliance is a process, not an event. It requires stability, dignity and the assurance that basic human needs are met. Adequate and predictable food assistance, therefore, remains the indispensable bridge between emergency response and durable solutions," he said.

The Republic of Korea officially handed over the 10,000 metric tonnes of rice to the WFP during a ceremony held at the agency's offices near the Port of Mombasa, in what officials described as a timely intervention to strengthen food assistance for refugees in Dadaab and Kakuma.

WFP Kenya Country Director, Ms Betty Ka, said the consignment would sustain nearly half a million refugees in the coming months, as humanitarian needs continue to rise amid persistent funding challenges.

Ministry to roll out smallholder irrigation model nationwide

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH (KNA)

The Government is set to replicate a successful smallholder irrigation programme across the country following impressive results from pilot projects in Kirinyaga County that boosted farm productivity and household incomes.

Speaking during a tour of Kandeki Irrigation Scheme in Kirinyaga, Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho said the blended financing model combining farmer contributions, government grants and bank loans has proven sustainable and will now be expanded to other regions, including Western Kenya.

Under the arrangement, farmers contribute 10 per cent of project costs, the government provides a 40 per cent grant, while financial institutions cover the remaining 50 per cent through loans guaranteed by development partners.

"The uniqueness of this programme lies in farmer ownership. Because they contribute financially and repay loans, they take responsibility for maintaining infrastructure, making the projects sustainable. Sustainability is key and is maintained by a farmer who is able to pay for operation and maintenance," Kimotho said.

The Kandeki Irrigation Scheme brings together 245 farmers cultivating about 225 acres. The farmers have established management structures, including hiring a manager, marketers and technical staff to oversee operations and maintenance.

Kimotho noted that unlike fully government-funded projects, the mixed financing model encourages farmers to embrace agriculture as a business rather than merely a source of household food.

The State Department for Irrigation is working closely with county governments, financial institutions and development partners to ensure farmers receive quality inputs, extension services and access to markets.

County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) will provide one of the main market avenues, enabling farmers to pay for operations and maintenance while generating additional income to employ more farm workers and maximize land use.

"Our focus is not just on providing water but also connecting farmers to reliable markets through aggregators, contract farming and partnerships with agro-industrial parks," Kimotho added.

The programme has recorded impressive loan repayment rates, with about 95 per cent of participating farmers servicing their loans successfully. Some have completed repayment in just three years, despite repayment periods stretching up to seven years.

Over the past five years, the government has invested approximately Sh1.3 billion in irrigation projects in the Mount Kenya region. Plans are underway to expand the programme in Western Kenya after securing grants worth Sh3 billion to support irrigation infrastructure and farmer capacity building.

Kimotho said the government, in collaboration with counties, conducts public participation and hydrological assessments before introducing the programme to new regions to ensure communities embrace the model and adequate water resources are available.

"We first map the hydrology of the area and then engage the county government and residents to determine whether they can accept the model," he explained.

The department has already held engagements with governors in the Western region on the possibility of introducing the programme. Counties play a key role in ensuring farmers produce the right quality through provision of extension officers and certified seeds.

The expansion forms part of the government's broader target of placing 2.5 million acres under irrigation. Currently, about 772,000 acres are irrigated nationwide.

The PS said the government intends to achieve the target through a combination of large-scale irrigation projects such as Galana-Kulalu and Bura schemes, alongside medium-sized dams to support community irrigation.

He cited the transformation of Mwea Irrigation Scheme as evidence of irrigation's economic impact. Increased water availability has enabled double-season rice production, significantly boosting the local economy.

"Mwea now contributes nearly half of Kenya's rice production. Currently, we are producing 305,000 metric tons, and Mwea gives us approximately 155,000 metric tons. It has become a major economic hub. We want to replicate such success stories across the country," Kimotho said.

Kenya elevated to Tier One in African Union financing framework

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (left) during the 49th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council in Addis Ababa.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A(KNA)

Kenya has secured a major boost to its standing within the African Union (AU) after being elevated to Tier One under the AU financing framework, placing the country among the continent's largest contributors to the Organization.

The milestone, announced during the 49th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council in Addis Ababa is viewed as recognition of Kenya's growing economic strength, diplomatic influence and commitment to advancing the African Union's agenda.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi, who led Kenya's delegation at the Executive Council meeting, where foreign ministers deliberated on implementation of Agenda 2063 reforms aimed at strengthening the African Union, expansion of the African Continental Free Trade Area,sustainable water and sanitation systems, and strategies to amplify Africa's voice in global governance.

Kenya's elevation to Tier One is expected to give the country greater influence in shaping continental policies, while reinforcing its role in financing and supporting the African Union's programmes.

The new status also strengthens Nairobi's position as one of Africa's leading diplomatic centres, hosting key regional and international engagements and serving as a hub for continental decision-making.

Government officials say the recognition is expected to unlock broader opportunities for trade, investment and industrial growth by enhancing Kenya's profile within an increasingly integrated African market.

They also believe the country's stronger position in the Union will create greater prospects for Kenyan businesses, professionals and young people seeking opportunities across the continent.

On the sidelines of the Executive Council meeting, Mudavadi rallied support for Kenya's candidates seeking election to two international judicial bodies. They include Justice Njoki Ndung'u for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Judge Phoebe Okowa for the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the 2027-2036 term.

Their election, officials say, would further strengthen Kenya's contribution to international justice, while enhancing Africa's representation in global legal institutions.

As the Executive Council concluded its work, Mudavadi commended AU member states for maintaining a spirit of unity and consensus in addressing shared challenges.

He reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to championing African-led solutions to the continent's development, governance and security priorities, while strengthening its role as a trusted regional leader and global partner.

The Executive Council's resolutions will be forwarded to the African Union Summit for consideration as member states continue to pursue economic integration, institutional reforms and sustainable development across the continent.

Ministry hands over Sh360m Sencha Tea Plant to Kangaita farmers

BY JMUTAI KIPNG'ETICH (KNA)

Tea board of Kenya Chairperson Willy Mutai (R) Kangaita Chairperson (L) sign for the transfer of specialty tea factory to the Kangaita tea farmers

The Government has officially handed over a Sh360 million specialty tea processing plant to Kangaita tea farmers in Kirinyaga County, unlocking new opportunities for value addition, higher incomes and entry into premium global markets.

The premium Sencha green tea factory, funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), had remained idle since 2019 due to ownership disputes.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the handover marks a turning point for farmers, enabling them to produce authentic Japanese Sencha green tea—the only facility of its kind in Africa.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony Kagwe said, "This factory now belongs to the farmers of Kangaita. The facility is the only factory in Africa producing authentic Japanese Sencha green tea."

Kagwe said positioning Kenya to tap into premium global specialty tea markets, where prices can reach up to USD10 per kilogramme, represents the future of Kenya's tea industry through technology transfer, premium processing and higher farmer incomes.

He said value addition would not only increase export earnings but also create employment opportunities for young people.

"The children of tea farmers must also benefit from this industry. Value addition creates industries, creates jobs and ensures the next generation sees agriculture as a profitable enterprise," he added.

The CS further said that Japan will continue supporting technical training to enable Kenyan experts to master the process of producing Sencha tea and establish Kangaita as a continental centre of excellence in specialty tea manufacturing.

"You will see some experts from Japan coming to train farmers from farms as some changes need to be made from basic production to factory. The will ensure the final product fetch higher prices in market and farmers received more profit," Kagwe added.

The CS said the government will step up the promotion of the Kenyan tea brand and its geographical indications to ensure the country's tea is recognized and marketed globally.

"We want Kangaita to remain ahead because it is famous.We want Kangaita tea," he said.

He urged international buyers to preserve the Kenyan identity of the product instead of rebrand

Kajiado launches youth climate fund to support green innovations

BY SINKEET KIKON (KNA)

Kajiado County has launched the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, an initiative designed to empower young people to implement innovative climate action projects through grants and technical support.

The programme targets youth aged between 15 and 24 years and seeks to support community-based environmental initiatives, including tree planting, water conservation, recycling, waste management and other projects aimed at building climate resilience.

Speaking during the launch, Kajiado county Deputy Governor Mathew Moshisho said the county was privileged to be among the few beneficiaries of the global initiative, which is being implemented in 300 cities across the world.

He noted that only four counties in Kenya were selected to participate in the programme and urged young people across Kajiado to seize the opportunity by submitting innovative proposals that address environmental challenges facing their communities.

"This is the launch of the application process. We are inviting all young people aged between 15 and 24 years to apply with creative environmental ideas that can make a positive impact on our county," said Moshisho.

He said the application window will remain open for one month, with successful youth groups receiving grants ranging from Sh100,000 to Sh600,000 depending on the innovation, feasibility and expected impact of their proposed projects.

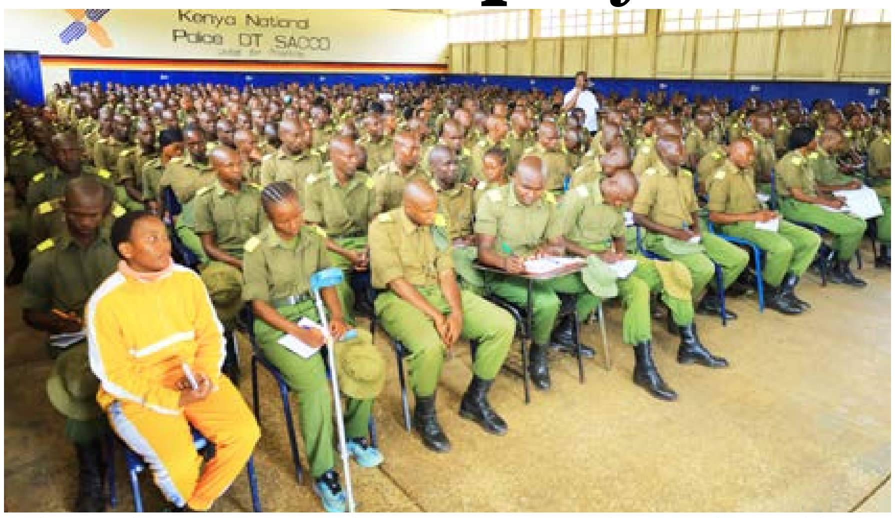
Moshisho said the one-year programme will run until August 21, 2027, with only 10 youth groups selected to receive funding after a competitive evaluation process.

He thanked Bloomberg Philanthropies for supporting climate change mitigation efforts in Kajiado, noting that climate change continues to threaten livelihoods through prolonged droughts, erratic rainfall and environmental degradation caused by deforestation and fossil fuel emissions.

The Deputy Governor encouraged applicants to access detailed information and application guidelines through the Kajiado County website.

County Executive Committee Member for Environment Judith Pere welcomed the initiative, saying it would strengthen the county's climate change mitigation efforts while giving young people an opportunity to actively participate in environmental conservation.

PSSF trains 10,000 police recruits on pension benefits ahead of deployment



Police recruits follow a presentation by a PSSF officer during a pension sensitization programme at the National Police College Main Campus, Kiganjo.

BY COLLINS NYAMU(PCO)

The Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF) has partnered with the National Police Service (NPS) to train 10,000 newly recruited police officers on their pension benefits ahead of their passing-out parade and deployment across the country.

National Police College Commandant Nyale Munga said the training will equip the recruits at the beginning of their careers with knowledge of retirement preparedness.

The National Police Service forms the largest sector of the 120,084 disciplined service personnel who are members of the pension scheme. The education sessions were organised across the four National Police College campuses, Kiganjo, Embakasi 'A', Embakasi 'B' and Magadi.

"For the 10,000 recruits preparing to join police stations across the country, the training was about far more than pension deductions, "he said.

According to the Retirement Benefits Authority's Statistical Digest for March 2026, only 7.71 million Kenyans are registered in pension schemes, representing 26.58 per cent of the population, while just 13.85 per cent are active contributors. The figures underscore the importance of introducing retirement planning to young workers as they enter formal employment.

Munga noted that the education programme also reflects the growing importance of the Public Service Superannuation Fund within Kenya's pension sector.

"Since becoming operational in 2021, the Fund has grown to more than 517,000 members with assets valued at over Sh 322 billion, making it the country's biggest occupational pension scheme. Teachers account for the largest share of membership, while disciplined services, including the National Police Service, Kenya Prisons Service and National Youth Service, constitute more than 120,000 members, making them one of the Fund's largest constituencies," he said.

PSSF officials noted that for decades, public servants relied on a Defined Benefit pension scheme under which retirement benefits were paid directly from government budgets.

"As pension obligations continued to rise, the arrangement became increasingly difficult to sustain, prompting the Government to initiate public sector pension reforms in 2010 before establishing the Public Service Superannuation Scheme under the Public Service Superannuation Scheme Act, Cap. 189A. The law created a Defined Contribution scheme under which every member builds an individual retirement account throughout their career," said PSSF Assistant Marketing Manager Grace Ndolo.

The PSSS Act provides that every police officer contributes 7.5 per cent of their monthly basic salary to the scheme, while the Government contributes an additional 15 per cent as the employer.

To demonstrate the value of long-term saving, PSSF officers took recruits through practical retirement projections showing how savings made early in one's career significantly influence retirement income.

A police officer joining the service at the age of 25 and planning to retire at 50 would need to save approximately KSh18,450 every month to sustain a retirement income of KSh40,000 per month.

An officer retiring at the mandatory retirement age of 60 would require monthly savings of about KSh8,050 to achieve the same level of income. The simulations encouraged recruits to take advantage of Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs), which allow members to supplement the statutory deductions and build larger retirement savings while benefiting from compound investment returns.

The programme also focused on the scheme's digital transformation. "Through the recently launched Member Self-Service Portal, officers can enrol online, monitor monthly contributions, access annual benefit statements, update beneficiary nominations and amend personal records without travelling to PSSF offices," Ndolo said.

She added that police officers who are frequently transferred or deployed to different parts of the country, the platform is expected to simplify access to pension services and reduce administrative delays, noting the need to regularly update beneficiary records.

North Rift stakeholders sensitized on Kenya's first intellectual property policy

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND NELSON OBWANA (KNA)

The Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry has intensified public consultations on the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (NIPPS) 2026 after officials met North Rift stakeholders to gather their views before the policy is presented to Cabinet and Parliament.

The draft NIPPS if passed into law, will enable the government to harness intellectual property as a core driver for innovation, creativity, market competitiveness, and sustainable economic growth.

Speaking during the forum in Eldoret, Executive Director of the Anti–Counterfeit Authority Robi King'a said the exercise aims at ensuring the proposed policy reflects the views of Kenyans in line with the constitutional requirement for public participation, before any legislation or policy is adopted.

He noted that intellectual property is a critical driver

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Executive Director, Dr. Robi King'a, speaking during a public participation forum on the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (NIPPS), Eldoret Uasin Gishu County.

of economic growth and innovation, adding that the Constitution of Kenya 2010, under Article 40(5), recognizes the promotion and protection of intellectual property rights for the first time in the country's history.

„The Constitution requires the government to promote and protect intellectual property rights. This policy will provide a clear framework on how the government will implement that constitutional obligation, while safeguarding the rights of innovators, creators and inventors," he said.

The ACA Executive Director, explained that the policy has been developed jointly by the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry and its affiliated agencies, including the Anti-Counterfeit Authority, the Kenya Copyright Board, the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, the National Research Fund and the Kenya National Innovation Agency.

He said the government is collecting public views before preparing the final draft,which will undergo Cabinet approval, before being tabled in Parliament for consideration.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

OPEN TENDERS

NO	TENDER NO.	TENDER DETAILS	ELIGIBILITY
1	KIPRE/961/0110/2026-27	PROVISION OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS MEDICAL INSURANCE	OPEN
2	KIPRE/961/0111/2026-27	PROVISION OF GENERAL INSURANCE	OPEN
3	KIPRE/961/0109/2026-27	PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES	OPEN
4	KIPRE/961/0108/2026-27	PROVISION OF CLEANING, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING SERVICES	RESERVED (YOUTH)
5	KIPRE/001/2026-27	LEASING OF STAFF CAFETERIA	OPEN

1. The **KENYA INSTITUTE OF PRIMATE RESEARCH** located at Oloolua Forest, End of Karen Road– Nairobi, Kenya invites sealed tenders for the following services.

   a) PROVISION OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS MEDICAL INSURANCE (2 YEARS)
   b) PROVISION OF GENERAL INSURANCE (1 YEAR)
   c) PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES (1YEAR)
   d) PROVISION OF CLEANING, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING SERVICES (1 YEAR)
   e) LEASING OF STAFF CAFETERIA (2 YEARS)

2. Tendering will be conducted under National Open Tender using a standardized tender document. These tenders are competitive and open to all qualified and interested tenderers except for provision of cleaning, gardening and landscaping services which is reserved.

3. Obtain the tender documents electronically from the Website **https://egpkenya.go.ke/** as from **4th August, 2026 at 1100hrs EAT.**

4. Qualified and interested tenderers may view and download the tender documents for free from the website **https://egpkenya.go.ke/**. For any clarification kindly enquire through email address: **supplies@primateresearch.org**, or call telephone number +254 722955573.

5. The tenders must be accompanied by a **TENDER SECURITY** from a reputable financial institution; bank / Insurance company as follows:

   a) PROVISION OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS MEDICAL INSURANCE - KSH. 1,880,000.00
   b) PROVISION OF GENERAL INSURANCE-KSH. 194,000.00
   c) PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES-KSH. 260,000
   d) PROVISION OF CLEANING, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING SERVICES-NO TENDER SECURITY.
   e) LEASING OF STAFF CAFETERIA

6. Completed electronic tenders must be submitted through e-GP system on or before **17th August, 2026 1100hrs EAT.**

7. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened. Tenderers and/or their designated representatives who may wish to attend are invited at KIPRE Conference Hall.

8. There will be a mandatory site visit for tenders for provision of security services, provision of cleaning, gardening and landscaping services and leasing of staff cafeteria on **Monday 10th August, 2026 at 1100Hrs.**

9. **NOTE:** For lease of staff cafeteria;

   a) Obtain tender document from the Public Procurement Information portal (PPIP) for free or physically from Supply chain management office at a non-refundable fee of **Ksh. One thousand (1000)** only payable to cash office.

   b) Completed tender documents to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the tender number and be deposited in the tender box located at KIPRE administration block. Tenders to be addressed to the **Director General, Kenya Institute of Primate Research. P.O Box 24481-00502 Karen, Nairobi**

10. **Late tenders will be rejected**.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AFDB) SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (HEST) PHASE II PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Government of Kenya through the state department of higher education has received financing from the African development bank (AfDB) toward the cost of the support to Higher Education Science Technology Phase II project to improve relevance and equitable access to quality higher education, training and research in STEM for inclusive economic growth and employment in Kenya by 2030.

The Government, through Tom Mboya University (TMU), intends to apply part of the agreed amount from the financing towards scholarships in STEM.

The University invites applications for these scholarships from suitably qualified persons to Masters OR Ph.D Programmes in the following areas:

NO.	Programme	No. of positions	
		Graduate Assistant	Tutorial Fellow
1.	Civil Engineering	1	2
2.	Marine Engineering	1	2
3.	Information Technology (IT)	1	2

The scholarship package will cover tuition fees and research costs for the duration of study. The scholarships are open to all Kenyans under the age of 30 years who will also be engaged as Graduate Assistants OR Tutorial Fellows. Programmes of study funded by the scholarship are scheduled to commence in **August, 2026**.

Important Information

1) Applicants **MUST** have obtained a minimum of Second Class Honors (Upper Division) in a relevant Bachelor's degree (for graduate Assistant) / and Master's Degree (for Tutorial Fellow) from a recognized and accredited University;
2) Upon successful completion of the Masters Programme, candidates shall be expected to transition to Ph.D. under the scholarship programme;
3) The successful candidates shall be bonded under the applicable terms and conditions of the University of Tom Mboya University
4) The successful candidates shall be expected to complete their studies within the prescribed study period;
5) The studies will be tenable at Dalian Maritime University/Shanghai Maritime University/ Universiti Teknologi Malaysia/ Universiti Kuala Lumpur.
6) Candidates must be registered or registrable with relevant professional and or regulatory bodies where applicable;

Application Mode

Applications should be accompanied by a detailed up to date curriculum vitae, certified true copies of academic and professional certificates, National Identity Card or Passport, together with testimonials and other relevant supporting documents.

Qualified candidates must submit. of their application to the address below and email scanned copies of the same documents compiled into a single PDF file to **recruitment@tmu.ac.ke**. Applications must be received on or before **Tuesday 18th August, 2026 by 5:00 PM (1700hrs)**:

Address to:

The Vice-Chancellor Tom Mboya University
P. O. BOX 199 - 40300
HOMA-BAY

NOTE: The University welcomes applications from individuals of all sexes, ethnic backgrounds, and persons living with disabilities. Women, persons living with disabilities, marginalized groups and minorities are highly encouraged to apply. Please note that canvassing will result in automatic disqualification. TMU does not charge any fees at any stage of the recruitment and selection process. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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TENDER NOTICE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Open University of Kenya (OUK) is a public university established under the Universities Act, 2012 (Charter granted in 2023) to provide open and digital learning (ODL) education.

The Open University of Kenya invites interested and eligible firms to apply for registration and pre-qualification as suppliers of goods, works, and services for the 2026–2028 financial period under the following categories:

2.0 CATEGORY A: OPEN CATEGORIES

The following categories are open to all interested and eligible firms:

TABLE A — OPEN CATEGORIES (GOODS, SERVICES AND WORKS)

S/No.	Category No.	Description of Goods, Works and Services	Eligibility
1	OUK/001/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Computers, Laptops, UPS, Printers, Scanners, Mobile Devices and related ICT Equipment, Consumables, Supplies and Accessories	Open
2	OUK/002/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Servers, Telephone Heads, Networking Equipment, Internet and other Telecommunication Equipment, Services and Spares	Open
3	OUK/003/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	Open
4	OUK/004/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Motor Vehicle Tyres, Tubes, Batteries and Accessories	Open
5	OUK/005/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Electrical Items, Fittings and Electronic Equipment	Open
6	OUK/006/OP/2026-2028	Design, Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Enterprise Business Systems including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Bulk SMS and Electronic Payment Solutions	Open
7	OUK/007/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Physical Books, Textbooks and E-Books	Open
8	OUK/008/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Insurance Services	Open
9	OUK/009/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Repairs and Maintenance of Computers, Laptops, Printers, Scanners, UPS and Telephone Devices	Open
10	OUK/010/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Teleconferencing, Cloud Video Conferencing, Photography, Videography, TV and Radio Infomercials, Live Streaming, Documentaries, Public Address Systems and related Services	Open
11	OUK/011/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Repairs and Servicing of Motor Vehicles, Spares and related Services	Open
12	OUK/012/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Service, Repair and Maintenance of Telecommunication Equipment, PABX Equipment, Air Conditioning and related Services	Open
13	OUK/013/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Software and Licenses	Open
14	OUK/014/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Security and Guard Services	Open
15	OUK/015/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Internet Services, WAN, Web Hosting, E-mail and related Services	Open
16	OUK/016/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Advertising and Creative Agency Services	Open
17	OUK/017/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Installation, Repair, Service and Maintenance of Telecommunication, PABX Equipment, LAN, CCTV and Access Control Systems	Open
18	OUK/018/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Hotel Accommodation, Conference Facilities, Seminar and other Events Management Services for various Regions in Kenya	Open
19	OUK/019/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Press and Publicity Services	Open
20	OUK/020/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Travel and Air Ticketing Services — Local and International	Open
21	OUK/021/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Major Works: Building Construction, General Civil Works, Electrical Works and Plumbing (NCA-registered Contractors)	Open
22	OUK/022/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Studies and Consultancy Services such as Baseline Surveys, Strategic Plans, Mid-Term Reviews, End-Term Reviews, Customer Satisfaction Surveys, Policies and related Studies/ Consultancies	Open
23	OUK/023/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Asset Valuation and related Services	Open
24	OUK/024/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Professional Debt Collection Services	Open
25	OUK/025/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Consultancy on E-Learning and Online Systems	Open
26	OUK/026/OP/2026-2028	Provision of ICT Management Consulting, ICT Systems Audit and Training on ICT Security Solutions	Open
27	OUK/027/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Legal Services	Open
28	OUK/028/OP/2026-2028	Provision of External Audit Services by Registered Audit Firms (ICPAK Registered)	Open
29	OUK/029/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Event Management Services e.g. Tents, Chairs, Décor etc.	Open
30	OUK/030/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Catering Services	Open
31	OUK/031/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Fuel, Oil, Lubricants and Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Open
32	OUK/032/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Building Materials, General Hardware, Plumbing Materials, Pipes, Fittings and Water Storage Tanks	Open
33	OUK/033/OP/2026-2028	Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment and Safety Gear	Open
34	OUK/034/OP/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals, Reagents and related Supplies	Open
35	OUK/035/OP/2026-2028	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of Generators and related Equipment	Open
37	OUK/037/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Land Survey, Geotechnical Surveys and related Services	Open
38	OUK/038/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Asset Tagging, Identification and Coding Services	Open
39	OUK/039/OP/2026-2028	Provision of Billboard Advertising, Outdoor Signage, Branding and related Services	Open

3.0 CATEGORY B: CATEGORIES RESERVED FOR AGPO GROUPS

Applicants under these categories **MUST** attach a valid AGPO Certificate:

TABLE B — RESERVED CATEGORIES (AGPO: YOUTH, WOMEN & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

S/No.	Category No.	Description of Goods, Works and Services	Eligibility
1	OUK/001/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of General Office Stationery	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
2	OUK/002/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Toners, Cartridges and related Printing Consumables	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
3	OUK/003/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Staff Uniforms, Graduation Gowns, Corporate Wear, Linen and related Equipment	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
4	OUK/004/RES/2026-2028	Design, Supply and Delivery of Promotional Materials e.g. Umbrellas, Caps, T-Shirts, Bags, Pens, Banners, Flyers, Mugs etc.	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
5	OUK/005/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Crockery, Culinary and Kitchen Items	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
6	OUK/006/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Materials e.g. Laundry Soap Powder, Detergents, Disinfectants etc.	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
7	OUK/007/RES/2026-2028	Provision of General Printing Services	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
8	OUK/008/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Fumigation and Pest Control Services	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
9	OUK/009/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Cleaning, Laundry, Sanitary Services and Materials, and Garbage/Waste Collection	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
10	OUK/010/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Courier Services, Car Hire and Leasing Services	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
11	OUK/011/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Small Works, Repairs and Maintenance of Offices, Equipment, Electricals, Furniture and Fittings	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
12	OUK/012/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Sign Language Interpretation Services	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
13	OUK/013/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Newspapers, Magazines and Periodicals	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
14	OUK/014/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Bottled Drinking Water and Soft Drinks	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
15	OUK/015/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Milk	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
16	OUK/016/RES/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of Sports Uniforms, Equipment and Accessories	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)
17	OUK/017/RES/2026-2028	Provision of Landscaping, Grounds Maintenance and Supply of Tree and Flower Seedlings	Reserved — AGPO (Youth, Women & PWDs)

6.0 OBTAINING THE PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Complete sets of the prequalification documents may be downloaded from the University's website **https://ouk.ac.ke/index.php/tenders.**

Suppliers and service providers who meet the prequalification requirements are invited to submit their application documents in plain, sealed envelopes. Envelopes must clearly state the Category Number and Category Name and be deposited in the Tender Box at the Open University of Kenya, addressed to:

The Vice-Chancellor,
The Open University of Kenya,
P.O. Box 2440 – 00606, Nairobi, Kenya
Konza Technopolis, 1st Floor Konza Complex

Completed registration and prequalification documents, clearly marked with the "Tender No. & Tender Description" along with any additional information, must be deposited in the tender box at the Open University of Kenya (Konza Technopolis, 1st Floor Konza Complex) on or before **Thursday, 20th August 2026, by 11:30 AM East African Time**

Prequalification is open to all eligible firms and shall be conducted in a transparent, fair, equitable and competitive manner as required under Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the PPADA 2015 and canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification.

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KPA conducts emergency simulation to bolster disaster response preparedness

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has conducted International Safety Management (ISM) Code Awareness with a full-scale emergency response drill at the Port of Mombasa.

The drill brought together marine personnel, emergency responders and government agencies to test preparedness for maritime incidents.

KPA routinely conducts major emergency drills to test interagency coordination, oil spill containment, fire suppression, and passenger evacuation protocols across the port zones in Mombasa, Lamu and Kisumu.

The simulation exercise led by Manager Marine operations, maintenance and hydrography Captain Moses Muthama simulated emergency scenarios requiring coordinated firefighting, and emergency evacuation operations, providing an opportunity to assess response procedures and communication systems within the port facility.

The drill by various marine teams and agencies also tested emergency preparedness, casualty evacuation, communication, containment, and inter-agency coordination.

KPA's Fire and Rescue Service personnel engaged in an emergency response mock drill at the port of Mombasa. The Authority routinely conducts mock disaster drills to enhance emergency preparedness for fires, chemical leaks, and security threats.

The mock drill focused on promoting the International Safety Management Code, the global safety framework developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to ensure the safe operation of ships, prevent loss of life and protect the marine environment through effective safety management systems.

Muthama said the participants took part in sensitization sessions and practical demonstrations aimed at strengthening safety culture, improving operational preparedness and reinforcing compliance with international maritime safety standards.

He said the emergency drill to bolster disaster response preparedness was in conformity with recommended international best practices on safety.

The large-scale mock drill tested the readiness of KPA's emergency response teams to respond swiftly and effectively to potential maritime emergencies while evaluating coordination, communication and response times among departments and partner agencies.

The exercise also underscored compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, which provides the international framework for safeguarding ships and port facilities against security threats through coordinated preventive and response measures.

Complementing these efforts is KPA's Fire and Rescue Service, which provides round-the-clock emergency response within the port and supports firefighting operations across the coastal region when called upon.

KPA's Fire and Rescue Service specializes in safety and emergency response aligned with international safety best practices and standards.

Capt. Muthama said regular intensive drills are essential in ensuring emergency teams remain prepared to respond effectively to incidents while sustaining safe, secure and efficient port operations.

"An audit was also conducted to assess our system's readiness to respond to any emergencies in the port," he said.

"Through this simulation exercise we want to ensure that all safety devices are functioning properly and that our personnel have the capacity to act calmly but quickly when a real emergency situation occurs," he said.

Government, farmers launch Sh500m feed mill to boost Meru dairy sector

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

Meru dairy farmers will benefit from lower production costs and higher earnings following the commissioning of the Sh500-million Meru Maziwa Millers Feed Mill at Mitunguu in Imenti South Sub-County.

The farmers affiliated to the Meru Central Dairy Cooperative Union will benefit from the mill, commissioned during the launch of Phase One.

It was built through a partnership between the Government of Kenya, which contributed Sh200 million, and farmers, who raised the remaining Sh300 million.

Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki said the new facility will reduce the cost of dairy feed from the current average of Sh3,200 to about Sh2,800 per bag, enabling farmers to improve their profit margins.

The Deputy President alluded that the farm-gate price of milk will increase from Sh50 to Sh52 per litre beginning in August, further boosting returns for dairy farmers.

He added that the government has reduced the cost of sexed semen from Sh7,000 to Sh1,400 to enable more farmers to improve the quality and productivity of their dairy herds.

"As we celebrate the success of Meru Dairy, let us also remember what the government has done for you. We will continue increasing the supply of subsidized sexed semen across the country," Prof Kindiki said.

He pledged Sh100 million for Phase Two of the, mill and another Sh100 million through the supplementary budget to facilitate Phase Three.

He said the investment reflects the government's commitment to strengthening the dairy sector, enhancing food security and improving farmers' incomes.

Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki (centre) tours the Meru Maziwa Millers feed mill after its commissioning in Mitunguu, Imenti South Sub-county. (Photo by Dickson Mwiti)

Meru Central Dairy Cooperative Union Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Gitonga described the feed mill as a transformative investment that will significantly lower production costs and increase milk production.

Gitonga said the cooperative has recorded remarkable growth over the last three years, with membership rising from 11,012 farmers in 2023 to 161,874 currently.

He added that daily milk intake has increased from 287,000 litres to 670,000 litres, while the number of affiliated cooperative societies has grown from 139 to 168.

According to the CEO, annual sales rose from Sh9.3 billion in 2023 to Sh20.1 billion in 2025 and are projected to reach Sh25 billion next year if the current growth trend is sustained.

He said the processing plant has a capacity of 720,000 litres per day and expressed confidence that milk deliveries will soon exceed that capacity, making expansion necessary.

State moves to demystify migration through policy formulation

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Government has stepped up efforts to demystify public perceptions surrounding migration and foster peaceful coexistence between host communities and foreign nationals through the formulation of Kenya's National Migration Policy.

Deputy Director of Immigration Services, Dorcas Mosoti, stated that while migration is often viewed negatively, a structured national policy will harness its potential to drive local and national economic development.

"Migration is a reality driven by globalization, conflict, and emerging trends such as climate change," Mosoti said.

"Through our county outreach program, we aim to sensitize and create awareness within local communities regarding migrants, shifting the focus from perceived resource competition to social cohesion and shared growth," she added.

Mosoti was speaking on the sidelines of a county stakeholder consultation workshop in Mombasa, which brought together representatives from national and county governments, civil society organisations, academia, development partners and other stakeholders to review the draft policy and collect public views.

State spearheads revival of Kwale International Sugar Company

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS), Mutahi Kagwe (Right), is shown a map of the Kwale Sugar Company Ltd, during a tour of the sugar facility.

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Government plans to revive the Kwale International Sugar Company Limited (KISCOL), a move expected to restore thousands of jobs, revive sugarcane farming across the coastal region and inject billions of shillings into the local economy.

KISCOL is a agro-industrial enterprise founded in 2007 in Msambweni Sub-county, Kwale County and operates a 5,000-hectare nucleus estate, a 3,300 tons-per-day processing mill, and an 18-megawatt bagasse-based power cogeneration plant.

KISCOL was built on the grounds of the older, collapsed Ramisi Sugar Factory and itself faced major operational disruptions, financial hurdles, land disputes with squatters, and temporary government closures over regulatory and contraband probes, but state entities have pushed for its revival and continued operations.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Mutahi Kagwe, has announced the formation of a high-level Multi-stakeholder Revival Committee that will spearhead the re-opening of the factory after years of operational challenges that have left local farmers without a reliable market and stalled one of Kenya's largest private sugar investments.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the factory, irrigation dams, plantations and out grower areas, CS Kagwe said the government's priority was not politics, but rebuilding the livelihoods of thousands of families who depend directly and indirectly on the sugar value chain.

"This visit is about the lives and livelihoods of the people of Kwale. A factory is only important because of the people whose lives it transforms," he said.

The revival Committee, to be led by the Kenya Sugar Board, will bring together the National Government, Kwale County Government, investors, farmers, security agencies and local leaders to resolve the legal, operational and social challenges that have kept the mill closed.

Stakeholders contend Kenya consumes approximately 1.2 million metric tonnes of sugar annually, yet domestic production has frequently been unable to meet this demand, averaging between 600,000 and 700,000 metric tons per year.

Kagwe pointed to the widening gap in the country's sugar production and domestic demand and rooted for the ramping up of sugar production. The agriculture minister warned that the widening gap between domestic production and demand poses serious risks to food security, industrial growth, and job creation in the country.

"Bridging this gap would reduce foreign exchange pressure, stimulate agri-business, and accelerate industrial growth," he said. He stressed the reliance on imports undermines food security, raises production costs for industries, and limits job creation.

The CS said KISCOL remains one of the country's most strategic sugar investments, possessing modern milling infrastructure, an extensive irrigated nucleus estate and a large out grower network capable of transforming the economy of Kenya's coastal region once operations resume.

"Currently the country faces a significant deficit of sugar and that is why we are ramping up production," he said.

He said at full capacity, the integrated sugar complex has the potential to mill thousands of tons of cane every day, supporting tens of thousands of direct and indirect livelihoods across farming, transport, mechanical services, irrigation, input supply, retail trade and manufacturing.

Beyond producing sugar, the factory has the capacity to stimulate value addition through molasses, ethanol production, electricity co-generation from bagasse and other downstream industries, significantly expanding economic activity in Kwale and neighbouring counties of Mombasa and Kilifi.

The revival is also expected to reduce Kenya's dependence on imported sugar by increasing domestic production while creating a stable market for local cane farmers.

CS Kagwe acknowledged that KISCOL's challenges extend beyond financing, citing land disputes, cane shortages, vandalism, delayed farmer payments and insecurity as key issues requiring coordinated intervention.

Among the immediate measures announced is the planned clearance of Sh66 million in outstanding farmer arrears, a move aimed at restoring confidence among cane growers and encouraging them to resume production.

He also urged residents to protect sugarcane farms and irrigation infrastructure, warning that the burning of cane fields and vandalism of pipelines only prolong the suffering of farmers and delay economic recovery.

The CS further appealed to the devolved government of Kwale to fast-track the resettlement of approximately 15,000 squatters occupying nearly 7,000 acres of factory land, describing the issue as one of the biggest obstacles to restoring full-scale operations.

Drawing lessons from the successful leasing and turnaround of public sugar factories in Western Kenya, Kagwe said similar collaboration between government, investors and local communities could restore KISCOL into a profitable enterprise that benefits everyone.

"We have seen what cooperation can achieve in other sugar-growing regions especially when the government, investors and communities work together, factories reopen, production increases and farmers begin earning again. Kwale can achieve the same success here," he said.

The CS said the revival committee will develop a clear framework defining the responsibilities of each stakeholder while ensuring farmers remain at the centre of every decision.

He maintained that government support would be anchored on transparency, accountability and a technically sound revival plan that addresses irrigation, cane development, factory operations, financing and long-term sustainability.

Ministry begins nationwide secondary school categorisation exercise

BY MOSES WEKESA (KNA)

The Government has commenced a nationwide assessment of secondary schools for categorisation into the C1, C2, C3 and C4 clusters as part of ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening the management, funding and development of learning institutions across the country.

The Principal Secretary for Basic Education John Ololtuaa announced the exercise during the Annual General Meeting of Kolanya Boys High School in Teso North Sub-County where he also presided over the commissioning of a new 67-seater school bus.

Ololtuaa said the assessment will enable the Ministry of Education to classify secondary schools according to the prescribed criteria, ensuring institutions are placed in the appropriate categories based on their capacity, infrastructure, performance and other established indicators.

He noted that the exercise forms part of broader government efforts to improve planning, resource allocation and quality education across the country.

The Principal Secretary assured schools that the government remains committed to supporting learning institutions through timely policy interventions and adequate resource allocation.

He reaffirmed the Ministry of Education's commitment to ensuring prompt disbursement of capitation funds to schools to facilitate uninterrupted learning and smooth management of institutions.

Ololtuaa said the government would continue investing in infrastructure development, learning resources and other programmes aimed at improving the quality of education and learning outcomes.

He reiterated the ministry's commitment to achieving a 100 per cent transition and retention rate, urging parents and guardians to ensure all school-going children are enrolled in school and complete their education.

The Principal Secretary commended schools that have invested in infrastructure improvement, discipline, cleanliness and effective management, saying such efforts had created conducive environments for teaching and learning.

Education, skills to anchor Kenya–UK renewed health alliance

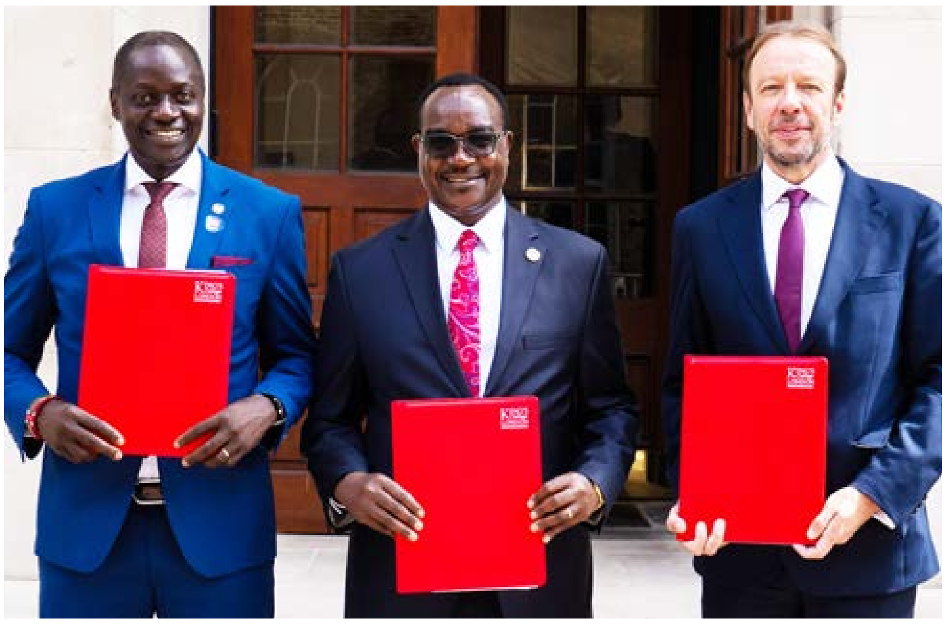
BY MINAYWA LABOSO (PCO)

Education and skills development are the backbone of health systems, Cabinet Secretary for Education Julius Ogamba declared in London as Kenya and the United Kingdom renewed their health alliance and signed a fresh five-year memorandum of understanding at King's College London.

Ogamba, who witnessed the signing alongside senior UK officials and Kenyan representatives, said the renewed partnership will expand access to quality healthcare by advancing investments in health workforce development, research and innovation.

He stressed that the progress achieved since 2021 demonstrates that health cannot thrive without strong education pipelines.

"Education is not the soft support act of health; it is its most essential infrastructure. It is through education that we build the human capital required to drive and sustain our health systems," he told delegates at the opening of the 5th Kenya-UK Health Alliance Conference.



Kenyan High Commissioner to the UK, Maurice Makoloo, Education CS Julius Ogamba, and Professor Graham Lord (from UK) pose for a photo during the opening of the Kenya–UK Health Alliance Conference

The Cabinet Secretary noted that the Alliance has mobilized more than £116 million in combined research and training investment over the past five years.

Since 2021, over 280 Kenyan nurses have qualified to globally competitive standards and are now working in the UK's National Health Service, including placements at Oxford Radcliffe, Royal Berkshire, Royal Free London and Cambridge-East of England hospitals.

"These nurses are proof that when education and health align, opportunities open up for our professionals and our systems grow stronger," he said.

Ogamba highlighted flagship collaborations in oncology between the Christie Foundation and Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital, antimicrobial stewardship between the University of Cambridge and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, and the creation of a Centre of Excellence for Health Education and Training involving six Kenyan universities.

He said these partnerships are producing knowledge, skills and innovation that directly strengthen health systems.

He stressed that Kenya is reforming its education and training sector to implement Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET), shifting from examinations that test knowledge to assessments that evaluate practical skills.

"Our collaboration must reposition education and training systems to respond to the demand for globally competitive healthcare professionals. We must map the health workforce pipeline, identify gaps, and co-design curricula that align with sector needs," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary underscored the importance of two-way knowledge transfer, saying Kenya must not only receive expertise from UK universities and the NHS but also build capacity to produce and export knowledge.

"The goal of our Alliance must be co-production: joint research, joint intellectual property, joint clinical innovation," he said.

Ogamba noted that Kenya is repositioning its science and research ecosystem, citing President William Ruto's recent granting of charters to the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and the Kenya Medical Research Institute as specialized postgraduate institutions.

He said the Alliance should catalyse joint degree programmes in biosciences, public health, health informatics and medical engineering, alongside more fellowships that bring Kenyan researchers to the UK and UK researchers to Kenya.

He also called for stronger collaboration in pharmaceutical manufacturing, diagnostics and medical technologies, noting that the sector is skills-intensive and requires highly trained professionals.

"The investment opportunity in local pharmaceutical production will only be realised if investors find a workforce capable of operating at the right standards," he said.

He proposed three priority areas for accelerated education-health investment under the partnership: joint investment in health professional training institutions using blended financing that combines public capital with structured private sector co-investment.

Ogamba called for expanded scholarships and fellowships in health sciences, biomedical research and health systems management, drawing on UK university capacity; and industry-linked research and training parks, co-developed by UK and Kenyan universities, where health innovation, professional training and manufacturing converge.

The CS emphasised that every ambition of the Alliance from universal health coverage to pharmaceutical manufacturing rests on skills.

"Skills are not a footnote in development; they are its precondition. Skills development must therefore remain central to our partnership. Let us invest in skills development purposefully and generously. The returns will be transformational," he said.

Correctional Services to transition its institutions from wood use to clean energy

BY NICHOLAS KIGONDU (PCO)

The State Department for Correctional Services has launched an ambitious plan to transition all its institutions from the use of wood fuel to Liquefied Petroleum Gas and clean energy over the next one year.

Speaking during a tour of the Nairobi Remand and Allocation Prison, which is part of three institutions targeted in the pilot phase of the transition, Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco said the department is targeting full migration during this financial year as it seeks to cut down on heavy biomass costs, reduce carbon emissions, and follow the successful pilot at Lang'ata Women's Maximum-Security Prison.

The PS said correctional facilities are currently consuming 64,000 metric tonnes of wood fuel each year, a situation that has presented a heavy financial, environmental and health challenge to the department.

Petroleum Principal Secretary Kello Harsama said his department remains ready to support the quest by the State Department for correctional services to adopt clean cooking.

He said the government is scaling up investment in clean cooking infrastructure as part of ongoing efforts to accelerate Kenya's clean energy transition and advance the country's national sustainable development goals.

According to Harsama, 95 percent of the about 11,000 institutions including learning and correctional facilities, are dependent on wood fuel, an obtaining situation which is threatening to reverse the gains recorded in environmental conservation efforts as well as health outcomes.

He said the government will, beginning next year, launch a programme aimed at availing ten million homes with liquefied petroleum gas to ensure that 75 percent of the Kenyan population that is currently relying on biomass for fuel, is supplied with subsidized LPG in ongoing efforts aimed at reducing dependence on traditional biomass fuels.

The State Department for Correctional Services has identified Nairobi Remand and Allocation Prison, Prisons Staff Training College in Ruiru and the Nairobi Probation Hostel for the pilot, before the transition is extended to all correctional facilities across the country.

The initiative that is also exploring other clean energy options including biogas, solar-powered stoves as well as integrated steam cooking technologies, aligns with the Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (2024-2028) and the Government's National Tree Growing and Restoration Campaign, which targets 15 billion trees by 2032.

PS Isaboke reaffirms commitment to prudent use of public resources

BY VIOLET OTINDO
(PCO)

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke (*pictured*) has outlined measures the State Department is implementing to strengthen asset management and enhance accountability in the use of public resources.

Speaking before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Isaboke responded to queries raised in the Auditor-General's reports for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years during a routine review of the department's financial records.

The PS said the State Department has introduced reforms to modernise asset tracking systems, harmonise property records across government ministries, and strengthen internal controls to enhance transparency and efficiency.

He assured the committee that the measures are aimed at ensuring prudent management of public assets while addressing long-standing administrative challenges.

Committee members sought clarification on inter-agency coordination in land realignments and the status of public properties under the department's mandate.

Isaboke reaffirmed the State Department's commitment to accountability and prudent stewardship of public resources, noting that governance reforms remain central to its mandate as it advances initiatives in the broadcasting and telecommunications sector.

The Public Accounts Committee is mandated to examine the audited accounts of government ministries, departments, and agencies and make recommendations to strengthen financial oversight and accountability across the public sector.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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Ministry Of Agriculture & Livestock Development

NAVCDP
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

Country:	**KENYA**
Name of Project:	**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NAVCDP**
Credit No.:	**70640**
Project ID:	**176758**
Assignment Title:	**TECHNICAL SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST 1 FOR COFFEE VALUE CHAIN REVITALIZATION AND FACTORY MODERNIZATION**
Reference No.:	**KE-MOALF-562862-CS- INDV**

1.0 The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2.0 The Consulting Services (**"the services"**) include Consulting Services for Technical support & partnership specialists 1 for Coffee Value Chain revitalization and factory modernization. The estimated period of the assignment is twelve (12) calendar months from contract commencement date.

3.0 The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: **www.kilimo.go.ke**

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i. A minimum Bachelor of science degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Value Chain Development, or related fields.
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iii. A minimum of 8 years general experience in leadership in large-scale agricultural modernization or value chain programmes, climate-smart technologies, and blended finance.

5.0 The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's ***"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"*** First Published July 2016 and revised Forth Edition November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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ADVERTISEMENT OF NEW PROGRAMMES AND INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

The Open University of Kenya (OUK) is a specialised ***public*** university, chartered in August 2023. The University offers ***quality, affordable, flexible, accessible,*** inclusive and ***self-paced online*** Programmes and Professional Development Courses to Kenyan citizens and beyond.

Applications are invited for admission into the listed programmes and courses.

1. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

S/No	Programme	Duration	Cost
	School of Science and Technology		
1.	Bachelor of Data Science	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
2.	Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
3.	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computing	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
4.	Bachelor of Science in Interactive Media Technologies	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
5.	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
6.	Bachelor of Agri-Technology and Food Systems	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 86, 000 (per year)
7.	Bachelor of Nursing (Upgrading) (New)	2 ½ Years	Kshs 43, 000 per trimester (8 Trimesters)
8.	Master of Science in Mathematical Innovation (New)	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
9.	Master of Data Science	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
10.	Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
11.	Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
12.	Master of Science in Digital Services Management	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
	School of Business and Economics		
1.	Bachelor of Public Communication (New)	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
2.	Bachelor of Public Administration (New)	(per year)	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
3.	Bachelor of Business and Entrepreneurship	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
4.	Bachelor of Economics and Statistics	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
5.	Bachelor of Economics and Data Science	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
6.	Bachelor of Commerce	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79, 000 (per year)
7.	Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Accountability	1 Academic Year	Kshs 110, 000 (per year)
8.	Master of Economics (New)	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
9.	Masters in Business Administration	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
10.	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics (New)	3 Academic Years	Kshs 337,500 (entire programme)
11.	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management	3 Academic Years	Kshs 337,500 (entire programme)
	School of Education		
1.	Bachelor of Education (Arts) (New)	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 79,000 (per year)
2.	Bachelor of Technology Education	Upto 4 Academic Years	Kshs 86, 000 (per year)
3.	Postgraduate Diploma in Learning Design and Technology	1 Academic Year	Kshs 110, 000 (per year)
4.	Postgraduate Diploma in Education	1 Academic Year	Kshs 110, 000 (per year)
5.	Masters in Learning Design and Technology	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
6.	Masters of Education in Technology Education	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
7.	Masters of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy	2 Academic Years	Kshs 187, 500 (entire programme)
8.	Doctor of Philosophy of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy	3 Academic Years	Kshs 337,500 (entire programme)
9.	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Technology Education (New)	3 Academic Years	Kshs 337,500 (entire programme)

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

SN	Course	Duration	Special Discounted Cost
1.	Business Modelling for Entrepreneurs	3 weeks	Fully sponsored
2.	Mental Health Awareness	2 weeks	Fully sponsored
3.	Strategic Pause for Leaders	3 weeks	Fully sponsored
4.	School Stability and Student Welfare I (New)	2 weeks	Fully sponsored with a registration fee of Kshs 500
5.	Strengthening Teacher Digital Competence (New)	6 weeks	Fully sponsored with a registration fee of Kshs 500.
6.	Crisis Communication and Reputation Management (New)	2 weeks	Fully sponsored with a registration fee of Kshs 500.
7.	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Trauma- Exposed Workers (New)	2 weeks	Fully sponsored with a registration fee of Kshs 500.
8.	Agile Project Management	4 weeks	Kshs 5,000
9.	Artificial Intelligence in Management and Accountability	5 weeks	Kshs 5,000
10.	Generative Leadership and Governance in an AI World	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
11.	New Manager Leadership Program	5 weeks	Kshs 5,000
12.	Transformational Leadership and AI-Driven Management	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
13.	Emerging Leadership	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
14.	Global ESG Strategy, Reporting and Disclosure Standards	7 weeks	Kshs 5,000
15.	Forex Trading Made Simple: From First Trade to First Profit	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
16.	Accountability Fundamentals	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
17.	Corporate Governance	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
18.	Emotional Intelligence for Professionals	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
19.	Gender and Diversity	6 weeks	Kshs 5,000
20.	Risk Management	6 weeks	Kshs 5000
21.	Research Management and Policy	8 weeks	Kshs 5000
22.	Online Facilitation Pedagogy	8 weeks	Kshs 5000
23.	Communication and Collaborative Skills	4 weeks	Kshs 5000
24.	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	4 weeks	Kshs 5000
25.	Software Engineering	4 weeks	Kshs 5000
26.	Cyber security	4 weeks	Kshs 5000
27.	Business Analytics and Business Intelligence	2 weeks	Kshs 5000
28.	Web Development	2 weeks	Kshs 5000
29.	Responsible Artificial Intelligence	2 weeks	Kshs 5000
30.	Cloud Computing and DevOps	2 weeks	Kshs 5000
31.	Robotics and Automation	2 weeks	Kshs 5000
32.	MATLAB for Computation	2 weeks	Kshs 5000

1. **Members of the Joint Stakeholder Committee on AFCON Broadcasting Preparedness tour Talanta Stadium in Nairobi during an inspection of broadcasting and sports infrastructure ahead of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, which Kenya will co-host with Uganda and Tanzania.**
2. **Principal Secretary for Sports, Elijah Mwangi, speaks during a stakeholder meeting at Talanta Stadium, reaffirming the government's commitment to completing the facility on schedule for the 2027 AFCON tournament.**
3. **Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke address members of the Joint Stakeholder Committee on AFCON Broadcasting Preparedness during a meeting at Talanta Stadium in Nairobi to assess broadcasting infrastructure and venue readiness ahead of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations**

Kenya ramps up AFCON 2027 broadcast, stadium preparations efforts

BY IAN CHEPKUTO (KNA)

The Joint Stakeholder Committee on AFCON Broadcasting preparedness has intensified efforts to ensure Kenya is ready to deliver world-class broadcast coverage during the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), following a high-level meeting and inspection tour at Talanta Stadium.

The Committee met at the Stadium to review the status of broadcasting infrastructure and assess the overall preparedness of the venue ahead of the continental football tournament, which Kenya will co-host alongside its East African neighbours.

Speaking during the meeting, Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke, underscored the importance of establishing State-of-the-Art broadcasting facilities to guarantee seamless live transmission of matches across Africa and beyond.

"We are focused on ensuring seamless AFCON 2027 coverage while building a lasting legacy for Kenya's sports and digital broadcasting sectors," the PS assured.

He said robust broadcasting infrastructure would be critical in showcasing the tournament to millions of viewers and ensuring that Kenya meets international broadcasting standards.

"Proper coordination and collaboration among all stakeholders is essential to ensure broadcasting preparedness aligns with the timelines set for AFCON 2027," said Isaboke.

The Committee reviewed key areas necessary for successful tournament coverage, including media centres, fibre connectivity, backup power systems, camera access points, outside broadcast facilities and other critical components required for high-quality television and digital content production.

Members also conducted an on-site inspection of ongoing construction works at Talanta Stadium and established that the facility is currently 92.57 per cent complete.

Principal Secretary for Sports Elijah Mwangi reaffirmed the government's commitment to delivering the Stadium within the stipulated timelines, noting that collaboration among implementing agencies, would be vital in ensuring the country hosts a world-class tournament.

Mwangi emphasised that timely completion of the facility and supporting infrastructure remains a top priority as Kenya prepares to welcome teams, officials, media personnel and football fans from across the continent.

The meeting was attended by Kenya Broadcasting Corporation Managing Director Agnes Kalekye, government officials and technical teams tasked with coordinating Kenya's preparations for AFCON 2027.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are set to jointly host the 2027 AFCON tournament, marking the first time the competition will be staged in the East African region.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (AFDB) SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (HEST) PHASE II PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) toward the cost of the support to Higher Education Science Technology Phase II project to improve relevance and equitable access to quality higher education, training and research in STEM for inclusive economic growth and employment in Kenya by 2030.

The Government, through Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), intends to apply part of the agreed amount from the financing towards scholarships in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

The University invites applications for these scholarships from suitably qualified persons to Masters Programmes in the following areas;

1) MSc in Industrial Engineering and Management/Mechanical Engineering
2) MSc in Electrical Engineering
3) MSc in Information, Communication and Technology related areas

Thematic Areas;

S.No.	Thematic Area	Number
1.	Thermo fluids and Energy Systems	2
2.	Manufacturing and Materials	2
3.	Automation and Control	2
4.	Environmental and Safety	1
5.	Design and Simulation	3
6.	IT/ICT	2
	Total	**12**

The scholarship package will cover tuition fees and research costs for the duration of study. The scholarships are open to all Kenyans under the age of **30 years** who will also be engaged as Graduate Assistants. Programmes of study funded by the scholarship are scheduled to commence in August, 2026.

Important information

1) Applicants **MUST** have obtained a minimum of Second Class Honors (Upper Division) in a relevant degree from a recognized and accredited University;
2) Upon successful completion of the Masters Programme, candidates shall be expected to transition to Ph.D. under the scholarship programme;
3) The successful candidates shall be bonded under the applicable terms and conditions of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology;
4) The successful candidates shall be expected to complete their studies within the prescribed study period;
5) More information can be accessed through the University website at **www.mmust.ac.ke;**
6) Scholarships are tenable at the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology;
7) Candidates must be registered or registrable with relevant professional and/or regulatory bodies where applicable.

The University also invites applications for these scholarships from suitably qualified persons to Bachelor's Programmes in the following areas;

S.No.	Thematic Area	Number
1.	Engineering Thermodynamics Laboratory	1
2.	Advanced Machining Laboratory	1
3.	Industrial Automation, IoE and Robotics Laboratory	2
4.	Design Laboratory	1
5.	Renewable Energy Technology Laboratory	1
	Total	**6**

The scholarship package will cover tuition fees for the duration of study. The scholarships are open to all Kenyans under the age of **40 years** who will also be engaged as Technicians/Technologists. Programmes of study funded by the scholarship are scheduled to commence in **August, 2026**.

Important information

1) Applicants **MUST** have obtained a minimum of diploma in Mechanical Engineering OR diploma in Electrical Engineering OR diploma in Renewable Energy Technology from a recognized and accredited Training Institution;
2) The successful candidates shall be bonded under the applicable terms and conditions of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST);
3) The successful candidates shall be expected to complete their studies within the prescribed study period;
4) More information can be accessed through the University website at **www.mmust.ac.ke**;
5) Scholarships are tenable at the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology;
6) Candidates must be registered or registrable with relevant professional and/or regulatory bodies where applicable.

How to apply:-

- Applications should be accompanied by a cover letter clearly specifying the position applied for, detailed Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of relevant academic and professional certificates, National Identity Card or Passport, testimonials, e-mail addresses, telephone contacts and any other relevant supporting documents.
- A Soft copy in PDF running format should be sent to **scholarship2026@mmust.ac.ke**. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned to be received on or before **18th August, 2026 by 5.00 p.m.**

Note: Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION

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

Country :	Kenya
Name of Project :	Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II
Credit No :	IDA-7447-KE
Project ID No :	P180935
Assignment Title :	Consulting Services to Develop the Integrated Devolution Management Information System (IDMIS)
Reference No :	**KE-SDD-531922-CS-QCBS**

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) has received funding from the World Bank towards the cost of Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for consulting services.

2. The primary objective of this consultancy is to design, develop, test, deploy, and support the Integrated Devolution Management Information System (IDMIS) for the State Department for Devolution (SDD). The system will enhance coordination, monitoring, learning, performance management, citizen engagement, and accountability across national and county governments as well as development partners.

3. The consulting services contract is expected to be a period of twenty four (24) calendar months from the date of commencement.

4. The terms of reference are available on The Public Procurement Information Portal **https://tenders.go.ke** and the State Department For Devolution Website **https://www.devolution.go.ke**

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs,3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Procurement Regulations revised November 2020, 4th edition, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. The State Department for Devolution now invites eligible consultants (Firms) to submit Expressions of interest for consideration. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the services. The short listing criteria are;

   I. **Joint Venture:** Interested firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment.

   II. Demonstrate experience in capacity building, skill transfer, and stakeholder engagement

   III. **Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least three projects of a similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment- public sector in the last five years. Details of similar assignments-Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided, and the submitted Proposal should include an enumeration (Contract or LPO) of these similar past assignments.

   IV. **Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm must demonstrate the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile **Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**

   V. **Description of Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan:** A description of the approach, methodology, and work plan in responding to the terms of reference for performing the assignment. Include a detailed description of the Technical Approach and Methodology, Work Plan, Organization, and Staffing. Provide a Write-up on the Overall Architecture and Modules of the system.

N.B Documentary evidence in support of the shortlisting criteria should be submitted by the Consultants. These may include but not limited to copies of contracts for past assignments, evidence that they have done work in the country/ region which may include letters of recommendation from previous clients.

Note

In addition, If the firm selected for contract award or its local partners does not possess ICT Authority accreditation, it must secure such accreditation from the Authority before signing the Contract in accordance with the Government of Kenya's ICT standards. It is expected that the firm selected for contract award, without existing accreditation, must apply and obtain before contract signing date, Suppliers Accreditation with ICT Authority in the following accreditations

a. ICTA 1: Systems and applications
b. ICTA 1: Information Security
c. ICTA 1: ICT Consultancy

7. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

8. A firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method/ procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers.

9. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from **Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.**

10. Interested Consultants should submit their Expression of Interest, in plain sealed envelope clearly marked: **Consulting Services to Develop the Integrated Devolution Management Information System (IDMIS) Reference No. KE-SDD-531922-CS-QCBS** and addressed **(in person, or by e-mail)** to;

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Devolution
P.O. Box 30004 - 00100 Nairobi.
Attention: Program Coordinator KDSPII
E-mail: kdsp2procurement@devolution.go.ke
Address for obtaining further information, State Department for Devolution
Head Supply Chain Management Services 5th Floor Teleposta Towers - Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi, Kenya.

11. The expression of interest shall be delivered using one of the following modalities;

   1. Deposit in the Tender Box located on 5th Floor Teleposta Towers - Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi, Kenya.
   2. Send via email to; **kdsp2procurement@devolution.go.ke**

12. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is **Tuesday 18th August 2026 at 1100 hours East African time.**

Note: Late submissions will not be accepted.

NATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR (KDSP II)
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/ STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION

KENYA VISION 2030

Ronald Ngala Utalii college set to admit first students in September

BY STEPHEN MRIRA (KNA)

The Ronald Ngala Utalii College in Kilifi County is set to officially commence academic programs in September this year, with the first cohort of 1,000 students expected to report for studies.

Speaking to journalists during an inspection tour of the institution, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Tourism, Prof. Julius Bitok, said the government, through the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), is finalizing admissions to ensure the pioneer students begin classes on September 1, 2026.

"We are working with Kenya Utalii College, the Tourism Fund and the Kilifi County Government to ensure everything is in place before the commencement of studies on September 1, 2026," said Prof Bitok.

The Principal Secretary described the institution as a state-of-the-art facility whose modern infrastructure and training equipment place it among the leading hospitality and tourism colleges in Africa.

He said the government is committed to strengthening capacity building in the tourism sector, adding that the college will play a key role in supporting Kenya's target of attracting five million international tourists annually by 2028.

1. **Prof. Julius Bitok accompanied by Kilfi County Governor Gideon Mung'aro and other stakeholders viewing a 3D plan of the Ronald Ngala Utalii College at Vipingo in Kilifi County.**
2. **An image showing the front face of the Ronald Ngala Utalii College.** PHOTO: STEPHEN MRIRA

Prof Bitok said construction of the institution, which began about 12 years ago, is now 95 per cent complete, with the remaining works expected to be finalized before academic activities commence.

"This college is now 95 per cent complete and we expect the remaining five per cent to be completed within the next one month," he said.

He appealed to stakeholders to support the institution, noting that its strategic location along the Indian Ocean coastline and its modern facilities would significantly enhance hospitality and tourism training.

"It is an amazing place because it is located right in front of the beach and has modern facilities and equipment. We believe this will greatly boost the tourism industry," he said.

The Principal Secretary also cautioned political leaders against making remarks that could undermine Kenya's tourism sector.

"We are calling upon our political leaders not to make reckless statements that could discourage tourists from visiting the country because tourism remains a major source of national revenue," he said.

Prof Bitok said the institution is designed to accommodate up to 4,000 students once fully operational.

Kilifi County Governor Gideon Mung'aro welcomed the opening of the college, saying it would create employment opportunities for local residents while producing skilled professionals for the tourism and hospitality industry.

"We are happy that after 12 years of waiting this college is finally commencing operations. It will provide not only training opportunities but also employment opportunities for the people of Kilifi and the country at large," said Mung'aro.

The Governor said the institution would also offer specialized certification programs for cruise ship personnel and seafarers, thereby strengthening Kenya's Blue Economy agenda.

He added that the county government, in collaboration with Kenya Utalii College, plans to establish a revolving tuition fund to support needy students.

"We already have plans to establish a tuition revolving fund through Kenya Utalii College to enable students to complete their studies before repaying the money after graduation," he said.

Kenya Utalii College Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Ogendi, said the institution will offer diploma and certificate programs in seafarer training, Blue Economy studies, culinary arts, hospitality management, travel and tourism.

Uasin Gishu receives Sh61.7-million medical equipment

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The County Government of Uasin Gishu has received medical equipment worth Sh 61.7 million from The Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) Uzima to strengthen HIV care and ensure continuity of health services.

The handover, conducted at the County Headquarters in Eldoret, also marked the beginning of the transfer of key health systems, digital infrastructure and programme operations from AMPATH Uzima to the county government under the Government-to-Government (G2G) transition framework between Kenya and the United States.

Speaking during the ceremony, AMPATH Uzima Chief of Party Prof. Sylvester Kimaiyo described the event as a significant milestone in the county's healthcare journey, saying it represented more than the transfer of equipment but the gradual transition of systems that have supported HIV prevention, treatment and care for more than two decades.

AMPATH Uzima Chief of Party Prof. Sylvester Kimaiyo (with microphone) hands over medical equipment worth Sh61.7 million to the Uasin Gishu County Government during the launch of the AMPATH Uzima Health Programme Transition in Eldoret.

Prof. Kimaiyo said AMPATH Uzima has partnered with Uasin Gishu County for the past 24 years, helping transform HIV care from a period when an HIV diagnosis was regarded as a death sentence to an era in which thousands of patients are living healthy and productive lives through access to life-saving treatment and quality healthcare services.

He disclosed that Uasin Gishu currently has 35,507 people living with HIV, of whom 21,407 receive treatment in county health facilities while approximately 14,000 are enrolled at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

According to Prof. Kimaiyo, the county has attained a 95 per cent viral load suppression rate, one of the highest in the country, demonstrating that the majority of patients receiving treatment are responding well to antiretroviral therapy.

He also commended the county for its progress in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV, noting that Uasin Gishu recently recorded a transmission rate of 6.3 per cent, placing it among the country's best-performing counties and bringing it closer to the World Health Organization target of less than five per cent.

Prof. Kimaiyo said the transition is being implemented under the Government-to-Government arrangement through which the United States Government will continue financing critical programme staff for a limited period as both the national and county governments progressively assume responsibility for the programme.

He revealed that more than 100 health workers, including clinical officers, nurses, counsellors, laboratory technologists, health records officers, social workers and programme management staff, will continue serving under the transition arrangement before eventual absorption into government systems.

The AMPATH Uzima Chief of Party also officially handed over the AMPATH Medical Record System (AMRS), a web-based electronic medical records platform developed in Uasin Gishu to improve patient management and continuity of care.

He explained that the digital system enables healthcare workers to securely access patient records from participating health facilities, improving efficiency, reducing duplication of services and enhancing treatment outcomes.

Prof. Kimaiyo praised the Uasin Gishu County Government for supporting the retention and expansion of the AMRS platform, saying county officials had played a vital role in ensuring the locally developed innovation remains part of Kenya's national digital health strategy.

Among the assets handed over were a portable digital X-ray machine capable of supporting tuberculosis screening in remote areas, 29 three-in-one desktop computers, laptops and other information and communication technology equipment aimed at strengthening health information management across county health facilities.

He noted that although AMPATH Uzima had received a six-month extension of support from the United States Department of State, the organization was preparing for a smooth transition while continuing to provide technical support to the county government.

Receiving the equipment, Uasin Gishu Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim thanked AMPATH Uzima for its longstanding partnership in strengthening HIV prevention, treatment and healthcare delivery across the county.

The Governor said the donated equipment would significantly improve service delivery in dispensaries, health centres and hospitals by enhancing HIV testing, diagnosis, treatment and patient monitoring services.

Intellectual property policy to protect innovators

BY WANGARI MWANGI AND SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industrialization is developing the country's first ever National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy aimed at protecting local innovations.

The draft policy, which is currently at the public participation stage, is expected to provide a comprehensive legal and institutional framework that will safeguard Intellectual Property (IP) rights and at the same time enable innovators, artists and entrepreneurs to commercialize their ideas.

Speaking in Nyeri during a public participation exercise organised to collect public views on the draft policy, Industrialization Secretary Prof Erastus Gatebe, noted that the absence of an IP policy has continued to hinder the country's ability to maximize the value of local innovations.

He said that if the country is looking to create quality jobs and stimulate industrial growth, the government must invest in systems that protect innovations and indigenous knowledge.

"The reason why we are keen on this as a Ministry is because we have realized that we have so many innovations and inventions but we rarely benefit from them. They are pirated and are taken away and the innovators wallow in poverty while their innovations are benefiting others. So in order to put our mark in the global market, promote export and promote manufacturing and trade, we must have this policy which will make the country move to the next level," said Prof Gatebe.

1. **Industrialization Secretary Prof Erastus Gatebe addresses participants during public participation exercise organised to collect public views on the draft National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy held in Nyeri.**
2. **Residents from Nyeri, Murang'a,Kirinyaga and Laikipia counties during a public participation exercise on the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy held at PCEA Nyamachaki hall in Nyeri. Photos by Wangari Mwangi**

Data from the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, patent application by Kenyan residents' average few than 200 annually. The study showed that utility models,industrial designs and trademarks remain largely under-utilised despite Kenya's dynamic entrepreneurial and creative base.

A 2016 Micro Small and Medium Enterprises survey by Kenya National Bureau of Statistics shows that more than 70 per cent of MSMEs operate without awareness of IP rights therefore limiting their ability to protect innovations and build competitive advantage.

Findings from the study further detailed how the country spends less than 1 per cent of its Gross Domestic Product on research and even lesser funding on innovation, IP protection and commercialisation. It also revealed how weak enforcement further compounds the problem.

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority in 2021 estimated that counterfeit goods account for over 10 per cent of the Kenyan market resulting in losses of approximately Sh 50 million annually while undermining legitimate businesses and endangering public health.

Some of the key proposals in the draft policy include establishment of stronger IP safeguards for the creative industry.

The Ministry has proposed mechanisms to tighten copyright enforcement and ensure artists receive fair compensation for their talents.

The policy has also recommended that the Ministry establishes structures to support digital rights management so that creative can fully commercialize their talent.

The framework has also proposed measures to protect the country's rich traditional knowledge, genetic resources as well as cultural heritage from bio-piracy and unauthorized commercial exploitation. Similarly, it has laid down benefit-sharing guidelines which will ensure local communities retain ownership of their cultural assets while at the same time, benefiting economically from their utilization.

Innovators and developers working in the Technology space are expected to benefit from simplified patent registration processes alongside incentives that are aimed at attracting investments in local start-ups and accelerating the uptake of home-grown technological solutions.

Should members of the public endorse the draft policy, the country's manufacturing sector will benefit from stronger protection mechanisms for industrial designs and trademarks. As part of the Government's efforts to curb counterfeit products and illicit trade, the draft policy has recommended that the Ministry intensifies the fight against counterfeit and illicit trade, which continues to undermine genuine local manufacturers.

Agriculture will equally benefit through enhanced protection of new crop varieties and the introduction of geographical indications for region-specific produce. Provisions in the policy indicated that the enhanced protection will add international value to Kenyan products such as coffee tea, macadamia and avocado and enable producers to earn higher returns from unique region specific products.

"These are some of the things we are doing to protect the country as well as to have the maximum benefit out of our strengths. To achieve this, the policy aims to harmonise, strengthen and leverage the unique strengths of the country's key regulatory bodies and agencies, "said Prof Gatebe.

Speaking at the same event, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority boss Dr Robi Mbugua said the policy will create a conducive environment that will protect innovations and competitiveness of Kenyan products.

He said that besides giving Kenyan youth and innovators an opportunity to convert their ideas into enterprises, the policy will lay the foundation that will help the agency tackle the counterfeit menace in the country.

"Unless Intellectual Property rights are protected, ideas are still prone other people might steal their IP and our innovations and make counterfeit products and end up benefiting. The policy will allow innovators to report to us whenever they come up with products and the authority will move with speed and apprehend anybody who is dealing with counterfeit products, "he said.

Ministry bans sugar imports to protect local farmers, cushion the sector

BY ABSALOM NAMWALO (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Dr Kipronoh Ronoh, has announced embargo on sugar imports by local sugar milling companies, declaring that Kenya has attained sufficient production capacity to satisfy the country's domestic sugar demand.

The move is aimed at protecting local farmers, strengthening the sugar industry and reducing reliance on imported sugar.

Speaking during the official opening of the 10th Campus of the Kenya School of Agriculture in Kisumu County, Dr Ronoh said Kenya's sugar sector has recorded remarkable growth with monthly production rising from about 40,000 metric tonnes to more than 80,000 metric tonnes.

He noted that the increase demonstrates the success of reforms undertaken by the government and the commitment among farmers to expand sugarcane production.

"Our priority is to protect our farmers and ensure they benefit from their hard work. Kenya now has the capacity to produce enough sugar for its people, and there is no justification for continued importation by our sugar factories, while local cane remains unharvested," Dr Rono said.

The PS warned millers against neglecting locally grown sugarcane, urging them to harvest cane from Kenyan farmers, before considering any imports.

He reminded millers that the law requires farmers to receive payment within five days after delivering their sugarcane, saying delayed payments discourage production and undermine the government's efforts to revive the sector.

"We expect all millers to comply fully with the law by paying farmers within five days after delivering their cane. Timely payments will restore farmers' confidence, increase production and secure the future of the sugar industry," he added.

Dr Ronoh also challenged farmers to embrace climate-smart and modern agricultural technologies to improve productivity and build resilience against climate change.

He said mechanisation, improved farming practices and the adoption of new technologies remain critical in increasing yields, improving household incomes and guaranteeing food security across the country.

The PS commended the strong partnership between the National and County governments in implementing agricultural programmes, describing the collaboration as a key driver of agricultural transformation and industrialisation.

He said investments in agricultural training institutions, will equip farmers and extension officers with practical skills needed to modernise the sector.

Kisumu County Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o welcomed the handover of the Pap Konam Agricultural Training Centre to the Kenya School of Agriculture, describing it as a landmark achievement that will strengthen agricultural education and innovation in the region.

"Transforming agriculture into a competitive and sustainable enterprise, begins with investing in knowledge, innovation and human capital, he said.

He said the partnership between the County and National Governments, will expand access to accredited training in agribusiness, horticulture, livestock management and dairy production, creating opportunities for farmers, extension officers and young agripreneurs, to acquire practical skills that will enhance productivity and improve livelihoods.

"This collaboration will equip our farmers and young people with the knowledge and skills needed, to enhance productivity, strengthen food security and drive sustainable agricultural transformation. Agriculture remains the backbone of our economy, and investing in training is investing in the future of our people," the Governor added.

The opening of the Kenya School of Agriculture's 10th Campus is expected to boost agricultural research, innovation and farmer training in the Lake Region, while supporting the government's broader agenda of achieving food security, creating employment and promoting value addition in the agricultural sector.

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Ministry Of Agriculture & Livestock Development

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

Country:	**KENYA**
Name of Project:	**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - NAVCDP**
Credit No.:	**70640**
Project ID:	**176758**
Assignment Title:	**CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ACCELERATION OF APICULTURE VALUE CHAIN**
Reference No.:	**KE-MOALF-560393-CS- CQS**

1.0 The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2.0 The Consulting Services (***"the Services"***) include Consulting Services of a Business Accelerator for Apiculture Value Chain for NAVCDP. The estimated period of the assignment is twelve (12) calendar months from contract commencement date.

3.0 The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: **www.kilimo.go.ke**

4.0 The State Department for Agriculture (***"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. The shortlisting criteria are: -

4.1 **Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of livestock or closely related field for a period of a minimum of ten (10) years.

4.2 **Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments of similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment in the last eight (8) calendar years. Details of similar assignments - Name and address of the client, scope, value/enumeration, and period should be provided and submitted with the Expression of Interest (EOI).

4.3 **Technical and managerial capability of the firm:** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical and managerial capacity including relevant management tools to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

5.0. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's ***"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"*** First Published July 2016 and revised Fourth Edition November 2020 (***"Procurement Regulations"***), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6.0. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and /or a sub consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in a joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

7.0 A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant' s Qualification -Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8.0. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East Africa Time (EAT) at the address below.

Address for further information:
National Project Coordinator
National Value Chain Development Project
State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Capitol Hill Towers, 5th Floor, Cathedral Road.
Nairobi Kenya
Phone : +254 773206315
E-mail : info@navcdp.go.ke

9.0. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **19th August, 2026 at 1100 hours EAT.** The delivery by person must be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Agriculture located at Kilimo House main reception –Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi - Kenya, or delivery by e-mail must be sent to **info@navcdp.go.ke** and clearly marked "Consulting Services for Business Accelerator for Apiculture Value Chain for NAVCDP, Contract Ref. No. **KE-MOALF-560393-CS-CQS.**

Address for submission:

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Head Supply Chain Management
For: Principal Secretary

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

Country:	**KENYA**
Name of Project:	**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT- NAVCDP**
Credit No.:	**70640**
Project ID:	**176758**
Assignment Title:	**CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BUSINESS ACCELERATOR FOR MANGO AND AVOCADO VALUE CHAIN FOR NAVCDP**
Reference No.:	**KE-MOALF-560682-CS-QCBS**

1.0 The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2.0 The Consulting Services (***"the Services"***) include Consulting Services for Business Accelerator for mango and avocado value chains for NAVCDP. The estimated period of the assignment is twelve (12) calendar months from contract commencement date.

3.0 The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: **www.kilimo.go.ke**

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For: Principal Secretary

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Ministry commits to strengthening livestock sub sector

A livestock herd. The Government is pushing for higher standards, stronger market intelligence and strategic investment partnership. Photo Courtesy

BY EMILY KADZO AND HILLARY SHIMNAGHA (KNA)

The Government is pushing for higher standards, stronger market intelligence and strategic investment partnerships to boost Kenya's competitiveness in the global meat and milk export market.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Agriculture Dr Paul Ronoh said plans are underway to establish a livestock processing zone in Narok to meet regional demand for meat and milk.

He said the Government will to continue to strengthen Kenya's livestock sector by investing in projects that help farmers reduce post-harvest losses and increase their incomes.

Dr. Ronoh noted that a national wide digital livestock tracking system, expanded vaccination programs and reforms in meat production systems are at the center of a new strategy aimed at growing Kenya's livestock industry into a Sh1 trillion economic powerhouse within the next two years.

The PS said the government is supporting initiatives towards transforming the country's milk and meat value chain from livestock production to export by strengthening animal health systems, introducing mandatory traceability, improving food safety, increasing value addition and attracting private investments into the sub sector.

Speaking when he officially inaugurated the Agricultural, Environment and Climate Change exhibition at the William Ole Ntimama Stadium in Narok, Dr Ronoh said traceability was no longer optional if Kenya is to compete in the global meat market.

For years, Kenya's livestock sector has struggled to meet the demands of the premium export market that require proof of animal origin, health history, production systems and compliance with food safety standards.

Dr. Ronoh, who represented Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mr Mutahi Kagwe at the event, said the Government remains committed to building a stronger and more profitable dairy sector for Kenyan farmers.

He pointed out that the dairy value chain is a vital economic pillar, supporting millions of livelihoods from farmers and transporters to processors, retailers and consumers.

The Principal Secretary emphasized that the interventions are part of the government's efforts to revitalize the dairy sector in the country aimed at boosting value addition and creating sustainable jobs.

"The government is actively strengthening the dairy value chain to boost productivity, minimize post-harvest losses, and increase farmers' incomes. Key initiatives include nationwide milk cooler distributions, tax exemptions on animal feed, and a transition to quality-based milk payment systems to reward farmers," he stated.

He called for collective support to strengthen the dairy value chain as a pathway to reducing poverty and creating jobs and reiterated the Government's commitment to working with farmers through capacity building and improved market access both locally and internationally.

Official statistics indicate that nationally, livestock contributes 50 percent of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and over 10 percent of the National GDP. Dairy production is the largest contributor to the livestock GDP.

The statistics reveal that the dairy sub-sector yields about Sh237 billion annually and that Kenya is one of the leading Country in Africa in dairy cattle production.

Dr. Ronoh stated that the industry is on an upward trajectory with an estimated growth rate of 3 percent to 4 percent per year adding that the Kenya Kwanza administration recognizes dairy value chain as one of the main sources of household incomes and a crucial contributor to food security.

Vision 2030 which has been adopted as a new model for Kenya's development, emphasizes the enhancement of dairy productivity as key to increasing incomes, food security and nutrition.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development developed a Dairy Master Plan 2010- 2030, and Kenya Dairy Industry Transformation Strategy & Investment Plan 2022-2032, developed by the Kenya Dairy Board, currently guides the Dairy Industry.

Dr. Ronoh said the government is striving to make the dairy subsector one of the leading sub-sectors in social-economic development through production, value addition and marketing.

This, he added, is being done by mobilizing and working with all stakeholders and development partners as Kenya seeks to maximize the utilization of all available opportunities and resources for the benefit of the entire country.

According to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), with the world human population expected to increase to 10.5 billion, from 7.6 billion by 2067, an increase in demand for dairy products is expected globally.

This, Dr. Ronoh noted, should be an opportunity for more milk production, especially in regions which are not the main milk producers in the country.

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) data, Kenya had 22.4 million cattle, 26.2 million sheep, and 38.4 million goats in 2024.

"Kenya's dairy sector is widely celebrated as one of Africa's most dynamic. With a strong culture of milk consumption and thousands of households relying on dairy farming, the country has all the ingredients for high productivity," noted the Principal Secretary.

With annual production of more than 5 billion litres each year, Kenya currently contributes at least 10 percent of Africa's total milk production and 35 percent of the East African Community's supply. The sector supports over 1.8 small holder farmers making it a crucial cog in the wheel of Kenya's national progress.

Dr. Ronoh underscored the importance of value addition in minimizing post-harvest losses, improving milk quality, creating employment opportunities and increasing returns for farmers.

KENYA RAILWAYS

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Railways (KR) is a Government-Owned Enterprise established under the Government-Owned Enterprises Act No. 25 of 2025. The Corporation's Vision is to be a provider of world-class rail services, while its Mission is to develop a safe, reliable, and sustainable integrated rail network.

Kenya's railway system comprises the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) (Mombasa - Malaba with branch lines to Nanyuki and Kisumu) and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) (Mombasa - Naivasha), with ongoing extension to Kisumu and Malaba.

The Corporation invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

S/N	Positions/ Designation	Grade	No	Job Ref No.	NOTE
1	Human Resource Manager	RG 3	1	KRBR173	Re-advertisement
2	Communications and Public Affairs Manager	RG 3	1	KRBR174	New

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS

Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application: -

i. A Signed application letter;
ii. A detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating current and previous employers, positions held, level of education, current and expected salary, notice period required to take up appointment and names of at least three professional referees;
iii. Copies of academic and professional certificates; and
iv. Copy of National Identification Card or Passport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

i. Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application;
ii. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted;
iii. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity. Card, academic and professional certificates during interviews;
iv. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents; and
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i. Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
ii. Valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board **(HELB)**;
iii. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority **(KRA)**;
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v. Current Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau **(CRB)**.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates who meet the required qualifications are invited to submit their applications via the job link available on the Kenya Railways website: **www.krc.co.ke.** Applicants must clearly indicate the Position Applied For and the Vacancy Reference Number in the subject heading. A detailed step-by-step guide to the application process is available on the Corporation's website.

NOTE: These positions are open to **KENYAN Citizens ONLY.**

Successful candidates will be offered a competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Corporation's guidelines. Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by **Monday, 24th August, 2026 by 5.00 p.m,** so as to reach: -

The Managing Director
Kenya Railways
P.O. Box 30121-00100
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Please note that applications will **ONLY** be via the **Job-link**, hard copies shall not be considered.

Canvasing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents shall lead to automatic disqualification.

KENYA RAILWAYS

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

OPPORTUNITIY FOR DRIVER III (JOB GROUP CA11)

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting, multimedia, and postal /courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, managing and administering the Universal Service Fund (USF), and safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services.

The Authority is seeking to recruit Seven (7) Drivers on (CA11) on a **fixed term contract of Two (2) Years, (one year renewable once)** subject to satisfactory performance. The positions are intended to support the implementation of ongoing projects across various parts of the country.

No.	Position	Number of Positions		Salary Grade
1	Driver III	7	Regional Offices & Headquaters	CA11

(a) Job Specification

This role require a competent driver who will be responsible for provision of safe and timely transportation of authorized passengers as well as good maintenance of the Authority's vehicle. The officer at this level will work under the guidance and supervision of the Fleet Manager.

The Duties and responsibilities at this level will entail:-

(i) Driving the Authority vehicles as authorized and in accordance with traffic laws and road safety regulations;
(ii) Conducting daily routine vehicle checks and ensuring vehicles are roadworthy before and after every journey;
(iii) Detecting, reporting, and following up on mechanical defects, accidents, incidents and maintenance requirements;
(iv) Maintaining accurate vehicle records,
(v) Ensuring proper custody, security and safety of assigned vehicles, passengers, goods, tools, fuel cards, and accessories;
(vi) Monitoring vehicle service schedules and coordinating timely servicing, repairs, insurance inspections, and statutory compliance requirements;
(vii) Maintaining high standards of cleanliness and presentation of assigned vehicles at all times;
(viii) Ensuring prudent use of fuel, vehicle parts, tyres and other transport resources;
(ix) Reporting accidents, incidents, traffic offences and vehicle breakdowns immediately to the Fleet office and relevant authorities;
(x) Observing confidentiality, professionalism and customer service standards when dealing with staff, Board members, visitors and other stakeholders;
(xi) Ensuring compliance with the Authority's Transport Management Policy, occupational safety requirements and other applicable policies and procedures;

(b) Person Specifications

For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have:

(i) Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education mean grade of D (Plain) or its equivalent qualification from a recognized institution;
(ii) At least two (2) years driving experience;
(iii) A valid category D2 driving license free from any current endorsements and with a clean driving record for the last two (2) years;
(iv) Passed the Suitability Test for Drivers Grade III from the Ministry of Roads and Public Works or its equivalent;
(v) A First-Aid Certificate Course lasting not less than one (1) week from St. John Ambulance, Kenya Institute of Highway and Building Technology (KIHBT), or any other recognized institution;
(vi) Proficiency in computer applications.
(vii) Experience in long-distance driving and operating vehicles in diverse terrains and Possession of a valid defensive driving certificate from a recognized institution will be an added advantage.

Applications **MUST** be accompanied by a signed Cover Letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV) with contacts for three (3) referees, a Copy of the National Identity Card, and copies of relevant academic and professional certificates.

Successful candidates will be required to submit the following documents: -

i. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
ii. Valid Certificate of Clearance from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
iii. Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).
iv. Dully filled and stamped Self-Declaration/Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). The Self-Declaration form should indicate the position being applied for.
v. Valid Clearance Certificate from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

Application Process

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit their applications through the following link: **https://forms.gle/K9CYfm1YKxHXgrTT9**. Applications should include a detailed curriculum vitae (CV), a cover letter, and contact details for three professional referees.

The deadline for submission is **24th August 2026 at 5:00 pm East Africa Time (EAT).**

Please note that **only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

Director General
Communications Authority of Kenya
P O Box 14448 - 00800
NAIROBI

The Authority is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified Kenyans including persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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KVDA distributes camels to fight drought

Pokot Central Deputy County Commissioner Philip Mbuvi (left), Sigor MP Peter Lochakapong (centre) and Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) Acting Chief Executive Officer Moses Kipchumba inspect some of the 100 drought-resistant camels distributed to beneficiaries during the launch of the Livelihood Improvement Programme at Tkiit Village, Masol Ward, Pokot Central Sub-County, West Pokot County. Photo by Parklea Ivor/KNA.

BY PARKLEA IVOR (KNA)

West Pokot County is grappling with one of its harshest droughts in recent years, with thousands of families in the arid parts of the county facing hunger as prolonged dry conditions continue to ravage livelihoods.

In Tkiit Village, Masol Ward in Pokot Central Sub-County, the once expansive grazing fields have turned into dusty plains while rivers and seasonal water pans have dried up, forcing pastoralists to travel long distances in search of water and pasture for their livestock.

For many families whose livelihoods depend entirely on livestock, the drought has become more than an environmental challenge, and it is now a humanitarian crisis.

Residents say the prolonged lack of rainfall has weakened their animals, drastically reduced milk production and led to livestock deaths, leaving many households without a reliable source of food or income.

The situation is particularly dire in Pokot Central and North Pokot sub-counties, where communities continue to battle acute water shortages and shrinking grazing fields.

As the drought tightens its grip, some families have been forced to migrate with their livestock to neighbouring counties including Baringo, Turkana and Elgeyo Marakwet in search of pasture, while others have moved closer to trading centres hoping to access government food relief and humanitarian assistance.

Women and children remain the most affected, spending hours every day walking long distances to fetch water while also queuing for food aid. Local leaders warn that unless the situation improves soon, cases of malnutrition, livestock deaths and food insecurity are likely to escalate.

Pokot Central Deputy County Commissioner Philip Mbuvi said approximately 60,000 residents in the affected areas are currently facing severe food shortages due to the prolonged drought.

"Our office is working closely with the humanitarian agencies to mobilize food assistance, water supplies and drought-resilient livestock to support affected households," said Mbuvi.

He noted that the government has also rolled out a school feeding programme to ensure children continue attending classes despite the difficult conditions.

"The programme has greatly helped sustain learners and we have not recorded school dropouts due to hunger," he added.

In an effort to strengthen climate resilience among pastoral communities, the government, through the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), has distributed 100 drought-resistant camels to residents of Tkiit Village under a livelihood improvement programme.

The initiative seeks to diversify livestock production by introducing animals that are better adapted to harsh climatic conditions where cattle, sheep and goats struggle to survive.

Speaking during the launch, Sigor Member of Parliament Peter Lochakapong, who also chairs the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Regional Development, described the programme as a timely intervention for vulnerable communities affected by recurring droughts.

"We are happy that the government has come up with this programme to cushion our people against the devastating effects of drought. Camels are well suited to this environment because they require less water, can survive prolonged dry spells and provide nutritious milk that can also generate income for households," said Lochakapong.

He urged beneficiaries to properly care for the animals to ensure they reproduce, enabling future generations to benefit from the programme through the distribution of offspring to more households.

KVDA Acting Chief Executive Officer Moses Kipchumba said the camel distribution programme forms part of a broader livelihood improvement strategy targeting communities living in Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs).

He explained that water scarcity has become a perennial challenge in the area, making camel farming a practical and sustainable alternative for pastoral households.

"We have handed over 100 camels comprising 90 females and 10 males. The objective is for these animals to multiply, after which their offspring will be distributed to more families within the community," Kipchumba said.

County bets on sports and talent to drive tourism, economic growth

BY JANE NGUGI AND JEFTHER AFUYO (KNA)

KCB Rugby Club players joyfully display the Main Cup trophy following their win during the 17th edition of the Prinsloo Sevens at Nakuru Athletic Club.

The County Government of Nakuru is betting on sports and talent development to drive tourism, youth empowerment and create economic opportunities.

The devolved unit's administration said it will continue to invest in modern sporting facilities to enhance sports tourism, develop talent, create employment and business opportunities linked to sporting events.

Chief Officer for Economic Planning Dr Victor Achoka indicated that proper facilities will promote sports tourism, one of the fastest-growing segments of the global tourism industry adding that international travelers are increasingly seeking destinations where they can combine their love of sport with immersive travel experiences.

He noted that Nakuru County has strengthened its position as a leading sports tourism destination after successfully hosting the 17th edition of the Prinsloo Sevens, a premier rugby tournament that attracted thousands of fans, more than 40 men's and women's teams, corporate sponsors and visitors from across East Africa.

"Visitors from around the country gathered in Nakuru not only to witness one of the most competitive rugby tournaments but also to experience the county's unique tourism offerings from our national parks and conservancies to our vibrant culture and cuisine," stated Dr Achoka.

He added, "The event demonstrates what can be achieved when we harness the power of sport to tell Nakuru's story to the world."

The annual tournament, held at the Nakuru Athletics Club, is one of Kenya's flagship rugby competitions and serves as the opening leg of the 2026 Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) SportPesa National Sevens Circuit.

Dr Achoka said hosting such events aligns with the county's strategy of using sports to stimulate tourism, attract investment and create income opportunities for local businesses.

He noted that Sports Tourism is firmly embedded within the National Tourism Strategy 2025-2030 as a high impact growth segment designed to diversify markets, attract higher spending visitors and encourage longer stays.

> We are intentional about converting sporting visibility into tourism value.

"We are intentional about converting sporting visibility into tourism value. Each visiting athlete and fan becomes a potential ambassador. The cumulative effect is sustained nationwide visibility, strengthened destination appeal and measurable economic impact," stated the official.

The tournament attracted over 40 teams competing in the men's, women's and lower division categories, drawing thousands of fans yielding a windfall to the hospitality industry, food vendors, transport providers and other businesses within Nakuru City.

The Main Cup title was won by KCB Rugby Club after defeating Kabras Sugar 19-12 in an entertaining final, while Mwamba Ladies emerged champions in the women's competition after overcoming Kiambaa to continue their impressive form.

Dr Achoka noted that major sporting events are increasingly becoming important economic drivers by attracting visitors who spend on accommodation, food, entertainment and transport, creating additional income for local enterprises while enhancing Nakuru's profile as a destination for national and regional events

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Economic Survey 2025, the accommodation and food services sector continues to recover alongside increased domestic and international tourism, with sporting and conference events contributing significantly to visitor arrivals and local business revenues.

The Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) identifies sports tourism as one of the fastest-growing niche tourism markets, noting that international and national sporting competitions help diversify tourism products while increasing visitor spending beyond traditional wildlife attractions.

Globally, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism) estimates that sports tourism accounts for about 10 per cent of global tourism expenditure, making it one of the fastest-growing segments of the tourism industry.

Kenya, UK launch regional programme to strengthen airport and border security

BY SHARON NJERU AND ZIPPORAH ODIONYI (KNA)

Director of Immigration Services, Ms Jane Nyandoro (centre) during the launch of the Kenya-Somalia-Ethiopia UK Regional Counter Smuggling Programme (RCSP) in Nairobi. Photo by Aron Kinyamasyo/KNA

Kenya and the United Kingdom have launched a regional programme aimed at strengthening airport border security, disrupting migrant smuggling networks and enhancing cooperation among border management agencies in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

The Regional Counter-Smuggling Programme (RCSP) implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with support from the United Kingdom Home Office Border Security Command, seeks to enhance border security, improve inter-agency collaboration and protect vulnerable migrants through intelligence-led migration management.

Principal Secretary in the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, Belio Kipsang, said the programme would reinforce border control and immigration measures by standardising operational procedures across the three countries to ensure coordinated responses to migrant smuggling.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Director of Immigration Services Jane Nyandoro, the PS said the initiative would focus on enhancing enforcement efforts by strengthening border control and immigration systems, while adopting a protection-sensitive approach that safeguards victims of trafficking and addresses gender considerations.

He said implementation would focus on strengthening airport capacity, combating transnational organised crime and advancing rights-based border management initiatives through technical assessments, infrastructure upgrades, specialised training and deployment of intelligence and detection technologies.

Kipsang said the programme would support operations at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Moi International Airport, Kisumu International Airport, Eldoret International Airport and Malindi Airport, strengthening national and regional capabilities to detect and deter migrant smuggling, while protecting the rights and dignity of migrants.

He called for closer collaboration among the Directorate of Immigration Services, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Transnational Organised Crime Unit, Counter Trafficking in Persons Secretariat, Border Management Secretariat, Kenya Airports Authority and other stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of the programme.

International Organization for Migration Regional Coordinator for East and the Horn of Africa, Mr. Luis Pi Núñez, said the three-year programme, which runs from June 2026 to March 2029, will strengthen airport border management capacities across 13 airports in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

He said the programme will improve infrastructure, equipment and human resource capacity, while enhancing information sharing, inter-agency cooperation and regional coordination among border management authorities.

International Organization for Migration Kenya Acting Chief of Mission Sharif Faisal said Kenya's position as a country of origin, destination and transit for migrants makes effective migration governance and secure border management essential.

Faisal said the programme will strengthen equipment and build the capacity of immigration officers at Kenya's international airports, while promoting a whole-of-government and regional approach to addressing migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons.

He reaffirmed IOM's commitment to working with the Government of Kenya, the United Kingdom Government and regional partners to promote secure, orderly and humane migration systems that facilitate legitimate travel while strengthening regional security.

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Ministry commissions Sh375m water project to boost Kinanie Leather Industrial Park

BY GLORIA GICHERU (PCO)

Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation Julius Korir (second right) commissions the Kinanie Leather Industrial Park Water Supply Project in Machakos County.

The Government has commissioned the Sh375 million Kinanie Leather Industrial Park Water Supply Project in Machakos County, marking a step toward the full operationalisation of Kenya's flagship leather manufacturing hub.

The project comprises two boreholes, a 25-kilometre transmission pipeline connected to the Mavoko water supply system, and an internal reticulation network serving the industrial park.

The system currently delivers about 1.3 million litres of water daily, with infrastructure designed to expand capacity to meet growing demand and sustain up to 36 leather manufacturing firms.

The project, undertaken by the Ministries of Investments, Trade and Industry and Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in collaboration with key stakeholders, is expected to accelerate investment in the leather value chain, create jobs and enhance the country's manufacturing competitiveness.

The completion of the water infrastructure removes one of the last hurdles to the park's operationalisation. With reliable water now available, the Kinanie Leather Industrial Park (KLIP) is poised to attract leather manufacturers, promote value addition, and position Kenya as a regional hub for leather processing and production.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation Julius Korir described the project as the realisation of a vision conceived in 2014 to establish a modern leather industrial park capable of transforming Kenya's leather industry.

He noted that while roads and electricity had already been provided, water remained the critical enabler for leather processing and manufacturing.

"The Kinanie Leather Industrial Park is now ready for investors. Water was one of the essential requirements and we have delivered it. We urge our colleagues in the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry to accelerate investor uptake so the park can begin delivering jobs and economic growth," said Korir.

Korir further highlighted that the Ministry is implementing water projects worth approximately Sh3.7 billion across Machakos County, including the Machakos Town Water Supply and Sewerage Project, rehabilitation of Maruba Dam, the Mwala Water Supply Project, and the proposed Uwangoni Dam.

Representing Principal Secretary for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana, Director of Field Services Joseph Mbeva said the water project marks a significant milestone in unlocking the economic potential of KLIP.

> "The Kinanie Leather Industrial Park is now ready for investors. Water was one of the essential requirements and we have delivered it.

He emphasised that reliable water supply is indispensable for leather processing, and its availability eliminates a major bottleneck that had delayed full utilisation of the facility.

"With water now available and the access road completed, our focus should shift to attracting investors so that the park can begin producing leather products, create employment opportunities, and strengthen Kenya's leather manufacturing industry," Mbeva said.

He added that the industrial park is expected to generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs through backward and forward linkages involving livestock farmers, tanneries, leather processors, artisans, and manufacturers of finished leather products.

Mombasa embraces RPL to drive economic growth

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The County Government of Mombasa is embracing the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework to drive economic growth.

The devolved government has partnered with the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic to empower its staff with formal certification.

RPL is a structured assessment process that identifies and certifies skills, knowledge, and competencies acquired by an individual through work experience, life activities, or informal training.

Governor Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir described RPL as a transformative tool for improving employability and driving socio-economic growth.

Mombasa County Governor Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir says the County is embracing the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework to drive economic growth.

He said the first cohort of the RPL program of 24 staff drawn from the departments of Environment and Solid Waste Management, and Transport and Infrastructure have graduated in motor vehicle mechanics, arc welding, electrical installation and motor vehicle electrical systems among others.

Nassir said the beneficiaries of the RPL project have joined the county public service in a supportive role, but over the years acquired technical skills and experience that deserve to be recognized, certified and developed.

The RPL initiative is expected to improve workforce readiness, promote inclusivity, and support the growing youth population.

"We want to nurture a Public Service where experience counts, skills are recognized and every member of staff has an opportunity to grow," he said.

The County boss noted that RPL is a gamechanger for people with competencies acquired through hands-on experience, but who lack formal certification.

Governor Nassir said skills training remains the cornerstone of his administration's vision for sustainable development.

He emphasized the importance of recognizing skills acquired outside formal education through RPL in a knowledge-based economy.

BRIEFS

Govt reviewing industrialisation policy to cut power costs, taxation for investors

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND BEATRICE WANJIKU (KNA)

The Government is reviewing its industrialisation policy to allow investors to draw affordable, stable power directly from producers as it moves to curb the exodus of manufacturers to neighbouring countries.

Principal Secretary for Industry Dr Juma Mukhwana said the review follows concerns that dozens of industries had shut down and relocated to countries offering cheaper power and more stable tax regimes.

Dr Mukhwana said the revised policy will also allow investors to generate their own power from renewable sources such as solar and wind to lower the cost of production.

"We have witnessed industries moving to neighbouring countries due to high costs of energy and double taxation in the counties, and we are seeking to address this through direct evacuation of power from producers," said Dr Mukhwana.

Speaking in Naivasha during a stakeholders' meeting with county heads of trade, the PS said the proposed National Industrialisation Policy (NIP) is designed to drive sustainable industrial growth through stronger regulation, coordination and data-driven monitoring of the sector.

The PS said they were also engaging the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) to revise the policy on high energy costs to boost local manufacturing.

He noted that the country's comparative advantage lay in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, textiles and apparel, leather, automotive and electronics manufacturing, which he said had the potential to transform the economy and create jobs.

He added that emerging areas such as information services and business process outsourcing presented further opportunities for employment and innovation.

"This policy reflects our resolve to stop exporting raw materials and instead create prosperity by adding value to our own resources, expanding local manufacturing and creating more quality jobs," he said.

Stakeholders back draft Policy to protect innovation rights

BY SAMUEL WAITITU (KNA)

Stakeholders in Kenya's manufacturing, research, innovation and creative sectors have called for stronger protection of intellectual property as a catalyst for economic growth and industrial transformation.

The call was made during a stakeholder consultation forum on the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy held in Embu Town.

The forum that brought together representatives from National and County Governments, research institutions, universities, industry players, innovators, creative artists and intellectual property agencies in a bid to validate the draft policy and gather public input.

Speaking on behalf of the Principal Secretary for Industry Dr Juma Mukhwana, the Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe said Kenya possesses immense intellectual wealth that remains largely under-protected due to gaps in the country's legal and policy framework.

Prof Gatebe said Kenya's greatest wealth lies in the minds of the people. However, the ideas have not been adequately protected, exposing innovators to exploitation denying them the economic benefits of their creativity.

"Kenya is home to innovations in manufacturing, technology, agriculture and the creative economy that have not been protected owing to an outdated legal framework that has left many innovations vulnerable to exploitation," he said.

He observed that indigenous knowledge, including traditional medicine and cultural innovations has for many years been commercially exploited without adequate recognition, ownership or benefit-sharing for the communities that