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Data Commission cracks whip on firms breaching clients' privacy

Data Protection Officer Yusuf Momanyi says ODPC has received over 2,000 complaints between February 2022, when the Data Protection Regulations took effect.

BY JANE NGUGI (KNA)
The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) is cracking the whip on companies breaching privacy of their users' personal data as it tightens the noose on the misuse of such information. The ODPC reiterated its com-

mitment to smoke out institutions such as banks, betting firms, digital lenders and online retail shops that violate provisions of the Data Protection Act, adding that it has stepped up the war on online and private data breaches.

This is happening at a time the

digital economy is booming, exposing vast quantities of sensitive user data to misuse.

Data Protection Officer Yusuf Momanyi disclosed that ODPC has received over 2,000 complaints between February 2022,

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Nakuru Deputy Governor Mr David Kones making his presentation during a sensitisation workshop on data protection organised for Nakuru County Government employees by the Office of Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC).

New funding model, Open University among raft of reforms for varsities

BY LATIFA HASSAN (KNA)

The Government is working on various reforms to improve access to quality education in the country by Kenyan youth.

According to Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu, some of the reforms lined up for implementation are the funding model for universities and the launch of the Open University of Kenya which will revive and enhance the effectiveness of the university sub-sector.

The National Open University of Kenya will provide distance learning and allow more students to enroll for academic programmes, regardless of their geographical location, age or employment status.

The CS disclosed that plans for the launch of the University are at an advanced stage, and that they are set to admit the first cohort of students in September, 2023 where Garissa University will also provide

a convenient and flexible mode of study to students.

Speaking at the Garissa University during their 4th graduation ceremony, the Education CS said his ministry is keen on providing the necessary resources and environment to ensure that universities thrive in skill development and societal transformation.

"Beginning the next academic year, university students will be funded on the basis of the actual cost of their programmes. The funding will also be student-centered, and will take into account the level of need of a specific student," Machogu said.

"The model will ensure that no one is left behind as far as access to quality university education is concerned. Socio-economic barriers will be eliminated, extremely needy and vulnerable students will not be required to pay a coin for their university education,"

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The Week In numbers

394,000

Number of people in Kisii County who have benefited from Sh. 400m Individual Hustler Fund since it was launched in November last year.

2017

The year Madaraka Express train service was launched by then President Uhuru Kenyatta

2,000

Number of complaints Office of Data Protection Commission has received since February 2022.

992

KCSE candidates in Wajir county who applied for courses this year

20

Tonnes of cereals that a steam-powered grain dryer can handle per day.

Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) performs inaugural cochlear implant surgery



Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) has performed its inaugural Cochlear Implant Surgery. This makes MTRH the first public hospital to undertake the specialist surgery in East and Central Africa region. Photo: Courtesy.

Commission cracks whip on companies breaching clients' privacy

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when the Data Protection Regulations took effect. The bulk of the complaints were on digital lenders.

In exercising its mandate, Momanyi said the office had in April penalized one online lender and a city working space provider Sh5 million each over allegations of intruding and sharing Kenyans' personal data.

Digital lender Whitepath Limited was penalised for non-compliance and non-cooperation with ODPC following complaints lodged against them by users of their services over breach of personal data.

Speaking during a sensitisation workshop on data protection organised for the Nakuru County Government employees, the officer further cited a case where the Data Commissioner slapped Oppo Kenya

with a Sh5 million fine over privacy infringement after using the photo of an unnamed complainant on its Instagram page without consent.

"We have carried out an audit on 10 digital lenders over misuse of customers data following complaints from the public. The issue is not to stop the data collection, but to have parameters within which those sensitive personal data sets can be collected, stored, accessed and shared. Don't over collect information about people, without justification," the Data Protection Officer stated.

He observed that

We have carried out an audit on 10 digital lenders over misuse of customers data-Momanyi

illegal access to pools of personal data gleaned by individuals, companies and even government agencies are often used for black-mail, identity theft, intimidation, targeted advertising and extortion.

MrMomanyi indicated that insurance and providers of health care also face stringent fines in case they breach the privacy of patients by sharing such data with third parties

He warned firms that getting their processes flagged by ODPC not only results in enforcement notices and administrative fines but also a steep public relations cost due to the ensuing bad publicity.

The officer said in the event of commercialization of data, a data controller or data processor who uses personal data for commercial purposes without the consent of the data subject commits an offence.

New funding model, Open University among raft of reforms for universities

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Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu addressing a gathering during the 4th graduation ceremony of Garissa University yesterday. He said his ministry is working on reforms to enhance service delivery, improve governance and promote quality and relevant education and research in our universities.

he added.

Machogu said the reforms will play a crucial role in the development and transformation in the country and are intended to enhance service delivery, improve governance and promote quality and relevant education in the country's universities.

Open universities are institutions offering degrees with low or no entry requirements. They are the ideal study options for students who have graduated their previous studies with low grades but want to continue their higher education. The regular degrees require the students to be present on the campus and attend the classes and lectures regularly.

However, for the open degree, it is not required to attend the classes regularly, and there is no need to be present at the same time and place.



NATIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM CENTRE



PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM

The National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) notifies and invites the public to participate in the review of the National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism (NSCVE).

NCTC is an inter-agency body mandated by law to co-ordinate national counter terrorism efforts to detect, deter and disrupt terrorism acts. In fulfilling this mandate, the Centre has coordinated national efforts that led to the adoption of the NSCVE in 2016.

Through this strategy and the collective efforts of the Kenyan people, the Country has effectively responded to the threat of radicalisation and insulated communities from violent extremists through initiatives that are community owned and led. After seven years of active implementation, the NSCVE is proposed for review to address the dynamic ways in which the threat of terrorism and violent extremism is mutating and manifesting in our communities.

This review seeks to collectively negotiate and adopt a strategy that is people driven, adaptive, responsive, sustainable, homegrown and alive to local needs. The review process shall be an inclusive popular effort guided by the high threshold of the Constitution of Kenya including the values and principles of human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, human rights and non-discrimination.

To enable public participation in the review process, the Centre has established an interactive page on its website to facilitate dialogue and interactions among different stakeholders. The public is invited to make comments, submit memoranda and track the review process through www.counterterrorism.go.ke/nscve.

Stakeholders are also invited to make submissions or seek clarification through nscve@counterterrorism.go.ke, the various social media handles listed below or their respective County Engagement Forum.

Public engagements will be ongoing until **30th September, 2023**.

Hotline: 0800721600
F/B: National Counter Terrorism Centre - Kenya
Twitter: @NCTC_Kenya
Instagram: nctc_kenya
You-Tube: NCTC_Kenya
Website: www.counterterrorism.go.ke
SMS Line: 40847



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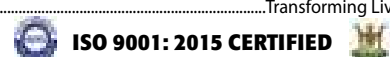
No.	POSITION	GRADE
1.	Corporation Secretary & Director Legal Services	Grade 3 (Formerly Grade 15)
2.	Director, Internal Audit & Risk Assurance	Grade 3 (Formerly Grade 15)
3.	Director, Human Resource Management	Grade 3 (Formerly Grade 15)
4.	Director, Information Communication Technology (ICT)	Grade 3 (Formerly Grade 15)
5.	Director, Procurement & Supply Chain Management	Grade 3 (Formerly Grade 15)
6.	Lecturer	Grade 6A (Formerly Grade 12A) - School Of Law
7.	Adjunct Senior Lecturer	Grade 5A (Formerly Grade 13A)) - School Of Law
8.	Driver	Grade 13 (Formerly Grade 3)

NB: Please visit our **website www.seku.ac.ke** for more details on the above vacancies and the application procedure. The deadline for submitting application is **18th July, 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Duly shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

SEKU is an equal opportunity employer and female candidates and persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Cc: NCPWD

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Creation of County directors of information offices to strengthen grassroots communication-PS

BY ANNE MWALE AND ANNE SABUNI (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for State Department of Broadcasting and Telecommunication Prof. Edward Kisiang’ani is rooting for the fast tracking of the restructuring of the department to allow seamless service delivery to Kenyans. Noting that the changes are meant to align the functions with the development agenda and the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), PS Kisiang’ani announced that 60 positions for directors of communication will be established to enhance communication in the entire government. Prof.Kisiang’ani regretted that the department is so restricted on the ground, and this will be addressed by creating positions of county directors of information in the structure to strengthen communication from the



PS for State Department of Broadcasting and Telecommunication, Prof. Edward Kisiang’ani making his remarks when he oversaw the drafting of the new functional structure for the state department.

PHOTO:ANNE SABUNI

grassroots. “The State Department can do better and the 60 directorates of communication will help ease communication and re-engineer our state departments to be in-tandem with the executive order which demands that we work as one across all ministries,” he said, urging the Public Service Com-

mission to act on the reports that also clarified the

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roles and functions of various directorates to avert overlaps. He added that career civil servants will be given priority in filling the vacancies, with gaps in the structure being filled through promotion of officers and further recruitment. PS Kisiang’ani, who announced plans to roll out an e-commerce platform through the Postal Corporation of Kenya, noted the need for a Secretary of Postal and Infrastructural Services, adding that the department will work to safeguard and enhance its infrastructure in place to bolster e-commerce. “We are proposing a Secretary for Telecommunications Services to spearhead the country towards a future in telecommunication that has seen organizations shift to satellite from the frequency spectrum platforms, because of the shortage of frequencies,” he revealed.

RBA holds public forum on National Retirement Benefits Policy

BY LUCY GITEI AND PHINTA AMONDI (KNA)

The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) in collaboration with the Ministry of National Treasury and Planning has held a public participation forum with the aim of structuring, implementing and evaluating the National Retirement Policy Framework. The forum brought together various stakeholders, trustees, members of the retirement benefit scheme, pension providers and the public in efforts to improve the sector's management and development as well as enhance the benefits coverage. The forum, through the policy, also seeks to mitigate old age poverty, smooth consumption of pensions and promote national saving as a secondary objective for development in the country. Speaking during the forum at a Nairobi Hotel, RBA Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Charles Wachira said the policy consolidated under the National Treasury aims to provide guidance by offering consistency, efficiency, accountability, clarity, credibility and validation in the sector. He added that the policy's main objective is to raise the legal framework, empower, ensure and enable every Kenyan worker and retiree to live with dignity, in their own social and economic lives. The CEO emphasised that the forum will not only help eliminate difficulty in accessing the retirement funds but also increase the 25 per cent coverage rate compared to the 40 per cent income generating ratio. “The outcome of this forum is to input contributions, views and frameworks that will enable us to incorporate the labour force who have inadequate income or nothing at all and assist them to have a comfortable retirement,” said Wachira.



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KPI/9A.2/OT/094/ICT/22-23	Procurement of Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure and Maintenance	Friday 30.06.2023	Friday 21.07.2023 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KPI/9A.2/OT/095/ICT/22-23	Procurement Services for Repair, Maintenance and Calibration of Fiber Tools and Equipment	Friday 30.06.2023	Friday 21.07.2023 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KPI/9A.2/OT/096/ICT/22-23	Procurement of Boardroom Smartboard	Friday 30.06.2023	Friday 21.07.2023 at 10.00 a.m.

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

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

B. Kenya Power wishes to inform firms participating in the tender below, that the tender has been CANCELLED:

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION
KPI/9A.2/OT/086/ICT/22-23	Procurement of Audit Services for KPLC Data Centers

Any inconvenience caused is highly regretted.

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TENDER INVITATION

Kenya National Library Service (knls) is a state corporation whose mandate is to promote, establish, equip, manage, maintain and develop libraries in Kenya.

Knls invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the below tenders.

REFERENCE NUMBER	TENDER NAME	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE AND TIME	ELIGIBILITY
KNL/HQ/T004/2022/2023	Proposed Renovation and Alteration of Mandera Community Library- Mandera County	Kshs 1,000,000.00	11 th July, 2023 at 11.00a.m	Open National Tender

Interested eligible candidates may obtain tender documents at the procurement offices located at Maktaba Kuu Building,6th floor, Community-Ngong Road- Nairobi during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable tender fee of **Kshs 1,000.00** per set or download free of charge from knls website, www.knls.ac.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke/www.ppip.go.ke. Completed tender documents shall be deposited in the same location. Late bids shall be rejected

All bidders who download the tender document **MUST** register with procurement office by sending an email to tender@knls.ac.ke.

Enquiries can be made via email: tenders@knls.ac.ke/hodsupplychain@knls.ac.ke or telephone number **0728607627/0722377918**

Bidders are advised to regularly visit knls website to obtain any additional information (Addendum on tender). All addenda/additional information on the tender shall be posted on knls website and Public Procurement Information Portal as they become available.

Chief Executive Officer
Kenya National Library Service
Maktaba Kuu Building, Community, Ngong Road
P.O. Box 30573- 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA

Prices quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and applicable levies and must be in Kenya Shilling, and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date of the tender.

Repayment rate of Hustler Fund tops 56.4pc in Kisii County-PS

BY JANE NAITORE AND JEFFERSON VOLKA (KNA)

Some 394,000 people in Kisii County have benefited from Sh. 400m Individual Hustler Fund since it was launched in November last year through mobile money platforms.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Ms. Susan Atieno Mang'eni who was speaking during a visit to Bonchari constituency said the Fund will soon be a game changer for Kenyans in the low income bracket.

Consequently, PS Mang'eni who was accompanied by the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) Executive Officer,



Principal Secretary, State Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Ms. Susan Atieno Mang'eni admires locally made leather shoes during a visit to Bonchari constituency Industrial Development Center (CIDC) in Kisii County. She was shown around by area County Commissioner, Tom Anjere.

Mr. Henry Rithaa urged the youth to repay the grants saying repayment rate currently stood at 56.4 per cent

in the county.

Mang'eni noted that prompt repayment would raise residents' bargaining

power for higher limits of the loan to grow their businesses.

She was speaking at Suneka in Itibo Ward at the Constituency Industrial Development Center (CIDC), where she reiterated that the bottom up model of economic growth by Kenya Kwanza government was the best to spur economic growth by mainstreaming and harnessing the potential of Micro and Small Enterprises.

Ms Mang'eni said they had found good opportunity in leather chain, wood work and vegetables value addition at the center, although there was need for machinery to make the center more viable.

She said the site needed

to be expanded to make it a light industry to the level of Kariobangi in Nairobi which she said was the backbone of the city's economy.

The PS said that concerted effort between the National Government Constituency Development Fund, Youth fund, Kenya Industrial Estates and Hustler Fund among others will be utilized to buy machinery and upgrade technology to ensure the CIDC was fully operational.

Mang'eni promised immediate capacity building programs for traders and financial products for value chains especially dairy value chain, edible oil from groundnuts, tea and bananas and other traditional crops found in the area.

Area legislator Dr. Charles Onchoke noted the importance of the collaboration, saying, it will go a long way in revamping the industrial centre which has been dormant for a long time.

Onchoke said it will also offer employment for the youth in the constituency and reduce poverty levels which currently stands at 43.5 per cent in the area, besides helping achieve the country's vision 2030 among other plans by the national government.

One leather artisan and trader Shedrack Kimulu appealed to the collaborating partners to move with speed in implementing the plans, citing myriad of challenges including competition from the mitumba industry, poor access to credit, high cost of raw materials and old technology.

MSEA specifically focuses on providing policy guidance, capacity building, access to finance, and market development support to MSEs at the national level while the Bonchari Constituency Office seeks to address the socio-economic needs of the local population.



Konza Technopolis Development Authority



INVITATION TO TENDER

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), the implementing agency under the Ministry of Information Communication and Digital Economy hereby invites interested and eligible tenderers to bid for the following tenders;

No.	DESCRIPTION	TENDER NO.	TENDER SECURITY	CATEGORY	CLOSING DATE
1.	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMISSIONING OF AUDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT KONZA TECHNOPOUS	KoTDA/RFP/194/2022-2023	150,000	OPEN	WEDNESDAY JULY 14TH 2023 at 2PM.
2.	FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF CONFERENCE FACILITY AND OUTSIDE CATERING SERVICES	KoTDA/RFP/184/2022-2023	100,000	OPEN	WEDNESDAY JULY 14TH 2023 at 2PM.
3.	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, ASSEMBLING AND COMMISSIONING OF THE ASSORTED SURVEY EQUIPMENT AT KONZA TECHNOPOUS.	KoTDA/NO.195/2022-2023	100,000	OPEN	WEDNESDAY JULY 14TH 2023 at 2PM.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a set of tender documents from the KoTDA website www.konza.go.ke from **Tuesday 27th JUNE 2023 to Friday 14th JULY 2023**. Bidders who download the tender document from the website will be required to email their detailed contact information to procurement@konza.go.ke for recording, further clarifications, addenda, and security clearance to facilitate site access.

All questions/clarifications regarding the project or offer of submission including requests for site visit, should be sent by email to procurement@konza.go.ke and copied to ceo@konza.go.ke by **Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 1700hrs local Kenyan time**. Mandatory Pre-bid conference for tender for Framework Contract for the Provision of Conference Facility and Outside Catering Services (Tender No. KoTDA/RFP/184/2022-2023) shall be held on **Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 1100am at the Konza Complex, Konza Technopolis**.

No other email addresses shall be used for this tender and KoTDA shall not be liable if bidders choose to send their information and/or enquiries to other email addresses.

Tenderers shall submit **One Original and One Soft Copy** in a Flash drive of all tender documents in plain sealed envelopes, with the Tender Number Clearly marked on the right-hand side corner and bearing no indication of the tenderer's name and addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Konza Technopolis Development Authority
 P.O. Box 1 - 90150,
KONZA TECHNOPOUS, KENYA.
 E-Mail; procurement@konza.go.ke and ceo@konza.go.ke
 Tel; +254-20-4343013/4

and placed in the KoTDA Tender Box on the **7th Floor of Konza Complex, Konza Technopolis, located along Nairobi-Mombasa Road near Malili Township** to reach the above address not later than **Friday 14th July 2023 at 1400hrs local time**.

Submitted bids will be opened publicly at the same venue shortly thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

Prices quoted must remain valid for One Hundred and Eighty (180) days from the date of Tender opening.

Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.



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MTRH has centres of excellence for specialized Healthcare, Training, Research and participates in National Health Planning with its vision statement "To be a Global Leader in the provision of Exceptional Multi-Specialty Healthcare, Training and Research".

This is a full time training in the listed specialities with a 2 year MCS training and once successful a transition to a 3 year FCS training (Neurosurgery 4 years FCS). Proof of full financial support from the respective employer for the full duration of the course is mandatory. There shall be no salary or compensation attached to these positions.

S/NO	SPECIALITY	NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE
1.	General Surgery	2
2.	Neurosurgery	2
3.	Orthopaedic Surgery	3
4.	Paediatric Surgery	2

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGIST OF EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (CANECSA)

S/NO	SPECIALITY	NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE
1.	Anaesthesiology	2

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch.B) degree from an institution recognized by Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council or its equivalent;
- Both Certificate of Registration and Retention from Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council;
- Be able to sponsor and finance themselves;
- Must produce a letter of sponsorship from employer;
- Two letters of recommendation, one from the immediate supervisor and another one from the Hospital Clinical in-charge e.g. Medical Superintendent;
- Letter of application indicating your career interests;
- A valid Professional Indemnity Cover and Medical Cover for three (3) years;
- Candidates will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of Ksh.5,000/= to the following account number, and attach the payment slip to the application:

Account Name : Moi Teaching & Referral Hospital
Account No : 1103464329
Bank : Kenya Commercial Bank
Bank Branch : Eldoret West

Details of the training positions are available in the MTRH ERP Portal: <https://portal.mtrh.go.ke/training#/>. Visit the link to make your application.

The deadline for submitting applications is on **Monday 24th July, 2023 by 5pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews.

DR. WILSON K. ARUASA, MBS, EBS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



KUCCPS unveils community drive to promote tertiary education in Wajir

BY DOUGLAS NAMUNANE (KNA)

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has rolled-out a massive community awareness campaign in Wajir County to ensure all learners exiting secondary schools join tertiary institutions. KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer Dr. Agnes Wahome says the transition rate from secondary to tertiary edu-

cation in the county is insignificant and needs urgent intervention. Addressing stakeholders at the Wajir East Technical Training Institute, Dr. Wahome said less than 40 per cent of those who sat for their 2021 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education have enrolled in various tertiary institutions. “In 2021 we only had 31 per cent of students from Wajir who scored grade C+

and above applying for university education”, said Dr. Wahome. The CEO further said that in 2022, the County had registered over 6,000 students out of which 49 per cent attained a mean grade of C+ and above. “Unfortunately, from the statistics, only 992 students applied for the courses. So, we are saying we need to work with local leaders so that we get more students

applying for the courses”, Dr. Wahome added. She said the government is also perturbed by the low intake experienced in the technical training institutes in the county. “In the three technical institutions namely Wajir East, South and Tambach, we have just 59 students. So clearly there’s a lot of work that needs to be done in this region”, noted Dr. Wahome. She called on the local

leaders, in addition to parents, to encourage students to take advantage of the government’s subsidized education program to pursue various courses of their choice. In regard to the new Universities and TVETS funding model, Dr. Wahome said the government will fully foot the bill of approximately 45,000 learners joining different public universities. “We have 42,000 Ken-

yans who will be supported to take up courses in TVET institutions, that the government has constructed and fully financed them,” the KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer further said. She said the government has further introduced an affirmative action program to ensure that students from the county are granted a window of two points below the required public university entry points.



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

The Kenya Airports Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders: -

Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing/ Opening Date
KAA/OT/JKIA/0203/2022-2023	Provision of Pest Control Services at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Head Quarters. <i>(Eligibility Is Reserved for Duly Registered Youth, Women Enterprise & Persons Living with Disability (PWD))</i>	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 06/07/2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage)	12/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/MIGORI/0217/2022-2023	Provision of Cleaning for General Areas, Toilets and Environmental Services at Migori Airstrip. <i>(Eligibility Is Reserved for Duly Registered Youth, Women Enterprise & Persons Living with Disability (PWD))</i>	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 07/07/2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Moi International Airport	12/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/MIA/0218/2022-2023	Proposed Rehabilitation of Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Tower at Moi International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 05/07/2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Moi International Airport	12/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/ICT/0219/2022-2023	Re-Tender for the Supply, Delivery, Installation and Configuration of Active Network Equipment for Terminal 1A at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 07/07/2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Moi International Airport	13/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/PENSION/0221/2022-2023	Re-Tender for Provision of Pension Scheme Property Management Services	N/A.	13/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/PENSION/0222/2022-2023	Re-Tender for the Provision of External Audit Services for Kenya Airports Authority Staff Superannuation and Pension Scheme.	N/A.	13/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.
KAA/OT/HQS/0224/2022-2023	Re-Tender for Framework Contract for Procurement of Various Tyres for Heavy Equipment/Plant, Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles for Kenya Airports Authority.	N/A.	18/07/2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public or Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, tenders@kaa.go.ke

Canvassing for the tender by the tenderer or by proxy shall lead to automatic disqualification of their tender.

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO





National Transport and Safety Authority

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids

Employer	National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)
Project	Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP)
Contract title	Construction of Motor Vehicle Inspection and Driver Testing Centre in Thika Town-Kenya
Country	Kenya
Credit No.	V0630
RFB No	KE-NTSA-338830-CW-RFB
Issued on	27th June 2023

1.

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank in form of a credit towards the cost of the Horn of Africa Gateway Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Construction of Motor Vehicle Inspection and Driver Testing Centre in Thika Town-Kenya**. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.

2.

The National Transport and Safety Authority is a state Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport established through an Act of Parliament; Act No.33 on 26th October 2012 now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Construction of Motor Vehicle inspection and Driver Testing Centre in Thika Town-Kenya.

3.

Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" August 2018 and updated November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the offices of National Transport and Safety Authority; Attention: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management; Email address: procurement@ntsa.go.ke and inspect the Bidding document during office hours 0800hrs to 1700hrs (local time) at the address given below.

5.

Bidders are encouraged to attend Pre-bid/site meeting on **20th and 21st July 2023** (bidders can choose to attend either of the day) starting from 10:00hrs to 12:00hrs local time at NTSA Grounds along Thika – Garissa Highway located in Thika Town, Opposite Thika Police Station.

6.

A complete set of bidding document in English may be obtained by interested eligible Bidders from our website at <http://www.ntsago.ke> or at Public Procurement Information Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke>.

7.

All bids must be deposited into the Tender Box located on 8th Floor of 316 Upperhill Chambers, 2nd Ngong Avenue, Nairobi to be received on or before **Wednesday, 9th August 2023 at 11.00 hrs. (Local Time)**. The bids should be clearly marked **'Construction of Motor Vehicle Inspection and Driver Testing Centre in Thika Town-Kenya. IFB No. KE-NTSA-338830-CW-RFB'**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below on **Wednesday, 9th August 2023 at 11.00hrs. (Local Time)**.

8.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security issued by a reputable Bank, registered and regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya amounting to **Kenya Shillings Nine Million (Kes. 9,000,000.00)** or an equivalent, in any easily convertible currencies, which must remain in full force and effect for One Hundred and Eighty (180) days from the tender closing date.

9.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.

10.

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

11.

The address (es) referred to above is (are):
NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY
Attention: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
8th Floor, 316 Upper Hill Chambers Building, Upper Hill, Nairobi- Kenya
Email address: procurement@ntsa.go.ke
Website: www.ntsago.ke

12.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the National Transport and Safety website: www.ntsago.ke for any tender addenda and clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL


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National Environment Management Authority

Popo Road, off Mombasa Road P.O.BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya,
Tel: 0724253398, 0735013046 E-mail: dgnema@nema.go.ke Website: www.nema.go.ke

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MAU MAU LOT 4: IHITHE-NDUNYU ROAD PROJECT

Pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003 the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, Kenya National Highways Authority, proposed to construct a class C primary road that is approximately 94km long. The main section is approximately 49km and will have a desirable width of 40m and 25m in sections traversing Aberdares Forest and starts at Ihithe, through Nyayo Tea Zone, Aberdare National Park, Kahuruko and ends at Ndunyu Njeru. Other road sections include in the project are the Njengu -Treetops Gate - Ambone, the Ihithe - Kiamutiga - Mukarara, the Ark Gate Access, the Munyaka - Koinange - Heni - Mwendandu and the Njoma - Weru road sections, all totaling approximately 44km in length. The proposed project traverses through Nyeri and Nyandarua Counties.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS	MITIGATION MEASURES
Clearing of vegetation	- Cleared trees should be kept within the forest and should be used in order to prolong period of carbon emission. - Sites should be identified for offsetting the loss of forest cover and biomass. This will require an adoption of compensation plan
Human-Wildlife conflict	- Construction of the road should be conducted faster to minimize potential diversion of animal movements. - Excavation of deep long channels should be avoided.
Wildlife Poaching	- KWS should screen contractor personnel working in the project. - Contractor should work within the construction space of the road and designated construction camp. - KWS should screen contractor's construction plant, equipment, containers, etc. - Security in the region should enhance surveillance on vehicles
Barrier to movement of elephants and Rhinos to the river and dispersal foraging grounds	- Construction of road should be conducted faster during dry season to allow for natural dispersal tendency of wildlife during wet seasons; - Crossing ramps should be put in place where temporary trenches are constructed; - Avoid deep trenches as much as possible; - Provide drinking water troughs and mud puddles away from the roads.
Impact on aesthetic Value	- Plant grasses, lianas and climbers on cut slopes; - Level of road fillings on valleys should be synchronized with the gradient of the topography in the valleys; - Trees should be planted near the road reserve to moderate on visual intrusions; - Structures should be painted green colour; - Control the spread of solid wastes in the protected areas; - Control introductions and spread of AIPS.
Solid waste pollution	- Dumping used foods, food covers and water bottles - On Construction waste, Contractor to provide solid waste storage bins and skips; - Contractor to ensure that the solid waste collected is disposed of in an approved dumpsite.
Accidental oil spill	- Contractor should have well maintained engines and equipment to avoid accidental oil leakages; - Construction camp should not be established within the Protected Areas (National Park and Forest Reserve); - Construction should be confined during dry seasons only to avoid rains washing oily equipment and machines; - All Earthmovers, vehicles and equipment should be removed from the water tower before the onsets of rainy seasons; - Clear spills immediately they occur.
Pollution of streams, rivers and reservoirs	- Avoid generating piles of soils along the road - Cover piles of soils with waterproof materials to prevent erosion - Excess generated loose soils should disposed safely
Draining of wetland and poor resilience to Climate Change	The contractor construct barrier before the road crossing to prevent water from wetland drained when channel is excavated for bridge construction
Impact on fauna	- Construction on site should begin from 8am and ends at 4pm to allow the birds including other wetland birds to forage. - Introduction of speed bumps specifically towards the mooreland valleys; - Avoid clearing of tall vegetation on valleys to allow these birds to scale flight height higher than the height of cars. - Plant the indigenous shrubs and trees near the valleys to control the flight speed of the bird and allow this bird to scale its flight higher once the trees grow taller. - Provide drinking water troughs and mud puddles away from the roads.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS	MITIGATION MEASURES
Introduction of Alien Invasive Plant Species	- Equipment to be used should be decontaminated; - Always avoid the top surface of the soil from borrow pit when excavating gravels for road reinforcements in order to avoid transporting AIPS propagules to new areas; - Since AIPS appears later after soil disturbance, aftermath proliferation of AIPS should be controlled by regularly reducing their population and recruitment.
Pitfalls resulting from excavation of trenches	- Provide a temporary crossing over the trench to enable the small mammals, reptiles and amphibians cross easily before backfilling of soil is done. - Construction personnel should provide a ramp to enable trapped animals to get out and monitor trenches for animal rescue.
Potential collection of live specimens of chameleon	- Personnel should be educated on CITES in order to understand how to protect species from collection of live specimens - Environmental expert should be incorporated in the personnel team to monitor on incidences of collection of live specimens
Climate Change impact	- To mitigate this the workers should be trained on management of air pollution from vehicles and machinery. - All construction machinery shall be maintained and serviced in accordance with the legal requirements and the contractor's specifications.
Occupational safety and health	- Regular checks by KMTA should be undertaken to ensure the relevant labour laws and occupational health and safety plans are adhered to at all times. - All project workers should, as part of their induction, receive training on health and safety - All workers will have contracts which clearly state the terms and conditions of their employment and their legal rights. - The Proponent and the Contractor will put in place a worker grievance redress mechanism accessible to all workers, whether permanent or casual, directly or indirectly employed. - All project workers should have access to training on communicable diseases and STDs and community interactions in general. Contractor should ensure that all the laborer's are over 18 years of age
Increased transmission of HIV/AIDs and Other STIs	- The Contractor should develop and implement pre-employment screening measures for workers, which should include applicable diseases. - The Contractor should develop and implement a HIV/AIDs and other STIs policy and an information document for all workers directly related to the Project. - The Contractor will make condoms available to employees and communities neighbouring the site office during construction
Impacts on Employment, Procurement and the Economy	- The Project should prioritize the employment of labour from the local area - The Proponent should adopt a fair and transparent employment and procurement strategy to avert any potential favoritism. - The Project should prioritize the procurement of raw materials from Nyeri and Nyandarua Counties.
Loss of Property and Livelihood Sources	- Further the process should identify persons who have been affected in this regard and identify which alternative intervention can be suitable to help them cope with their loss. - The local leaders including special interest groups should be involved and consulted in identification of interventions and restoration of community livelihoods - Establish a community grievance redress mechanism to address concerns arising from the community and to avoid conflict.

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

1.

Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Environment and Forestry,
NHIF Building, 12th Floor,
Ragati Road, Upper Hill,
P.O.BOX: 30126-00100, NAIROBI
2.

Director General, NEMA
Popo Road, off Mombasa Road,
P.O. BOX 67839-00200,
NAIROBI
3.

County Director of Environment
NYERI & NYANDARUA COUNTIES

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. **Kindly quote ref. No. NEMA/EIA/5/2/2082**

Comments can also be e-mailed to dgnema@nema.go.ke

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Kericho Governor praises impact of West Sugar Valley plant on local economy

BY SARAH NJAGI (KNA)

Sugarcane farmers in Soin/Sigowet Sub-County within Kericho County are a happy lot following the establishment of a Sh 3.5-billion sugar factory by local investors in a bid to tap huge potential from the cash crop in the rich agricultural area.

Speaking after touring the sugar factory, Kericho Governor Dr. Eric Mutai hailed the factory’s management for the establishment of the new sugar milling plant saying it will greatly make a significant impact on the economy of the area and the county at large.

He revealed that Kericho county government had employed thirty agricultural extension officers to assist sugar cane farmers in the sub-county in improving production and productivity of their cash crop.

Dr. Mutai promised sugar cane farmers that the county government will give incentives in terms of farm input subsidies to increase their production so that the sugar factory will have a constant



The Kericho based Shs 3.5 billion West Valley Sugar Factory situated in Kapkornom in Soin/Sigowet constituency within Kericho. PHOTO: SARAH NJAGI

supply of the raw material.

The county boss added that road infrastructure will be improved to ease transport of the cane to the sugar factory and optimize operations.

Situated in Kapkornom area in Soin/Sigowet Constituency, West Valley Sugar Factory, the milling plant, the first of its kind in Kericho, is equipped with the latest technology, which includes automated machinery and quality control system to ensure sugar products are of the highest quality.

According to the factory’s Managing Director (MD) Benard Soi, West Valley Sugar Factory was 85 per cent complete and will commence operations within three months with the aim to produce 2,500 bags of sugar cane daily by milling 1,250 tonnes of sugarcane per day.

The sugarcane will be sourced from farmers in Soin/Sigowet Sub-County, Ainamoi sub-county and Tinderet constituency in Nandi County.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC) is a State Corporation established to facilitate Industrial and Economic Development in Kenya by Initiation, Assistance or Expansion of Industrial, Commercial and other Enterprises.

KDC’s mandate is to promote sustainable economic development by providing development finance, infrastructure finance, business support and advisory services to medium and large-scale industries, infrastructure projects and commercial undertakings in target sectors in Kenya and elsewhere.

The Corporation invites sealed bids from eligible candidates interested to submit tender proposals as follows:

Ref. Number	Description	Tender Security	Closing Date	Eligibility
RFP/KDC/074/2022-2023	Request for Proposal: Provision of Consultancy Services for the Development of KDC Business Model, Strategic Plan and Organogram	Ksh. 50,000.00	Friday 14 th July 2023 at 10.00 a.m.	OPEN

Interested eligible candidates may obtain the Tender documents from our Website www.kdc.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal at <https://tenders.go.ke/>. All the candidates who download the RFP document are required to register with the Supply Chain Office by sending an email to: supplychain@kdc.go.ke

Completed Tender documents shall be sealed in a plain envelope, clearly marked as stated above showing the reference and title of the tender/proposal and addressed to:

**The Director General
Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC)
17th Floor, Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk
P.O. Box 12665-00100, Nairobi**

Completed documents shall be deposited in the Tender box located at the Reception area on 17th Floor, Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk, Nairobi; so as to be received on or before 10.00 a.m. on or before 10.00 a.m. on Friday 14th July 2023 at 10.00 a.m. The documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the Boardroom on 20th Floor in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to witness.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL
KENYA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY COTTON SEEDS (HYBRIDS, BT AND OPEN POLLINATED VARIETIES)

Reference No.: EOI/MoALD/02/2023-2024

Introduction

The Government of Kenya has identified the Cotton Textile and Apparels (CTA) value chain as one of the priority sectors to drive the government development agenda, create jobs and increase export earnings. For this to be achieved, there is need to ensure availability of adequate raw materials, particularly cotton lint. It is estimated that the country has 385,000 hectares of land suitable to produce up to 73,000 MT (400,000 bales) of cotton lint annually.

The current critical challenge is availability of adequate and quality seeds at affordable price to meet the farmer needs. Over the years farmers have relied on recycled conventional cotton seed varieties which has low productivity and susceptible to damage by cotton bollworms.

In an effort to mitigate the challenges, one of the initiatives pursued by the Government was to approve the commercial cultivation of Bt Cotton in the year 2019. However, hybrid Bt cotton seed has been out of reach to farmers due to the high cost and non-availability in the local agro-dealers’ networks. The full potential of the hybrid varieties can only be realized under moderate to high rainfall, whereas conventional varieties are tolerant to low moisture conditions. This requires consideration of more options for cotton seed varieties.

The government is therefore soliciting for expression of interest (Eoi) from interested and qualified suppliers of cotton seed varieties (Hybrids, Bt and Open Pollinated Varieties). This Eoi is Open to both Local, Regional and International Bidders.

Purpose

The Request for Expression of Interest (REoi) is intended to identify reputable and qualified suppliers of cotton seed varieties (Hybrids, Bt and Open Pollinated Varieties).

Scope

- The bidder will be required to provide seed materials that meet seed production regulatory requirements by the government.
- The seed materials will be subjected to National Performance Trials (NPTs) and Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) where applicable.
- Seed materials with Bt traits will be subjected to National Biosafety Regulations.
- Successful bidders will initially be allowed to import seed where applicable but thereafter be required to develop a local seed production and distribution system locally.

Eligibility and qualification of bidders

The successful bidders are supposed to meet the following minimum requirements:

- To demonstrate ownership of original genetic material or a license thereof
- To demonstrate approval of cotton seed material in the country of operation
- To demonstrate the technical expertise for seed development in a given market
- Demonstrate a robust research, development and stewardship programme

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (State Department for Crop Development) now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in providing the cotton seed in reference.

Shortlisting Criteria

Interested bidders must provide information to demonstrate their suitability for the roles including the firm’s registration information and all other statutory documents, tax compliance, financial capability, local support, and overall firm’s experience.

Note that: -

- The REoi must not include pricing/commercial proposal
- The receipt of a response shall not bind the government into any contractual agreement with the bidder
- Any costs associated with the response and submission of the REoi shall be borne by the vendor
- State if you intend to submit this bid as a joint venture or consortium or any other association
- Only suppliers who meet the government’s minimum requirements will be considered for further engagement

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 0800 to 1700 hours.

Questions from interested firms during the Expression of Interest period shall be in writing and addressed to The Principal Secretary, State Department for Crop Development not later than seven (7) days from the date of closing/opening the EOIs. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office 0800 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below or be deposited in the tender box situated on the ground floor, Kilimo House Building, on or before **11th July 2023, at 10.00 A.M Local Time.**

**The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
State Department for Crop Development
Attn: Head / Supply Chain Management Services
KILIMO HOUSE,
P. O. Box 30028-00100, Nairobi, Kenya
Tel.No.0202711448
mail:tenders@kilimo.go.ke**





NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROJECT



NARIGP
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROJECT

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

Country	KENYA
Name of project	NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROJECT - NARIGP
Credit No.:	P153349
Assignment Title:	CONSULTING SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT END-LINE EVALUATION FOR NARIGP.
Reference No.:	KE-MOALF-364944-CS-QCBS

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Consulting Services (the service) include Consulting Services to Undertake Project End-line Evaluation for NARIGP.

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVE OF THE EVALUATION

The objective of the evaluation is to assess the achievement of the PDO based on the key outcome indicators stipulated in the Results Framework and as detailed in the project’s M&E manual. The scope of this evaluation will be confined to the 21 project participating counties and cover the implementation period from December 2017 to March 2023. The End-line Evaluation will assess the performance of the project interventions and investments in terms of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and impacts. Assessment of impacts will specifically focus on four outcome indicators identified in the PAD for measuring the attainment of the PDO:

- i) Number direct project beneficiaries reached (of which % female),
- ii) Direct beneficiaries who have adopted at least one improved agricultural technology, innovation, and management practice (TIMP) promoted by the project (percentage),
- iii) Yield increase in the selected priority agricultural value chains supported by the project (percentage), and
- iv) Producer Organizations (POs) supported by the project reporting increase in profitability (percentage)

The National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) 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.

Shortlisting Criteria

- **Been registered and operating for 5 years.**
- **Conducted at least 3 similar assignments of the same magnitude in the past 10 years.**
- **Demonstrated availability of relevant mix of professional expertise in Economics, Statistics, econometrics, Visual analytics, Data management and ICT**

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 Revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Banks Guidelines: Selection and employment of Consultants set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address below.

**National Project Coordinator
National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP)
P.O. Box 8073-00200 NAIROBI
Capitol Hill Towers, 5th Floor, Cathedral Road.
Phone: 0773206315
Email: info@narigp.go.ke**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) addressed to **The Principal Secretary, State Department for Crop Development. P.O Box 30028-00100 Nairobi** and be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Crop Development located at Kilimo house main reception – Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi on or before **12th July, 2023 at 10.00 hours.**

Consultants intending to send their Expression of Interest Via e-mail should send to **info@narigp.go.ke** by **12th July 2023 at 10.00 hours.** Submitted documents should be clearly marked **“Consulting Services to Undertake Project End-line Evaluation for NARIGP.”**

**Head Supply Chain Management
For Principal Secretary
State Department for Crop Development**



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Recruitment of 100,000 Community Health Volunteers to support preventive healthcare

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Senate Committee for Health is rooting for the allocation of more resources to counties to help facilitate promotion of preventive healthcare in the devolved units.

The committee’s chairperson Jackson Mandago said, the national and county governments will partner to ensure primary health care is given priority and promoted so as to curb the many challenges facing the health sector in the country.

The senator noted that for the countries to realize universal healthcare, more resources are needed to be channeled to support primary healthcare saying, as the senate, they are working to ensure counties get increased budgetary allocations to fund promotional and preventive health care.

Mandago revealed through partnership between the two levels of governments, close to 100, 000 Community Health Volunteers will be recruited and trained so



Members of Senate Committee for Health led by Jackson Mandago at Muriranjias hospital on fact-finding mission

as to promote preventive healthcare at villages.

Some decades ago, the Uasin Gishu senator observed that primary healthcare was well done saying the current situation where people have been greatly affected especially by noncommunicable diseases is because priority is currently given to curative instead of preventive healthcare.

“Preventive healthcare was abandoned a long time ago and the moment we shifted and concentrated in curative healthcare, to avoid spending on expensive drugs, equipment and many

expenses in the health sector,” said Mandago when he led members of his committee to inspect three health facilities in Murang’a county.

He added that starting from the next financial year, money has been allocated to equip Level One and Level Two health facilities to enable them promote primary healthcare.

“Level two and one medical facilities do not contribute much to curative healthcare since they are supposed to major on primary healthcare,” he added.

GDC seeks investors to utilize geothermal steam for industrial processes

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND SAMUEL KARANJA (KNA)

The Geothermal Development Company (GDC) has started commercializing the direct-use of geothermal steam technology by inviting investors to use the technology to power their industrial processes within the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Menengai in Nakuru County.

The company has published a request for proposals for the “establishment of geothermal direct-use powered investments” at the Menengai fields which have to be received by July 3rd this year from firms and consortiums interested in investing in projects that would utilize steam from the geothermal wells at the floor of the Menengai crater for direct use.

According to GDC’s Direct-Use technology Engineer Japhet Towett, the investors are required to give detailed information about their intended investment at the Menengai geo-



A steam powered grain dryer at Menengai Crater in Nakuru. The first of its kind in Kenya and the region has a capacity of drying 20 tonnes of cereals per day.

thermal project.

Besides electricity, Towett explained that geothermal energy provided direct heat to industrialists, heat which is a by-product of electricity in the form of steam coming from power plants at about 1500 °C, which he observed was affordable and a game changer in the manner in which Kenya’s wealth, as an emerging mid-income industrial society, would be generated.

“Geothermal steam can be utilized for different

ranges of applications from industrial, agriculture, tourism, leisure and domestic, depending on the resource temperature and usage,” Towett noted.

He said GDC had been demonstrating direct-use technology in the Menengai geothermal field since the year 2015 when five demonstration projects had been set up and commissioned.

The demonstration projects, he said, included steam-heated green houses and aquaculture ponds.

Kakuma, Dadaab refugee camps to be turned into permanent settlements

BY PETER GITONGA (KNA)

The Government is seeking to transform Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps into permanent settlements and support the self-reliance of the over 600,000 refugees in Kenya.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services Prof (Amb) Julius Bitok expressed the Government's unwavering commitment to refugees by ensuring that their stay within Kenyan borders is dignified.

Speaking during the commemoration of World Refugee Day at Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, Bitok asked refugees to abide by the laws of Kenya and stated that crimes such as contraband business and sale of illicit brews will not be accepted.

Speaking during the event, Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai also reiterated the County Government of Turkana's commitment to supporting refugees.



Refugees during the commemoration of the World Refugees day in Kalobeyei Settlement PHOTO: PETER GITONGA

"In Turkana County, we stand proud and honoured to have provided support to refugees who have sought shelter within our borders. Since the arrival of the 'Lost Boys of Sudan' in 1992, residents of Turkana have

In Turkana County, we stand proud and honoured to have provided support to refugees"

opened their arms to those in need. I want to assure all refugees residing in Turkana that the County Government stands firmly by your side," he said.

Turkana is home to over 300,000 refugees in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

To realize the vision of integration between refugees and host communities, the Governor said the county government has been working closely with UNHCR and other partners

to implement the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-economic Plan (KISED).

Lomorukai underscored the inclusion of refugees as residents of Turkana County in various aspects of governance, including in public participation on county legislation.

He asked partners to collaborate to improve water supply in Kakuma Municipality and ensure environmental protection in the face of deforestation endangering indigenous trees.

The county boss assured of the county's willingness to support refugee affairs, including allocating more land for expansion of settlement, but stated that due process had to be followed in all land allocation processes in the county.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi thanked Kenya for agreeing to host refugees.

"You embraced peace and chose generosity towards your brothers and sisters coming from difficult circumstances," he said.

He acknowledged that refugees and host communities still face challenges but commended the county government for choosing a "visionary path" in supporting the integration programme.

State pledges support for women in media and communications sector



PS Kisiangani meets World Association of News Publishers - Women in News Delegation in his office

BY SANDRA OMONDI (MYGOV)

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani has expressed government's commitment to support women in the media and communications sector in order to pave way for equity in the employment sector.

Prof. Kisiang'ani noted that women in media are prone to vices like sexual harassment, unfair and biased reporting and defamations in the work place as compared to their male counterparts which calls for remedial measures

from all sector players, including the government.

Speaking in his office when he hosted a delegation of women from the World Association of News Publishers - Women in News (WAN-IFRA WIN), Prof. Kisiang'ani said women ought to be supported through proper capacity building and digital skills development to ensure they stay competitive in the professional world.

"We are doing enough through Technical and Vocational Education Training institutions (TVET) centers as digital hubs so that we can empower them," he said.



MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, THE ARTS AND SPORTS

KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

GAZETTE NOTICE ON REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON:

1. DRAFT FILMS AND STAGE PLAYS FILM (CINEMATOGRAPHIC FILMS- FORMS AND FEES) REGULATIONS, 2023
2. DRAFT FILMS AND STAGE PLAYS (FILM CENSORSHIP) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2023
3. DRAFT FILMS AND STAGE PLAYS (SELF-CLASSIFICATION) REGULATIONS, 2023
4. DRAFT FILMS AND STAGE PLAYS (FILM DISTRIBUTION AND EXHIBITION) REGULATIONS, 2023

The Ministry of Youth Affairs, the Arts & Sports and the Kenya Film Classification Board have prepared the Regulatory Impact Statement on the draft Films And Stage Plays Film (Cinematographic Films- Forms And Fees) Regulations, 2023, draft Films And Stage Plays (Film Censorship) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, draft Films And Stage Plays (Self-Classification) Regulations, 2023 and the draft Films And Stage Plays (Film Distribution And Exhibition) Regulations, 2023.

The Regulatory Impact Statement is a systemic appraisal of the manner in which the proposed Regulations are likely to affect stakeholders to enable the Cabinet Secretary, Members of Parliament, and the Kenyan Community to be informed of the environmental, social and economic implications of the implementation of the proposed Regulations.

Section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 requires a regulation-making authority to conduct public consultations drawing on the knowledge of persons having expertise in fields relevant to the proposed statutory instrument and ensuring that persons likely to be affected by the proposed statutory instrument are given adequate opportunity to comment on its proposed content.

This is, therefore to request the public to submit written memoranda on the Regulatory Impact Statement on the draft Films And Stage Plays Film (Cinematographic Films- Forms And Fees) Regulations, 2023, the draft Films And Stage Plays (Film Censorship) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, the draft Films And Stage Plays (Self-Classification) Regulations, 2023 and the draft Films And Stage Plays (Film Distribution And Exhibition) Regulations, 2023 to reach the undersigned on or before **11th July 2023**. Hardcopies of the written memoranda to be submitted to the undersigned through **P.O Box 44226-00100 Nairobi**. Soft Copies of the written memoranda can also be submitted to **regulations@kfcg.go.ke**.

The draft Regulatory Impact Statement, Proposed Regulations and the template to guide the submission of comments are available on the Ministry's website at **<https://youth.go.ke/policy-documents-mygov-issue/>** and the Kenya Film Classification Board's website at **www.kfcg.go.ke/policies**.

HON. ABABU NAMWAMBA, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS, THE ARTS AND SPORTS



OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) is a State Corporation under the Tourism Act No. 28 of 2011 and is charged with the statutory mandate of promoting and marketing Kenya as a tourist destination locally and internationally. The Board is seeking eligible firms for provision of the following services: -

TENDER NO.	TENDER NAME	BID SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
KTB/T/0008/2022-2023	Provision of Destination website development services	Kshs 200,000	11/07/2023 at 12.00 noon Kenyan time

Interested eligible candidates can obtain the document from our website: **www.magicalkenya.com/tender** or the Public procurement information Portal (PIIP) website: **www.tenders.go.ke** free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website must forward their particulars immediately to **procurement@ktb.go.ke** for record purposes and any further tender clarifications and addenda. The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender Number and Tender reference name shall be addressed to:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA TOURISM BOARD
P.O. BOX 30630- 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA
TEL:+254 20 2749000**

and deposited in the tender box on 7th floor, Kenya Re Towers, Ragati Road Upper Hill by or before the closing date and time indicated in the table above. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' or their representatives who choose to attend.

Tenders that will be delivered after 12.00 Noon on 11th /07/2023 will not be accepted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Kenya Institute of Surveying and Mapping to be granted semi-autonomous status

BY CATHERINE MUINDI
(PCO)

The Government will upgrade the Kenya Institute of Surveying and Mapping into a semi-autonomous government agency to improve its performance, efficiency and training capacity.

According to the Lands and Physical Planning Principal Secretary Nixon Korir, the college which trains students on photometry and remote sensing, cartography, land surveying and print technology leading to awarding of craft certificates, will be elevated to churn out qualified people in lands and surveying sector.

Speaking while presiding over the 13th graduation ceremony of the Kenya Institute of Surveying and Mapping during which a total of 457 graduands were awarded Diplomas and Craft Certificates in the fields of photogrammetry and remote sensing, cartography, land survey and printing technology



Lands and Physical Planning Principal Secretary Nixon Korir speaking during the graduation ceremony.

at the graduation at KISM in Ruaraka, Nairobi, Korir said the Government plans to elevate the status of the college, which is the only training arm of the State Department of Lands and Physical Planning, to Semi-Autonomous Government Agency to increase its performance and efficiency.

The PS said the institute has been training professionals who have been able to perform well in their pro-

fession both at home and abroad.

"The graduates we send out into the job market are competent and resourceful to perform land management duties in our country and abroad," said PS Korir.

The PS also urged the graduates to join professional bodies as soon as they step out of college adding that many students who do professional courses get locked out of employment

because of their failure to join relevant professional bodies.

He said KISM has continued to play an important role in Kenya's development and it has also served to train professionals from neighboring countries.

"KISM has been a focal point in the transfer of geo-information knowledge within the East, Central and Southern Africa regions. This has been possible through the Third Country Group Training programmes," said PS Korir.

KISM has also collaborated with Kenya International Boundaries Office (KIBO) to train staff from Kenya, Tanzania and South Sudan in short courses to empower them to reaffirm and map their common international boundaries.

The institute is a centre of excellence in the Northern Corridor Integration Project (NCIP) involving Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan in the human capacity cluster.

Kenyan school in competition for international award



'Children in Freedom School' is unique in that it allows students to use their traditional names while dressing in traditional African attire. PHOTO: ANNE MWALE

BY ANNE MWALE (KNA)

A little known primary school has thrust Kenya on the world map after being shortlisted for the T4 Education initiative World's Best School Prizes Award for preserving African culture.

At 'Children in Freedom School' located in LanetUmoja Ward, within Nakuru town East Sub-County, besides the Ministry of Education's curriculum, students are also taught their respective mother tongues and an alternative local dialect.

For instance, a child from the Kikuyu tribe is also taught Luo and vice

versa. Children in Freedom School which is among 10 shortlisted for World's Best School Prizes award- Overcoming Adversity Category from over 1,000 entries also teaches learners their history, where they hail from, who they are and from which clans they originate.

The school is unique in that it allows students to use their traditional names while dressing in traditional African attire.

The school, which now has over 500 students, aged between five and 14 years old was co-founded by Ms. Kanayo and her husband Engineer Oku Kanayo Egbeni.

Congratulations to our Winners

1st Runner-up
Esther Wanjiru
Naivasha Day Secondary School

Overall Winner
Antony Ochieng Odhiambo
Alliance High School

2nd Runner-up
Fatma Namanda Webbo
Limuru Girls High School

SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

1st Runner-up
Ephraim Jabari
Kilifi Little Angels Junior Academy

Overall Winner
Tanya Barasa
Rift Valley Academy

2nd Runner-up
Donelle Camarrah Wasonga
Jawabu School

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Kimeli Patience Jerop - Limuru Girls High School
Catherine Wamahiga Gitonga - Bishop Gatimu Ngandu Girls High School
Sofia Katore Ali - Uyombo Girls Secondary School
Brian Mbanda - Maseno School
Brian Mayabi Mukoga - Kakamega High School
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Seth Kipkoech - Moi High School Kabarak
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Onyango Keith Kilion - Alliance High School
Joseph Njenga Karanja - Solai Boys High School

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Public Health Department to align functions with Government Strategic Health Direction

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards will soon align its functions and activities with the Government's Strategic Direction on Health in order to deliver Universal Health Care through the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The Principal Secretary for the State Department Ms Mary Muthoni Muriuki says since the Department plays a vital role in advancing public health in Kenya through its diverse range of functions, it will initiate the amendment of several pieces of legislation which are not in sync with its mandate in an effort to eliminate duplication or overlap of functions and

help enhance efficiency. "All pieces of legislation and policies governing and regulating the public health sector which have been rendered obsolete by the passage of time and enactment of the 2010 Constitution will be re-examined, repealed and amended in order to align them with our mandate and the changing times", Ms Muriuki said.

Ms Muriuki who was speaking during a retreat for officers of all divisions, regulatory bodies and parastatals within the State Department in Naivasha said the changes envisaged to enhance the efficiency of the State Department include the full implementation of all public health and sanitation policies, the provision of preventive and promotive health



Principal Secretary for the State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms Mary Muthoni Muriuki

services, the development of policies for healthcare workers and human resources, the management of health education, and the promotion of reproductive health, among others.

To ensure the effective fulfillment of these responsibilities, Ms Muriuki noted, collaboration and synergy among all the directorates, parastatals, regulatory bodies, and divisions within

the State Department which are of utmost importance will be harmonised.

In pursuit of this objective, the PS noted that the State Department has initiated a retreat for all the heads of the directorates, regulatory bodies, parastatals and divisions in order to come up with an harmonised policy document which will guide the execution of its mandate effectively.

"The primary aim of the retreat will be to foster familiarity and enhance understanding of their respective functions, identifying areas of alignment and coordination to ensure seamless service delivery", the PS revealed.

She noted that efforts are underway to streamline and amend various laws to eliminate duplication or overlap of functions, which will enhance efficiency within the State Department. Additionally, there is a strong focus on regulating

all health cadres to ensure professionalism and prioritize the safety of Kenyans.

"Recognizing the financial constraints faced, prudent use of available resources will be of utmost importance. By exercising financial responsibility, the State Department aims to maximize the impact of investments and achieve sustainable outcomes in the health-care sector", the PS said.

Ms Muriuki further said that the ultimate objective of convening these retreats is to align all arms of the State Department with the government's strategic direction. The focal point is delivering Universal Health Coverage through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda model (BETA).

This concerted effort aims to improve access to quality healthcare services for all Kenyans, driving progress towards a healthier nation.



TEA BOARD OF KENYA

Realizing the Tea Promise

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

The Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) is a body corporate established under Section 3 of the Tea Act No 23 of 2020. The mandate of TBK is to regulate, promote and develop the tea sub-sector. The Tea Board of Kenya wishes to recruit a highly motivated professional to fill the position of:

DESIGNATION	JOB GRADE	REF. NO.
Chief Executive Officer	TBK 1	TBK/CEO/001/23

Job Purpose

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reports to the Board of Directors and will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Tea Board of Kenya (TBK). The CEO will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the mandate, objectives and strategy of TBK through formulation of policies, prudent management of resources, including financial and human resources. The CEO will also be responsible for implementing decisions of the Board of Directors and enhancing the corporate image of the Board.

Full details on duties, responsibilities and other relevant information is available on: www.teaboard.or.ke

Terms and Conditions of Service

The position of the Chief Executive Officer will be on a Three (3) year contract renewable once subject to satisfactory performance.

How to apply

Applicants who meet the above requirements should send their application letter, curriculum vitae and copies of academic/professional certificates/testimonials, National identity card, day time telephone contact, email and telephone contacts of three (3) referees to recruitment@teaboard.or.ke with only **'POSITION APPLIED FOR'** as the subject line. Hard copies in an envelope clearly indicating the **POSITION APPLIED FOR** may also be sent or hand delivered to;

The Chairman
Tea Board of Kenya
Tea House, Naivasha Road off Ngong Road
P. O. Box 20064-00200 NAIROBI

So as to be received not later than **23.59 hours** on **18th July 2023**

Tea Board of Kenya is an equal opportunity employer and women, youth, minority, marginalized groups and persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted. The successful candidate will be required to satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 by submitting the following compliance certificates: Certificate of Good Conduct, Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board, Tax Compliance Certificate, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Clearance and Credit Reference Bureau Certificate.





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO:	MOALD/SDCD/NVSP/T002/2022-2023
TENDER DESCRIPTION:	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRONIC VOUCHER (E-VOUCHER) INPUT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE NATIONAL VALUE CHAIN SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NVSP) for F/Y 2023 – 2024 to 2026-2027

- State Department for Crop Development invites sealed tenders for **Request for Proposals (RFP) For Provision of Service Level Agreement (SLA) Services for The Electronic Voucher (E-Voucher) Input Management System for The National Value Chain Support Programme (NVSP) for F/Y 2023 – 2024 to 2026-2027**. Tendering will be conducted under Open Tender using a standard tender document.
- A complete set of Request for Proposal Document may be obtained free of charge by interested consultants electronically from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Website (www.kilimo.go.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke. More details on the Services are provided in Section V - Description of Services of the Request for proposal Tender Document
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- All interested bidders are required to continually check the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website: www.kilimo.go.ke for any addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.
- Completed Request for Proposal Document (RFP) enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the, **Tender name and Tender number** MUST be deposited in the tender box marked **"Ministry of Agriculture"** at **KILIMO HOUSE Cathedral road ground floor reception** as addressed below on or before **11.00 AM** on **11th July, 2023**. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Crop Development
P.O. Box 30028-00100 GPO,
Nairobi.
Email address: cropsdevelopment77@gmail.com
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at: **Kilimo House off Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom UPPER FLOOR**
- Late tenders will be rejected.
Address for Submission of Tenders.
The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Crop Development,
P.O. Box 30028-00100 GPO,
Nairobi.

The Original and Copy of the Request for Proposal Document and the Financials Original and Copy should be sealed in separate envelopes and be put in one single outer envelope, clearly marked:- **TENDER NO. MOALD/SDCD&AR/NVSP/T002/2022-2023: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRONIC VOUCHER (E-VOUCHER) INPUT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE NATIONAL VALUE CHAIN SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NVSP) for F/Y 2023 – 2024 to 2026-2027**.

For further clarifications kindly contact

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT



State to launch sectoral reforms to tackle emerging technology trends

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Government has put in place partnerships with global players to put in place sectoral reforms through legislative frameworks in order to combat emerging technology trends.

Speaking during a planning workshop between the GIZ Digital Transformation Centre (DTC), an initiative of the EU team and the Ministry of Information, Com-

munications and The Digital Economy, ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui noted that the government is focussed on putting in place the requisite policies to regulate new areas of technological advancement like artificial intelligence (AI).

"As we embark on this ambitious journey, we should have the right policies and structures in place and we

also need to identify areas where we can collaborate to ensure our citizens have access to affordable digital devices," said Tanui.

Addressing stakeholders at the workshop the PS stated that his ministry is keen on boosting connectivity as part of Kenya's ambitious transformation plan through the implementation of specific key projects.

"We need to connect our cit-

ies through metro networks and establish digital cities that will bridge the digital divide by providing access to opportunities for learning and for work," PS Tanui said.

The PS noted that as Kenya advances in the area of digital trade, she wants to be part of the global discussion of data flows.

"That is why we are very happy to be part of the EU team discussing about data



PS for ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui

flows and see how Kenya can comply and become probably the first country that can achieve the adequacy that is required," he said.

The PS acknowledged that Kenya is becoming quite at-

tractive to investments in the establishment of data centers with the country's advantage stemming from the availability of highly skilled talent and the existence of vast sources of renewable energy that would allow such centres to operate on 100 per cent renewable energy.

The Head of the Digital Government Component, DTC Ms. Christin Schulz-Kaunga said the workshop provided an opportunity to explore relevant policy frameworks on current policy priorities for the Kenya National Digital Master Plan and the digital identity initiative.



KENYA MARINE AND FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE



VACANCIES - EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRRI), a State Corporation under the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, was established by an Act of parliament (The Science and Technology Act Cap. 250 of the Laws of Kenya of 1979) which has since been repealed by The Science, Technology and Innovation Act No.28 of 2013.

KMFRRI's mandate is to undertake research in "marine and freshwater fisheries, aquaculture, environmental and ecological studies, and marine research including chemical and physical oceanography", in order to provide scientific data and information for sustainable development of the Blue Economy. The Institute is also mandated to cooperate with other organizations and institutions of higher learning in training programmes and on matters of relevant research. The Institute has Research Centers and Stations located at Mombasa, Kisumu, Naivasha, Baringo, Kegati, Sangoro, Sagana, Turkana, Mutonga, Shimoni, a research substation at Gazi and the Nairobi liaison office.

KMFRRI is seeking to recruit **EXTERNALLY** self-motivated professionals who are team players to fill the following vacant positions within her approved staff establishment:

S. No	Post	No of Posts	Job Grade	Dep/Unit	Job Ref. No.
1.	Principal Resource Mobilization Officer	1	KMFRRI Grade 5	Resource Mobilization	KMF/EXT/1
2.	Senior ICT Officer (ERP Software Consultant) – Temporary Appointment (12 Months)	1	KMFRRI Grade 6	ICT-ERP	KMF/EXT/2
3.	Senior ICT Officer (ERP Functional Consultant) – Temporary Appointment (12 Months)	1	KMFRRI Grade 6	ICT-ERP	KMF/EXT/3
4.	Risk Management and Quality Assurance Officer	1	KMFRRI Grade 7	Quality Assurance	KMF/EXT/4
	Total	4			

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested and qualified candidates **MUST** complete the **KMFRRI Job Application Form** (Available from the 'Vacancies' section at the KMFRRI Website - <https://www.kmfri.go.ke>), attach their testimonials, certificates, copy of their National Identification Card (ID) and Curriculum Vitae (CV).

Submit their applications both in **HARD** and **SOFT COPY**, and envelopes containing the documents should clearly be marked with the position applied for and sent to the address below not later than **Monday, 17th July 2023**.

The Chief Executive Officer
Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
P. O. Box 81651 – 80100
Silos Road, English Point, Mkomani
Mombasa, KENYA
Email: recruitment@kmfri.go.ke

Note

- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES** in compliance with the Chapter Six of the Constitution will be required to present originals of the following documents:
 - Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations
 - Clearance/Compliance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority
 - Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
 - Clearance from recognized Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- Only **SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES** will be contacted and shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates during the interviews.
- Any canvassing will lead to **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**.



NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROJECT



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

Country	KENYA
Name of project	NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROJECT - NARIGP
Credit No.:	P153349
Assignment Title:	CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COMPLETION REPORT
Reference No.:	KE-MOALF-365083-CS- CQS

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Consulting Services (the service) include Consultancy Services **for Preparation of Project Implementation Completion Report**.

The Assignment Objectives and Deliverables

The Government of Kenya is seeking for qualified and experienced consultant(s) to work with NARIGP team to prepare the ICR. The main objective of this assignment is to assess whether the project achieved its intended objectives, outputs and outcomes as stipulated in the Results Framework; and document practical experiences and key lessons learnt from its implementation.

The National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) 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.

Shortlisting Criteria

- Been registered and operating for 3 years.**
- Proven similar experience with the World Bank funded projects in the past 10 years**
- Demonstrated availability of technical staff suitable for the assignment.**

Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 Revised July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Banks Guidelines: Selection and employment of consultants set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address below.

National Project Coordinator
National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP)
P.O. Box 8073-00200 NAIROBI
Capitol Hill Towers, 5th Floor, Cathedral Road.
Phone: 0773206315
Email: info@narigp.go.ke

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) addressed to **The Principal Secretary, State Department for Crop Development. P.O Box 30028-00100 Nairobi** and be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Crop Development located at Kilimo house main reception – Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi on or before **11th July, 2023 at 11.00 hours**.

Consultants intending to send their Expression of Interest Via e-mail should send to **info@narigp.go.ke** by **11th July 2023 at 11.00 hours**. Submitted documents should be clearly marked **"Consultancy Services for Preparation of Project Implementation Completion Report"**.

Head Supply Chain Management
For Principal Secretary
State Department for Crop Development



ECDE learners introduced to digital technology

BY RONALD RONO AND
TABITHA MWANGI
(KNA)

Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners in the country have been introduced to digital learning aligned to the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) as the digital sector takes off.

The latest county to benefit from the project is Makueni, where 67 per cent of schools have the technology and a total of 35,574 learners interacting

with digital electronic devices for the past one month.

The children from early learning will be using EIDU technology which is designed to improve the quality of early and basic education.

Speaking in Makueni during the program at St John Malivani Primary School, the EIDU Kenya Senior Programs officer Ms Clara Cruize said other counties which have benefitted from a pilot project are Kiambu, Muranga, Embu, Mombasa, Machakos and Makueni.

She said the organization is committed to ensuring that every child access quality education using technology to empower communities and improve education systems.

“We are here today because we have a common vision for quality education for all children to get a quality future in the digital World and it starts at ECDE level,” Cruize noted.

Ms Cruize said the program will give the children strong foundational and professional skills to reach the full potential in life.



Anita Mutula Kilonzo, poses with ECDE learners at Malivani primary school

“The six counties have become pioneers of the future, giving access to approximately 180,000 learners,” she added.

According to Anita Mutula Kilonzo, the spouse to Makueni governor Mutula Kilonzo Junior, the technology will provide learner exercises, assessments, teacher training, ECDE officer training, and tools for data collection and monitoring using digital devices through the support of EIDU-Kenya in partnership with the government.



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AFA)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPLEMENTATION OF MIRAA LEVY

The Crops (Miraa) Regulations, 2023 was published on 5th April 2023 thus providing the regulatory framework for the Miraa sub-sector in Kenya. The Regulations contain various provisions that are geared towards trade facilitation through registration and licensing of value chain players. The miraa sub-sector has improved drastically in the last twelve months in particular after the re-opening of the Somalia Market in July 2022.

Whereas implementation of licensing procedures was rolled out in immediately after the publication, the Implementation of the Miraa Levy was delayed as the development of enabling framework was underway. The e-platform has now been completed on the AFA's Integrated Management Information System.

In this regard, the Authority hereby notifies the general public that the Miraa Levy provided for under Regulations 31 of Crops (Miraa) Regulations, 2023 shall take effect from 1st July 2023.

The stakeholders are required to adhere to the provisions of the Crops (Miraa) Regulations 2023 and ensure compliance.

WILLIS AUDI
AG. DIRECTOR GENERAL





MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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TENDER NO: AWWDA/GOK/DISP/06/2022-2023

EXTENSION OF BIDS SUBMISSION DATE

Reference is made to the above-mentioned advert that appeared in My Gov Publication of **20th June 2023**.

Interested tenderers are hereby informed that the Bid Submission date has been extended from **28th June 2023 to 30th June 2023**.

Duly completed tenders must be deposited at the Tender Box at the address given below in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name and reference number on or before Friday **30th June 2023 at 10:00 am**.

Chief Executive Officer,
Athi Water Works Development Agency





"GREEN ARMY" JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kenya Forest Service is a State Corporation established by the Forest Conservation and management Act 2016. The Service is mandated to Conserve, develop and sustainably manage forests and allied resources for Environmental stability and the Social-Economic Development of the people of Kenya.

The Service is the lead implementation agency for the 15 Billion Special Presidential Programme to accelerate attainment of 30% National Tree Cover by 2032. To this end, the Service seeks to recruit 4,000 "Green Army" (unskilled Nursery Attendants) on Temporary Contract Terms to support production of seedlings in KFS Tree Nurseries across the country, In line with the Provisions of the Forest Conservation and Management Act, 2016, and Mwongozo Code of Governance for State Corporations,

Nursery Attendants (Unskilled Green Army) REF: KFS/GA/ 2023; Four Thousand (4,000) Positions

a) Job Details	Job Title: Nursery Attendants (unskilled) Work stations: 300 KFS Tree Nurseries across the country Terms of service: Temporary Contract Terms Monthly Wage: KKES 8,631- KES 16,401, depending on work stations as categorized and determined by the Regulation of Wages and Conditions of Employment Act (Cap. 229) Other benefit: NSSF and NHIF cover Employment duration: One year (2023/2024 FY), renewable depending on satisfactory performance and available budget.
b) Job specification	The Nursery Attendant will be responsible for propagation and maintenance of seedlings in KFS Tree Nurseries, and shall report to the Nursery Headman.
c) Duties and Responsibilities	- Collection and mixing of nursery soil in the recommended ratio; - Filling of polytubes and bags (potting) and germination and "Swaziland" beds" with mixed nursery soil; - Sowing of seeds and pricking out of seedlings; - Collection and sowing of wildlings; - Tending of seedlings including; watering, weeding, root pruning, application of fertilizer, manure and pesticides, as well as hardening of seedlings; - Cleaning and maintenance of nursery compound, tools and equipment and the general nursery infrastructure - Participate in tree planting and firefighting activities
d) Requirement	- Must be a Kenyan Citizen aged 18 years and above - Must be a resident of targeted county, sub county and ward;
e) Advertisement and recruitment procedure	The County Forest Conservators of KFS shall ensure that the recruitment of "Green Armies" in their respective counties. Is open and transparent, by observing of the following; - The advertisement should be openly displayed in key public areas, such as all KFS offices; County , Sub-County and Assistant County Commissioners Offices; County Government Offices; as well as Chiefs Offices in the respective targeted locations and sub-locations; - Vetting and recruitment of "Green Army" should be done on site in each of the targeted KFS Tree Nurseries;

Interested candidates who meet the requirements are asked to report for the recruitment at the venues and dates stated in the schedule below;

How to apply;

Interested candidates who meet the requirements are asked to apply by visiting the URL: **https://recruitment.kenyaforestservice.org** to proceed with the online application latest **22nd July, 2023**. Following successful online registration, the candidates will receive a notification email.

In case of any difficulty contact ICT on landline **+254 20-2689863, Ext.49337**

Ag. Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kenya Forest Service, Karura, Off Kiambu Road,
P. O. Box 30513 - 00100, G.P.O.
NAIROBI, KENYA.

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UNIVERSITIES AUTHORISED TO OPERATE IN KENYA

The Commission for University Education (CUE) was established by an Act of Parliament vide the Universities Act No. 42 of 2012. CUE is mandated to ensure the maintenance of standards, quality and relevance in all aspects of university education, training and research in Kenya.

In line with Section 28 (4) of The Universities Act, 2012 and amendments thereon, CUE shall cause to be published, the list of universities accredited to undertake university education in Kenya.

Section 28 (5) Any person who purports to offer a degree through a university that is not accredited commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction, to a fine of not less than ten million shillings, or to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years, or to both.

As at June 2023, the list of accredited universities authorised to operate in Kenya is as follows:

No.	NAME OF UNIVERSITY / UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT/ ACCREDITATION
Public Chartered Universities		
1.	University of Nairobi	Established - 1970, Chartered - 2013
2.	Moi University	Established - 1984, Chartered - 2013
3.	Kenyatta University	Established - 1985, Chartered - 2013
4.	Egerton University	Established - 1987, Chartered - 2013
5.	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	Established - 1994, Chartered - 2013
6.	Maseno University	Established - 2001, Chartered - 2013
7.	Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology	Established - 2007, Chartered - 2013
8.	Dedan Kimathi University of Technology	2012
9.	Chuka University	2013
10.	Technical University of Kenya	2013
11.	Technical University of Mombasa	2013
12.	Pwani University	2013
13.	Kisii University	2013
14.	University of Eldoret	2013
15.	Maasai Mara University	2013
16.	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology	2013
17.	Laikipia University	2013
18.	South Eastern Kenya University	2013
19.	Meru University of Science and Technology	2013
20.	Multimedia University of Kenya	2013
21.	University of Kabianga	2013
22.	Karatina University	2013
23.	Kibabii University	2015
24.	Rongo University	2016
25.	The Co-operative University of Kenya	2016
26.	Taita Taveta University	2016
27.	Murang'a University of Technology	2016
28.	University of Embu	2016
29.	Machakos University	2016
30.	Kirinyaga University	2016
31.	Garissa University	2017
32.	Kaimosi Friends university	2022
33.	Alupe University	2022
34.	Tom Mboya University	2022
35.	Tharaka university	2022

Specialised Degree Awarding University (Public)		
1	National Defence University-Kenya	2021
Public University Constituent Colleges		
1.	Turkana University College	2016
2.	Bomet University College	2017
3.	Koitaleel Samoei University College	2018
4.	National Intelligence Research University College	2021
5.	Mama Ngina University College	2021
6.	KAIST University	2022
Private Chartered Universities		
1.	University of Eastern Africa, Baraton	1991
2.	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA)	1992
3.	Daystar University	1994
4.	Scott Christian University	1997
5.	United States International University	1999
6.	Africa Nazarene University	2002
7.	Kenya Methodist University	2006
8.	St. Paul's University	2007
9.	Pan Africa Christian University	2008
10.	Strathmore University	2008
11.	Kabarak University	2008
12.	Mount Kenya University	2011
13.	Africa International University	2011
14.	Kenya Highlands Evangelical University	2011
15.	Great Lakes University of Kisumu	2012
16.	KCA University	2013
17.	Adventist University of Africa	2013
18.	KAG EAST University	Registered -1989, Chartered - 2016
19.	Umma University	2019
20.	Presbyterian University of East Africa	2020
21.	Aga Khan University	2021
22.	Zetech University	2022
23.	Kiriri Women's University of Science and Technology	2022
24.	The East African University	2022
25.	Lukenya University	2022
Private University Constituent Colleges		
1.	Hekima University College	1993
2.	Tangaza University College	1997
3.	Marist International University College	2002
Institutions with Letters of Interim Authority		
1.	GRETSA University	2006
2.	Management University of Africa	2011
3.	Riara University	2012
4.	Pioneer International University	2012
5.	International Leadership University	2014

6.	Islamic University of Kenya	2016
7.	AMREF International University	2017
8.	Uzima University	2020

INSTITUTIONS OFFERING DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITHOUT GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO COLLABORATE

The Commission's Legal and Enforcement Department has established that the following institutions are offering degree and postgraduate diploma programmes without Grant of Authority to operate:

NO	Agency	County	Degree Programme on Offer
1.	Eldoret Bible College	Uasin Ngishu	Bachelor of Theology Master of Christian Leadership
2.	Al-Munawwarah College	Mombasa	Bachelor of Arts in Education(Arabic Language) Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies
3.	Grace Life Bible College	Vihiga	Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Bachelor of Arts in Theology
4.	Africa Theological Seminary	Kitale	Bachelor of Arts, Bible & Theology Bachelor of Arts, Counseling Psychology
5.	Regions beyond Ministry Bible College	Thika	Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) Theology
6.	Baraton College	Kapsabet	Offers programmes in collaboration with GLUK university
7.	The Africa Talent University	Kisumu	Acts as student recruitment agency
8.	Breakthrough Bible College	Nairobi	Bachelor of Arts, Bible & Theology
9.	Theophillus Theological College	Kiambu	
10.	Northwestern Christian University	Kakamega	Bachelor of Arts, Bible & Theology
11.	Logos University	Kakamega	
12.	Harvest Land University/	Kisumu	Bachelor of Arts, Bible & Theology
13.	Word of Faith Bible College	Vihiga	Bachelor of Arts, Bible & Theology

Members of the public are hereby being notified that any institution purporting to offer university education in Kenya and does not appear in this list is an illegal entity and is **NOT** authorised to operate. Updates on the list of accredited universities authorised to operate in Kenya can be accessed via the link <https://cue.or.ke/index.php/status-of-universities>

The public is being requested to report any suspicious institutions to:

Commission Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
Commission for University Education
Address: P.O. Box 54999-00200
Email: info@cue.or.ke
Customer feedback portal
<https://imis.cue.or.ke/CustomerRelationshipManagement/>

All information received will be handled in strict confidence.
Recognition of degree qualifications offered by foreign universities should also be sought for from the Commission for University Education and accessed via the link <https://cue.or.ke/index.php/recognition-and-equation-of-qualifications1>

Members of the public interested in accessing information on accredited academic programmes offered in accredited universities should visit the Commission's website <https://cue.or.ke/index.php/accredited-universities>

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Milestone as SGR passenger service ferries 10.3m travellers in six years

BY **MUTISO MBITHI** (MYGOV)

The Madaraka Express train service, launched by then President Uhuru Kenyatta on May 31st, 2017, has become a game-changer for passenger travel between Nairobi and the Coast region.

Operated by the Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC) in conjunction with Afristar, the Madaraka Express has revolutionized Kenya's transport landscape.

As the Madaraka Express marks six years of the seamless operations of the SGR, passengers who use the passenger train service say it has redefined convenience, connectivity, and comfort for millions of Kenyans.

According to railway transport sector players and users of the service like Mr. Erastus Wambua, a senior auditor in one of the parastatals, with its remarkable achievements and commitment to customer satisfaction, Madaraka Express has solidified its position as the preferred mode of transport in the East African Community region.

"In fact, Madaraka Express has revolutionized connectivity in Kenya, bridging the gap between major cities and regions. By linking



Travellers aboard the Madaraka Express SGR train (FILE)

Nairobi and Mombasa, the service has enabled faster and more convenient travel for both business and leisure purposes," says a railways stakeholder who declined to be named because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

The official further noted that this enhanced connectivity has facilitated regional trade, spurred tourism, and cultural exchange, ultimately boosting Kenya's economic growth.

"By providing seamless connections, Madaraka Express has brought people closer, making it easier for families, friends, and businesses to connect and

thrive," the railways sector source says.

He added that notably, the Mombasa-Nairobi SGR has transformed the travel experience between the two cities, significantly reducing the journey time from over 10 hours by road to less than five hours. This remarkable achievement, the Madaraka Express management says, has not only provided convenience to the residents along the line but has also opened up a world of possibilities for development and economic growth of areas where the SGR line passes through.

A reliable railway source told MyGov that the Ma-

daraka Express commitment to service excellence is evident in its investment in customer training programs.

"By sending its passenger service crew for training in China, China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) aims to enhance service delivery and improve the overall customer experience on Madaraka Express," says the transport source.

This training, according to Madaraka Express management not only benefits the individuals involved by fostering career progression and expanding their professional knowledge but also facilitates knowledge transfer within the organization.

"By continuously improving its human resources, Madaraka Express has been able to provide exceptional service that meets and exceeds passenger expectations", the reliable source told MyGov.

The insider railway source further says, optimal utilization and revenue generation have contributed to the success of Madaraka Express given that the high occupancy rate of 99.1 per cent including inter-county seat re-use on the Mombasa-Nairobi SGR reflects the effective utilization of the passenger train service.

BRIEFS

Kisumu to host global forum on hemophilia

Medical doctors and health practitioners from across the globe are expected to converge in Kisumu in September for a sickle cell disease (SCD) and hemophilia international conference.

The conference, organized by the county government of Kisumu, targets to create awareness of the two diseases and at the same time, promote medical tourism as the county moves to position Kisumu town as a tourist hub.

This comes amidst concerns over rising cases of sickle cell disease in the country with residents of Nyanza, Western, and Coastal regions flagged as being at high risk of developing the disease.

The Kisumu County Executive Committee member in charge of Tourism, Trade, Industry, and Marketing Ms Farida Salim said, the conference will change the tide in the management of diseases in the country.

The international conference slated for September 12th-16th 2023, Ms Salim added, has already attracted both local and international partners. The partners, the CECM said, include the Ministry of Health, Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC), Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH), Kenya Society of Hematology

and Oncology, and the International Cancer Institute.

She added that a technical team from the Departments of Medical Services and Public Health and that of Tourism were mapping more stakeholders to be brought on board to make the conference a success.

The CECM noted that the theme of the conference is 'Transforming the landscape of sickle cell disease and hemophilia progress, challenges and future resolve'.

She said the target is to discuss milestones in combating the two diseases and how existing gaps can be bridged.

A secretariat, Ms Salim added, had been set up and registration is ongoing, urging all interested parties to book a spot.

The conference, would boost the economy of Kisumu with exhibitors from all walks of life invited to showcase their products and services, she said.

The Department of Tourism added banks to the conference to showcase Kisumu to the world to attract tourists.

"The delegates coming to the conference will have an opportunity to sample some of the key attractions in Kisumu. This will promote Kisumu as a tourist hub," she said.

By Chris Mahandara (KNA)

CS unveils rules for child protection in emergencies

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has launched operational guidelines for child protection in emergencies which will address specific needs of children during emergencies.

The Cabinet Secretary, Florence Bore, said the children in Kenya constitute more than half of the population, making them the most vulnerable during emergencies if their rights are not being fully protected in such situations.

In a speech read on her behalf by Secretary for Children Services Shem Nyakutu, Ms Bore emphasized the importance of enacting legislation and policies that safeguard children's rights, with reference to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Africa Charter on the Rights of the Child (ACRWC).

"This is basically to provide a framework for coordinated and effective responses to protect children's rights and well-being," the CS said.

"I share with you the excitement

of enacting the Children Act of 2022, a milestone legislation for our children. It includes Section 12 (2) (f), which recognizes the care of children in emergencies under social security. My ministry is committed to ensuring the full implementation of the Act and providing the necessary support and guidance," Bore emphasized.

She said natural disasters, the 2007 post-election violence, collapse of storey buildings and child trafficking have negatively impacted children's mental health, saying that they are in dire need of psycho-social support.

"As we were recovering from the pandemic, Kenya was hit by one of the worst droughts in forty years. More than 16 million children across the country are living with the dual impacts of poverty and the climate emergency, according to research conducted by Save the Children in 2022," she said.

By Ali Sheikh Mohamed and Susan Gichanja (KNA)

Heroes' council prepares blueprint to recognize Kenya's top champions

BY **SAMMUEL WAITITU** (KNA)

The National Heroes Council has started drafting a strategic plan to come up with an elaborate framework for the identification of the country's heroes for recognition.

Although not much has been heard of the council in the public discourse since its inception in 2014 following enactment of Kenya Heroes Act the same year, the Council CEO Charles Wambia said the move, which will revitalize it, was also in line with the fulfillment of the constitutional requirement for public organizations to implement strategic planning to guide their activities.

Speaking in Embu town, during the first public par-



National Heroes Council CEO Charles Onyango Wambia speaking to the press in Embu.

ticipation forum with grassroots leaders and heroes from eight counties in Central and Eastern regions, Wambia said among the key areas under review were the identification and honouring processes. "We are in the process of gather-

ing views from the public to guide our activities as we seek to operationalize the strategic plan in July in preparation for Mashujaa Day celebrations later in the year," he said.

He said many questions abound with regard to many Kenyans who have not been recognized despite their immense contribution and sacrifice for the country in different fields, saying these are some of the grey areas that the plan will seek to address.

The CEO said they are also projecting in the near future to open regional offices to aid decision making in the identification and selection process. He at the same time called on those accorded the status to hold their images

high in the public eye lest they attract sanctions that may include withdrawal of the awards.

Participants present expressed divergent views, with some citing neglect of renowned heroes, while others commended the government for recognizing their efforts and sacrifices.

Local leader Daudi Tari-Abukula from Isiolo said the Northern part of Kenya had been marginalized in terms of proper recognition of their heroic acts and sacrifices for the nation. For instance, he singled out the Shifta War in which ethnic Somalis in the Northern Frontier District attempted to take over Northern Kenya from Isiolo upwards.