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Climate Action: Unga Group Goes Green With KSh300M Solar Power Project

By: Our Reporter
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Listed food processing firm Unga Group Limited is completing a KSh300 million solar power generation project at its manufacturing sites.

The firm has five sites which are based in Nairobi, Nakuru and Eldoret and are meant to among other things, be part of its sustainability endeavours.

Speaking ahead of the Africa Climate Summit 2023 that kicks off in Nairobi today, Unga Group Managing Director Joseph Choge said the firm has adopted solar power solutions as a part of an agenda to advance green growth.

The Group, Choge said, continues to embed climate action and sustainability as a crucial part of its business strategy and is, among other things, investing heavily in green projects, including the solar energy project, as a way of diversifying our energy sources and avoiding overreliance on the national grid.

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"At Unga Group, we are deliberately pursuing a green growth agenda by adopting environmentally friendly solutions in all our operating touchpoints. The initial investment is undoubtedly heavy, but we remain focused that the returns will be attractive in the fulness of time as we continue to prioritise climate action as one of our operating pillars," Choge said.

He added, "The solar installation at our five manufacturing sites underscores the Unga Group's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and embracing eco-friendly production."

Unga group chairman Isabella Ochola - Wilson State Department for Crop Development Principal Secretary Kello Harsama and Unga Group Managig Director Joseph Choge..

He said that by solarising the manufacturing sites, we will utilise clean and renewable energy for our operations and reduce our carbon footprint. We are diligently pursuing an expansive solar energy project to diversify our energy portfolio, mitigate reliance on the national grid, and enhance energy resilience.

The effort to solarise the manufacturing sites is part of Unga Group's transformative journey towards net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Besides installing solar PV panels, Unga Group also has other environmental sustainability efforts in place, which it is currently intensifying, including using energy-efficient bulbs and lights across all sites and installing low-energy LED lights with motion sensors to ensure that lights are on only when required.

Unga Group's commitment to sustainability aligns with its mission to create lasting value for stakeholders, customers, and the environment. By implementing these solar energy projects, the company aims to set a precedent for responsible business practices and inspire other manufacturers to take similar steps towards a more sustainable future.

In addition to installing Solar units at Unga's facilities, the group is implementing broader energy reduction initiatives through its Continual Improvement Program, eliminating waste, improving supporting reliability through robust preventative maintenance. Last year, Unga Group emerged as the overall winner at the Energy Management Awards (EMA) 2022, organized by the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) in the Electricity Medium Voltage Savings category and also picked the first Runners Up award in the Overall Energy Management category. This attests to the Group's culture towards responsibly managing resources and positively impacting the environment.

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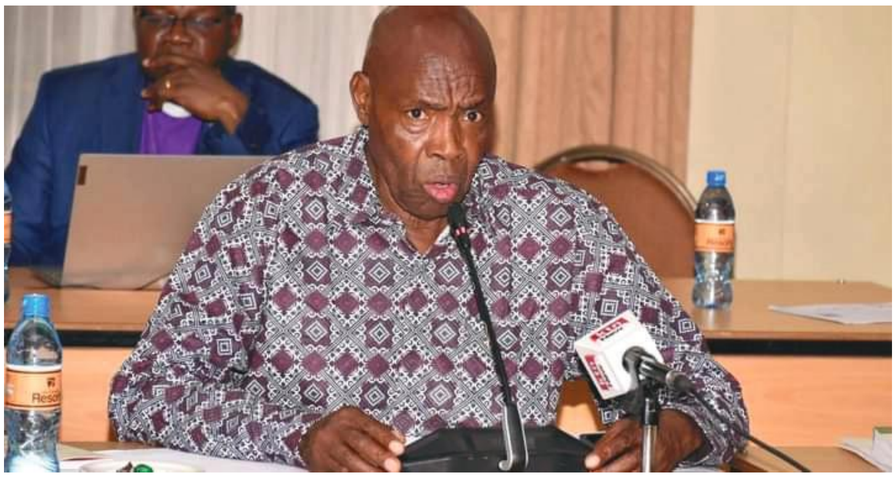
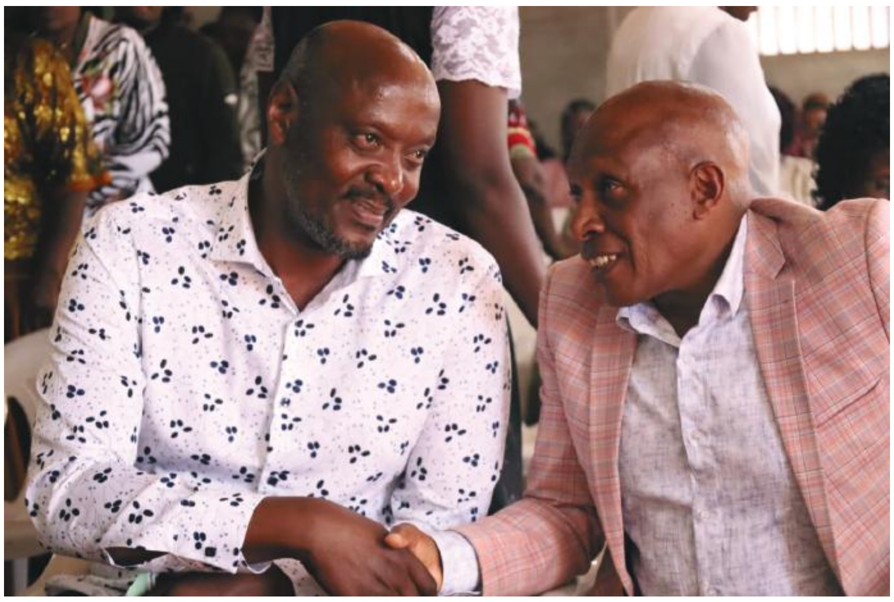


Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu is consulting with the National Treasury and stakeholders to waive part of the Sh63 billion pending bills facing public universities. They are gathering reports and discussing them with the government and stakeholders in a committee to determine if the Kenya Revenue Authority can waive dues from Statutory deductions. The pending bills have accrued for over five to six years due to inadequate government funding.



Nyeri Town MP Duncan Maina (left) chats with Nyeri businessman cum politician Dr Thuo Mathenge at PCEA Kangemi Church. The duo later joined the worshippers in a funds drive for construction of the Church. In his address, Dr Mathenge urged the Senate committee on Energy, which is led by Nyeri Senator Wahome Wamatinga to come up with a better mechanism that can lower the Coast of Enagy down. On his part, the area MP outlined some of the development undertaking that he has carried out, going on and in the offing within the area in particular and the whole constituency in general.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u calls for a collaboration between national and county governments and private sector to mobilize financing for infrastructure modernization, boosting economic growth. Strengthening the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework can leverage private sector for economic, commercial, and environmental benefits.

Nyeri county governor, Mutahi Kahiga, has announced that school-going children in Early Childhood Development Education centres will receive milk at least twice a week. The Sh49 million program aims to increase attendance and enrollment, improve young learners' growth, and create a ready market for the county's dairy industry.

A cyclist team is embarking on a 354-kilometer journey from Kisumu to Nairobi to raise awareness on climate change. The initiative, organized by the Lake Victoria Basin Authority, aims to rally public support for climate change mitigation programs. The journey will include stops in Kericho and Nakuru before arriving in Nairobi tomorrow.

Bishop Paul Wanjohi (centre) of Abundant New Life Church in Nyeri introducing Tana Water Works Development Agency Chairman Wanyaga Gathaka (right) and Nyeri based lawyer cum politician Stanley Wabandi to his congregation yesterday. The Bishop who led the service urged Kenyans to devote time and pray for their well-being while the two leaders called on Kenyans to give the Kenya Kwanza administration time to economically fix the country.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Quality Gealthcare: KUTRRH Receives Regulatory Approval

Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral And Research Hospital Is Now Accredited As A Teaching Facility For Kenyatta University School Of Medicine Students

By: Our Reporter
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KUTRRH chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda ()L.

Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) has received regulatory approval from the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), allowing the facility to act as an accredited teaching hospital for Kenyatta University School of Medicine.

The regulatory accreditation will be valid for a renewable three-year period, allowing the School of Medicine students from Kenyatta University access the level 6 KUTRRH facility.

With the accreditation, students from KU will join others from other institutions like JKUAT, University of Nairobi, USIU-A, AMREF University, Egerton University, Moi University, Mount Kenya University, National Defense University, Nairobi Women's College, and Mama Ngina University to further their skills at KUTRRH.

Speaking when he confirmed the accreditation, KUTRRH Chief Executive Officer Mr Mohamed Dagane said the accreditation follows a recent inspection by the Council as per the legal requirements.

KUTRRH is a National Referral Hospital with a 650-bed capacity equipped to offer specialised Oncology, Trauma and orthopaedics, Renal, Accident and Emergency services.

"The accreditation by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is a welcome development that will help to advance KUTRRH's positioning as a medical centre of excellence in sub-Sahara Africa," said Mr Dagane.

While welcoming the accreditation, KUTRRH chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda said training medical students in Kenya is highly regulated, and the facility is well placed to provide quality teaching hospital solutions for Kenyatta University Students undertaking their undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

Prof Mugenda expressed gratitude for the swift intervention and support for the accreditation process by Ministry of Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha.

"The accreditation is a major milestone that allows this medical centre of excellence to provide quality teaching services in compliance with our national regulatory standards that underpin medical training in Kenya," Prof Mugenda said, adding, "We thank our Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha for her recent intervention and with this accreditation, we are looking forward to welcoming the first cohort of Kenyatta University School of Medicine in coming days."

As part of its training initiatives, the KUTRRH Training Institute of Specialized Nursing (TISN) celebrated the graduation of its first cohort of specialised nurses last June. The Training Institute of Specialized Nursing (TISN) was accredited by the Nursing Council of Kenya in 2021 and is recognised by the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) as a tertiary institution.

The college offers specialised nursing programs: Higher Diploma in Critical Care Nursing, Higher Diploma in Oncology Nursing, Higher Diploma in Nephrology and Higher Diploma in Perioperative Nursing. However, the Institute began in 2021 by offering the Kenya Registered Oncology Nursing (KRON) and the Kenya Registered Critical Care Nursing (KRCCN). The first class graduated in 2022, with 12 students graduating with KRON and 27 with KRCCN certifications.

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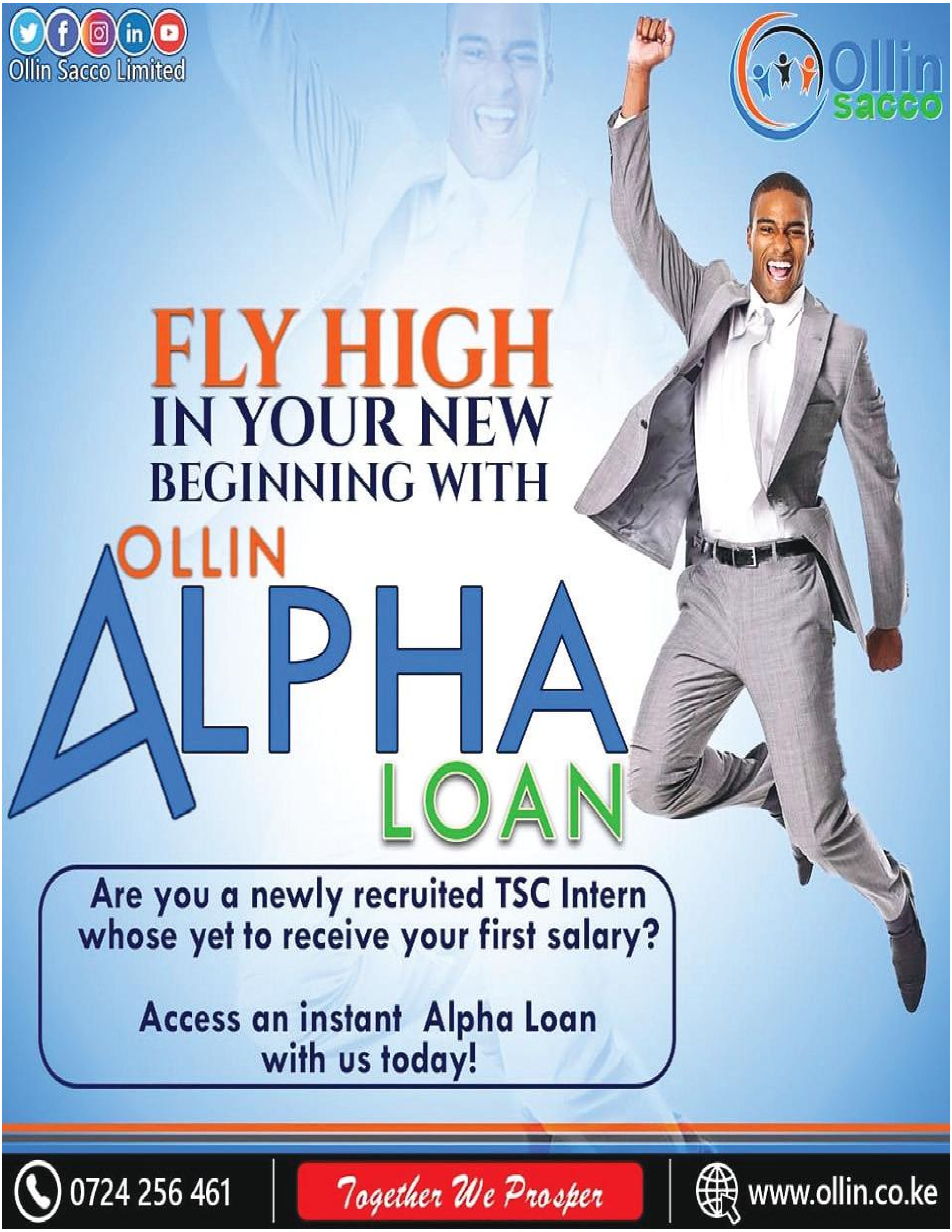
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Kenya Accelerates Green Revolution With Launch Of Spiro Electric Motorbikes

By: Capital Correspondent

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The government has welcomed a ground-breaking partnership with Spiro, Africa's leading electric motorbike manufacturer and clean energy provider, will see the firm deploy electric bodas throughout Kenya.

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investments noted the monumental agreement witnessed by President William Ruto in Mombasa on Friday, highlights the nation's unwavering commitment to renewable energy and sustainable transportation.

Since its inception just over a year ago, Spiro has rapidly penetrated the African e-mobility market.

With a presence in countries like Benin, Togo, Rwanda, and Uganda, the company has successfully introduced nearly 10,000 electric bikes.

These EVs have cumulatively provided over 90 million km of eco-friendly travel,

preventing over 5,000 tons of CO2 emissions.

Spiro's vision goes beyond just transportation. With around 350 battery swapping and charging stations established across Africa, Spiro has pioneered the infrastructure for renewable energy in transportation.

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Kenya's dedication to green technology shines through this initiative. Transitioning from traditional internal combustion engine bikes to electric variants offers myriad benefits, especially pertinent for the "last mile" of travel.

Curtailing emissions

This change is poised to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and provide a sustainable solution for Kenya's transportation challenges.

Jules Samain further elaborated on the energy autonomy facilitated by Spiro's innovative battery technology.

"With our batteries and locally produced energy in Kenya, we diminish the dependence on fossil fuels, fast-tracking Kenya's journey towards energy independence," Samain noted.

The entry of Spiro in Kenya through the facilitation of the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) underscores the government's commitment to the green growth agenda.

Speaking in Mombasa, MITI Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria said the Ministry, in collaboration with Spiro among other players, has embarked on a mission to revolutionize the local transportation landscape through sustainable and innovative e-mobility solutions.

"Ahead of the Africa Climate Summit next week, MITI, as the Ministry in charge of Industrialization that advocates for clean energy and environmental stewardship, believes that the transition to electric bodas is essential to reducing carbon emissions, enhancing urban air quality, and ensuring a greener future for future generations.

We are further encouraged that Spiro is setting up a local assembly plant, which will positively contribute to our commitment to raise the national manufacturing contribution to GDP from 7.2 per cent in 2021 to 15 per cent by 2027," said Kuria.

Spiro's CMO, Dominique Nkurunzizi, chimed in, "This is a defining moment in Kenya's green transition. As an increasing number of people make the switch to EVs, we're not merely reducing our carbon footprint but also fostering a healthier, more sustainable environment for the Kenyan people".

In a strategic move to boost the local economy, Spiro has pledged to set up a manufacturing base in Kenya.

This venture, in conjunction with the establishment of charging stations and the recruitment of service staff, is anticipated to create thousands of employment opportunities.

20 Heads Of State Expected In Nairobi For Climate Summit

By: Margaret Kalekye

Kenya's Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua played host to distinguished guests from across the African continent as he received the Presidents of Ghana, Comoros and Burundi in Nairobi for the Africa Climate Summit.

The event, which has grabbed global attention, serves as a platform for African Nations to address critical climate change issues and chart a collective path toward environmental sustainability.

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The Cabinet Secretary for Health Nakhumicha S. Wafula yesterday welcomed the President of Burundi Evaristé Ndayishimiye ..

Addressing the media, Dr Mutua said the summit is a great opportunity for the African continent to unite on all matters pertaining to climate change.

Africa, he said, will be speaking in one voice for the first time on issues concerning climate change and the financing of programmes to mitigate its effects.

He said the Nairobi summit will unite Africa on these crucial issues that have a direct bearing on the lives of millions while setting a clear roadmap on what needs to be done.

The summit according to CS Mutua will position Kenya as a global leader in advocating for the adoption of measures that minimise the impact of climate change. "Kenya is a leader in the adoption of cleaner, greener energy with nearly 95% of our power needs derived from green sources", said Dr. Mutua

Dr Mutua emphasised Kenya's commitment to sustainability and the importance of the Nairobi summit in facilitating dialogue on climate issues across the continent. "Kenya is honoured to host this vital summit and we are committed to being at the forefront of efforts to combat climate change. "Our Nation has made significant strides in renewable energy, conservation and adaptation strategies, he stated.

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Dr Mutua further highlighted Kenya's ambitious renewable energy projects which have bolstered the country's green energy capacity. He noted that such initiatives not only reduce Kenya's carbon footprint but also inspire neighbouring nations to invest in clean energy.

The Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi is a significant milestone in the continent's fight against climate change.

Ruto Drives Electric Car To KICC, Touts It As 'Drive For The Future'

By: Margaret Kalekye

President William Ruto Sunday afternoon drove himself in an electric car to Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) the venue of the Africa Climate Summit which opens today.

The President rode in the tiny yellow Autopax AirEv YETU from State House to the Nairobi CBD where he connected with Africa's Youth on their climate declaration ahead of the Climate Summit.

His motorcade was all-electric, touting it as a drive for the future.

"Enjoyed a drive to Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi, to connect with Africa's Youth on their climate declaration ahead of the Africa Climate Summit" he said.

"A drive for the future: Low-emission, planet-friendly e-mobility is the long-term sustainable transportation solution for humanity" he stated.

His administration has been pushing for alternative forms of energy and transportation.

Two days ago, Friday, the Head of State unveiled electric motorcycles at Mama Ngina Waterfront Park in Mombasa.

The launch of the electric motorcycles, commonly known as e-boda boda, comes three months after he announced Kenya will roll out local production of electric bikes.

In June, Autopax, Kenya's pioneering Electric Vehicle (EV) company announced a groundbreaking partnership with a leading global automotive manufacturer. to introduce a range of Electric Vehicles tailored to meet the unique needs of the Kenyan market.

President William Ruto drives an electric vehicle to KICC for the Youth Climate Summit on yesterday, September 3, 2023..

NMK Partners With Communities In Heritage Conservation

By: Dickson Wekesa

NMK in Kilifi.

Worth Noting:

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The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) has launched a programme to partner with communities in the country to conserve and document the rich heritage existing in the diverse sites and monuments.

The initiative by the Director of Antiquities, Sites and Monuments Dr Fredrick Manthi entails holding breakfast meetings with stakeholders and partners so as to support heritage conservation.

The First breakfast meeting was held in Kilifi County for Malindi and Gedi Heritage hub at the White Elephant Sea and Art lodge and was graced by the NMK Director General Professor Mary Gikungu, Kilifi Deputy Governor Flora Chibule, top NMK, and County Government officials together with partners and stakeholders both local and foreigners.

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Gikungu said they chose to start with Malindi because of its rich heritage sites including the cultural knowledge which is embraced and practiced by the community.

"The Swahili community is very rich and we felt this could be one of the sites to start with and also we think about the other cultural heritage products like the sites and monuments, we have Gedi Ruins, we have Vasco Da Gama Pillar, our school children come to learn about Vasco Dagama Pilla they have no story about it, we want to tell it better" she said.

The DG said they also want to enhance the knowledge of heritage both tangible and intangible in the counties around the Kenyan coast by promoting the conservation of the sites which are poorly known by the people and are not on the map of Kenya in some areas.

"Those are areas that we can work on to make sure they are attractive to tourists so that we can increase the number of visits and that translates into employment and income generation for the Nation," she said.

On the documentation of the sites existing in the country, she called on stakeholders to help them fundraise as they cannot do it alone as an institution.

"We are lobbying for support from Many donors and even county governments to help us raise that platform of documenting our sites," she said.

Kilifi Deputy Governor Flora Chibule on her part thanked NMK for choosing Malindi Kilifi county to begin the breakfast meeting which has attracted many stakeholders to discuss the conservation of heritage.

Chibule said Kilifi boasts of many sites and monuments which has positioned the county as a tourist destination.

"We are proud to be having Malindi Museum, Rabai Museum, Gedi Ruins, Kipepeo, Jumba la Mtwana amongst many others, also we have our Kayas because out of the nine Mijikenda tribes seven are in Kilifi and we have Kayas some of which are UNESCO world heritage sites," she said.

Rai, Co Decision To Withdraw Cases Against Mumias Sugar Company Not Related To 'Heaven Remark'

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Worth Noting:

- I'm committed to walk the talk, he told the residents of Mumias. But in a swift rejoinder, the leadership of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition and their perceived sympathizers including a section of human rights groups faulted the President's remark.
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Proprietor of West Kenya Sugar Company Rai Singh Jaswant.

I have heard the critics of President William Ruto alleging that the proprietor of West Kenya Sugar Company Rai Singh Jaswant and other companies opted to withdraw their respective cases against the Mumia Sugar Company out of fear of going to 'heaven'.

This came hot on the heels of the remarks made by the President during his five-day working tour of Western Kenya.

He fired a stern warning to bilionares derailing the efforts of his government to revive the company, telling them to withdraw the cases and vacate the premises.

If you fail to heed my call, you should expect three things to happen: To go to prison, be deported or go to heaven.

I know you frustrated the efforts of the previous governments and they failed to deliver on the promises to revive this company.

When this factory was up and running, it was the source of livelihoods for hundreds of thousands of sugarcane farmers from this region.

Today, it is a pale shadow of former self.

During the campaigns I promised that I will do things differently.

This is in terms of reviving and returning this factory back to its feet and lost glory.

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By resorting to blowing this matter out of proportions, this will not help them to further their course.

Why? Kenyans have come a long way and hence know how discern the truth and lies.

You are the same groups challenging the previous governments to live up to thier pledge of slaying the dragon of corruption.

What has changed? Is it because you do not like Dr Ruto who won the elections? The country is not run the same way as your home.

As a Christian, allow me to say this. We normally invoke the word of heaven when things go wrong.

Here the President was talking about chronic corruption that has over permeated the sugar sector. Mumias is a case study because it was the largest company. The previous efforts to resuscitate it had hit a dead end.

The area residents have born the brunt of this. Being a God fearing man, Ruto knew this. The efforts of man can fail and what we have witnessed is a clear testimony.

However, God will never fail. He is a God of miracles and comes in a mysterious and miraculous ways.

So you may think that you are very smart in the art of stealing and eating the sweat of the poor people but God is there and you cannot escape His wrath.

When your day come, He will take all you have stolen and take it back to the rightfully owners.

God gives life and it is only him who can take away your life.

This is the point that Dr Ruto put across.

I therefore fully concurred with him. There is nothing to apologize about. He stated the obvious.

Corrupt riddled personalities must brace to bear the consequences. This is include facing the wrath of God.

I'm, therefore, persuaded to believe that the fear of God is what prompted Rai and his accomplices to withdraw the cases against the Mumia Sugar company.

They knew that their actions were ungodly.

For Dr Ruto, he had played the role of a preacher who enjoyed the full blessings of God.

You are the root cause of the pains and suffering the people of Mumias were going through.

If you fail to mend your ways, a calamity may befell you. Don't say I did not warn you.

On taking them to prison, the President was just reiterating his constitutional roles and responsibilities. As the CEO of this nation, he was entitled to challenge the anti-graft institutions to pull up their socks and deal with these problems. Dr Ruto passed his message in a brief.

On taking them back to thier respective countries, the President had in mind the deportation law.

If you are a foreigner and you are indicted for engaging in economic sabotage and other criminal activities, the government is duty bound to revoke your citizenship, work permit and eventually deport you.

So, for me, those fighting the President did not believe in war against corruption.

I was not surprised when I heard Raila's brother Oburu Odinga and Siaya governor James Orengo taking on the President.

Reports indicated the Kisumu-based Mollasses plant, one of Odingas' flagship projects, was a key beneficiaries of Mumia Sugar company's underhand dealings.

The Mollasses plant had sole access to some of Mumia company's raw materials needed to manufacture its products. This after the Odinga family allegedly signed a number of dubious contracts.

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Kenya Pledges To Combat Climate Change Impacts On Health

By: Margaret Kalekye

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to combatting the adverse effects of climate change on both the environment and public health.

Speaking on the eve of the Africa Climate Summit that kicks off in Nairobi, Kenya Monday, September 4th, the Ministry of Health pledged its commitment to addressing what it describes as previously overlooked impacts of health activities on Climate change.

Public Health and Professional Standards Permanent Secretary Mary Muthoni says implementation of groundbreaking initiatives to mitigate climate change is on course with plans underway to scale up in 47 counties.

The programmes include solarizing health facilities, prioritizing eco-friendly products and equipment and adopting non-burn technology for clinical waste management in high-volume healthcare facilities across the nation.

"This pioneering endeavor, valued at Kenya Shillings 2.5 billion, has the potential to be scaled up in the 47 counties," she said in a statement.

She acknowledges that the ramifications of climate change on health are undeniable, with rising temperatures, extreme weather events and shifting disease patterns posing a significant threat.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that the health sector is now recognised as the main source of Green House Gas emissions with an annual production equaling production by 514 coal-fired power plants.

In Kenya, five of the leading causes of death are climate-sensitive and are expected to be exacerbated by projected climate variability and change.

In 2019, lower respiratory infections accounted for 7.3 pc of all deaths. tuberculosis (5.7 %), diarrheal diseases (6.3 %), malaria (2.7 %), nutritional diseases and neonatal disorders (6.2 %), and acute respiratory infections accounted for 19 % of all outpatient cases in Kenya.

"Climate impacts and climate change-related health risks disproportionately affect the poor and vulnerable especially those in rural remote ("cos. women and girls, children, and the elderly, those with preexisting conditions, internally displaced people, and refugees" she says.

With Kenya hosting the historic event that brings together over 30,000 delegates, the PS says it's an opportunity for the country to showcase its accomplishments and initiatives including in the critical intersection of Climate Change and Health.

WHAT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS DONE TO REDUCE THESE EMISSIONS

#Establish an Air Pollution Center of Excellence at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), aiming to become a cutting-edge research hub on air pollution and health.

#The Ministry is in the process of developing the Kenya Climate Change and Health Strategy (KCCHS) 2023-2027, a comprehensive blueprint that will guide long-term and short-term actions in the crucial nexus of climate change and health.

#Healthcare providers have been trained on the use of the carbon management tool to calculate and track the carbon footprint of healthcare operations.

Midnight Fire Renders More Than 50 Families Homeless In Limuru

By: Ephantus Githua

More than 50 families have been rendered homeless while property worth millions of shillings was destroyed by a raging midnight fire at farmers village in Limuru, Kiambu County.

The fire whose cause is still unknown is said to have started in one of the houses before it spread to the rest.

The distraught victims who could not salvage anything are appealing for help.

" We are calling on the National and County governments to set a Disaster Emergency Fund that will be used to give support to business people who are affected by infernos to rebuild again," one of the relatives said.

According to Limuru Sub County Police Commander Philip Mwania, police have launched investigations into the incident.

The cause of the fire remains unknown

NPCC Kicks Off Productivity Mainstreaming Programs In MDAs

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Labor & Skills Development Principal Secretary Geoffrey Kaituko.

The National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre (NPCC) in the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Ministry of Labour and Social protection has kicked off Productivity mainstreaming program across all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the country.

The event marks the beginning of implementation of the first activity in the productivity mainstreaming program in the public service which is one of the performance targets set for all MDAs in the 20th cycle of public sector performance contracting 2023/24 FY.

Speaking during the sensitization workshops held in the Central and Upper Eastern regions of the country, the Secretary Productivity Dr. Nahashon L. Moitaleel noted that raising productivity levels of the country is one of the key factors identified in realising the aspirations of the current Government's Bottom up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The Secretary also highlighted that his office is ready to offer any support to ensure productivity mainstreaming in the public service is undertaken successively for the overall good of this Nation.

He urged MDAs to undertake the following steps in order to achieve the goal of productivity mainstreaming: Nominate and sensitize productivity management committee on productivity; Develop productivity measurement metrics under the guidance of NPCC; Collect the necessary productivity measurement data based on the metrics developed; Compute a productivity index for their organization; and develop productivity improvement strategy and start implementing it.

Since the development of Productivity Measurement Framework by NPCC, the Centre has trained 122 MDAs on productivity management. Twenty-two (22) of these MDAs have been supported by NPCC in the development of productivity metrics, data collection and computation of a Productivity Index.

In Kenya, productivity growth is envisioned in Kenya's Constitution as a precursor of attainment of inherent rights of the citizens and the pursuit of productivity growth speaks directly to the aspirations of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 on promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable Economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Accelerating Adoption Of Sustainable Mobility Ahead Of Africa Climate Summit

By: Christine Muchira

Ahead of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit (ACS), Africa is poised to take a giant leap forward in the realm of clean, affordable, and accessible mobility with Rall_E, an electric mobility workstream comprising engineers, entrepreneurs, academics, and government officials.

This initiative serves as a catalyst for sustainable transportation solutions across the African continent.

Rall_E is an initiative by TES Network which aims to showcase a collection of side events organised around the Africa Climate Action Summit to accelerate sustainable mobility across. These events will bring together the continent's electric mobility ecosystem and will offer a dynamic prelude to the highly anticipated Africa Climate Summit (ACS).

The Rall_E event kicked off with a parade on September 3rd, featuring an array of electric vehicles, from bicycles and motorcycles to personal cars and buses to underscore the potential of electric mobility.

There was also an Electric Mobility Pavilion at Uhuru Park that showcased cutting-edge developments in electric mobility, bringing together academia, industry leaders, and supporting institutions. Attendees got the opportunity to explore the forefront of sustainable transportation firsthand.

More than 80 investors from across the globe convened, both physically and remotely, to explore opportunities for investment and collaboration. In partnership with the Africa E-Mobility Alliance, this dedicated space promises to catalyse the future of sustainable mobility in Africa.

"This is a declaration of Africa's determination to lead in the electric mobility revolution. With governments, industries, and innovators coming together, we are writing a new chapter for our continent's sustainable future. This gathering signifies that Kenya and in deed Africa are not only ready but eager to embrace electric mobility as a path to cleaner air, economic growth, and job creation", said Mohamed Ali, Kenya's Special Climate Envoy.

Rall_E embodies the spirit of collaboration and innovation essential for addressing the pressing challenges of climate change. By bringing together stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and finance, Rall_E sets the stage for tangible, impactful change in the realm of sustainable transportation.

"Africa's journey towards electric mobility is a journey towards a brighter, cleaner, and more prosperous future. Rall_E 2023 is the ignition for this transformative path, where we unite under the banner of sustainability. We believe electric mobility is not just a trend but a commitment to reducing emissions, enhancing energy security, and delivering affordable, reliable transportation to our people"added Johnson Sakaja, Governor Nairobi County.

As the world grapples with the climate crisis, this event not only highlights Africa's potential in the electric mobility sector but also underscores the urgency of adopting sustainable solutions to combat climate change. Rall_E is a testament to the region's commitment to sustainability and its dedication to shaping a greener, more eco-conscious future.

Don't Be Afraid

Let's restart our life with you,
Again you will become my lover.
I will finish our sad story,
Because your absence make me suffer.

We will start from the beginning,
Your love is real, but mine is fake.
You will wait for me impatiently,
But at that time I don't care.

Let's restart our love story,
It is my turn to be loved.
Love me so hard and much
And the whole world will be surprised.

Let's restart, don't be afraid,
And I will make your soul cry.
At the end of your fake love
I can go like you without anxiety.

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Without A Flower Of Paradise – Dear Mother!

By: Abdullayeva Marjona

My worldly treasure,
My comfort, my support, my medicine,
You are the most beautiful of all,
You are a flower of heaven, dear mother!

The light of my eyes, the flower of my basil,
My sun, my moon, the light of my face,
I am happy for you,
You are a flower of heaven, dear mother!

Our President

Always thinking about the country's sorrow,
You will never get tired.
Rest in peace, this is my country,
You will not miss any service.

Always fresh, fast,
You will take a step,
Don't be afraid, always go forward.
You choose us.

You are always an example for us,
Let us be like you
Let's be patriotic and serve the country.

Salomova Bahora daughter was born 2008 year Kashkadarya region Shakhrisabz district.

Today Is My Birthday!

I always set goals for myself in my life, sometimes I faced betrayals of people and friends. As you get older, you start to differentiate between people and life. Today I welcome my 20th fall season. If my achievements up to this age are a dream for someone, there are many achievements and plans that I have not achieved up to this age. Some people find joy in my presence in this world, some people don't like me.
I have always been interested in writing poems and articles and reading books. These interests from my youth are the foundation of my goals to this day! Today is my birthday!
If I have benefited anyone before this age, I may have hurt someone. But everything happens in this life and people look for ways to find easy solutions to everything. O youth of my life.... keep me away every fall!

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Cybersecurity in Healthcare: Analysis of Threats, Trends, and Strategies

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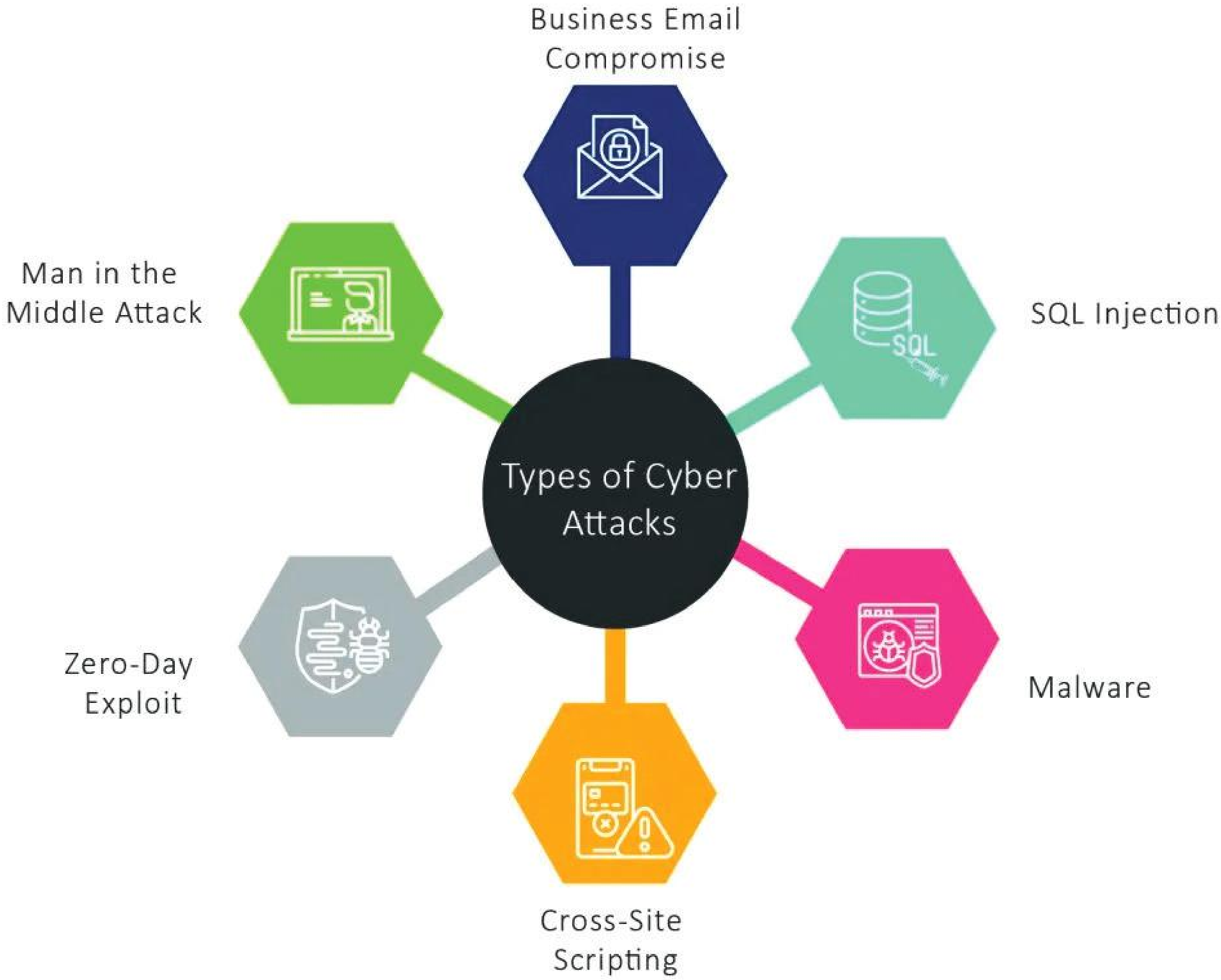

Worth Noting:

- The healthcare sector has witnessed several trends in recent years. Martin et al. (2017) assert that ransomware attacks, where cybercriminals encrypt an organization's data and demand a ransom for its release, have become increasingly prevalent.
- Coventry and Branley (2018) highlight the challenges healthcare organizations face in maintaining cybersecurity.
- To address these challenges, healthcare organizations must adopt proactive cybersecurity measures. Kruse et al. (2017) suggest that regular risk assessments and vulnerability testing can help identify and mitigate potential weaknesses.

Introduction

Healthcare organizations today are more reliant on digital technologies than ever before. Electronic Health Records (EHRs), telemedicine, and interconnected medical devices have transformed healthcare delivery. While these innovations bring numerous benefits, they also introduce vulnerabilities to cyberattacks. This research article explores the current state of cybersecurity in healthcare, drawing insights from recent studies, including "Cybersecurity in healthcare: A systematic review of modern threats and trends" by Kruse et al. (2017), "Cybersecurity in healthcare: A narrative review of trends, threats, and ways forward" by Coventry and Branley (2018), "Cybersecurity and healthcare: how safe are we?" by Martin et al. (2017), and "Influence of human factors on cybersecurity within healthcare organizations: A systematic review" by Nifakos et al. (2021).

The Landscape of Threats

Kruse et al. (2017) emphasize that healthcare is particularly susceptible to cyber threats due to the vast amount of sensitive patient data stored electronically. Threat actors target this data for various reasons, including identity theft, financial gain, and espionage. Coventry and Branley (2018) further elaborate on this, highlighting that healthcare data is often more valuable on the black market than other types of personal information, making it a prime target.

Trends in Healthcare Cybersecurity

The healthcare sector has witnessed several trends in recent years. Martin et al. (2017) assert that ransomware attacks, where cybercriminals encrypt an organization's data and demand a ransom for its release, have become increasingly prevalent. They note that such attacks can have dire consequences, disrupting patient care and potentially endangering lives. Additionally, as Nifakos et al. (2021) point out, there is a growing awareness of the role of human factors in cybersecurity. Employees within healthcare organizations can inadvertently compromise security through actions like clicking on phishing emails or sharing passwords.

Challenges and Vulnerabilities

Coventry and Branley (2018) highlight the challenges healthcare organizations face in maintaining cybersecurity. They note that many hospitals and clinics have limited IT resources, which can hinder their ability to implement robust security measures. Additionally, the diverse range of medical devices connected to networks creates vulnerabilities, as these devices may lack adequate security features.

Strategies for Improved Cybersecurity

To address these challenges, healthcare organizations must adopt proactive cybersecurity measures. Kruse et al. (2017) suggest that regular risk assessments and vulnerability testing can help identify and mitigate potential weaknesses. Coventry and Branley (2018) recommend training staff to recognize phishing attempts and other common cyber threats. Martin et al. (2017) emphasize the importance of incident response plans that outline steps to take in the event of a cyberattack.


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Children In 98 Per Cent Of African Countries At High Or Extremely High Risk Of The Impacts Of Climate Change: UNICEF

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Worth Noting:

- **"It is clear that the youngest members of African society are bearing the brunt of the harsh effects of climate change," Lieke van de Wiel, Deputy Director, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa region, said. "They are the least able to cope, due to physiological vulnerability and poor access to essential social services. We need to see a stronger focusing of funding towards this group, so they are equipped to face a lifetime of climate-induced disruptions."**
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Rose Mwebaza, Regional Director for Africa for UNEP

New report reveals, despite the risks, only 2.4 per cent of global climate funding targets children

Children in Africa are among the most at risk of the impacts of climate change but are woefully neglected by the key climate financing flows required to help them adapt, survive and respond to the climate crisis.

According to a UNICEF report released today, Time to Act: African children in the climate change spotlight, children in 48 out of 49 African countries assessed, are categorized as at high or extremely high risk of the impacts of climate change. The analysis assesses countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks, such as cyclones and heatwaves, as well as their vulnerability to those shocks, based on their access to essential services.

Children living in the Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Guinea, Somalia and Guinea-Bissau are the most at risk.

In response to this increased risk to children, the report examines how multilateral climate funds (MCF) are targeting their resources. Just 2.4% of this key global climate funding can be classified as supporting child-responsive activities, with an average value of just $71 million per year. If the target group is increased to include youth, the figure rises to just 6.6% of total MCF spending.

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Despite substantial progress made by virtually all countries in the provision of essential services, persistent challenges contribute to an increased vulnerability for children, including limited access to good quality health and nutrition services, a lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene, limited access to quality education and high levels of poverty.

Worryingly, the report reveals a strong correlation between countries with poor rankings on health, nutrition, WASH services and those ranking high or extremely high on the Children's Climate Risk Index, highlighting how vulnerable these children are to the impacts of climate change. At the same time, children and young people are instrumental to long-term change and sustainability. Their ideas, creativity and skills need to be taken seriously and become integrated integral part of the solutions including policy and financing, as the time to act is now.

UNICEF and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are working together on an increasing number of projects that demonstrate how communities across Africa can become more resilient as they adapt to the impacts of a changing climate.

In the Sahel, a region that saw a wave of deadly climate-related disasters in 2022, UNICEF and partners implemented an integrated, people-centred approach across five social sectors including health, nutrition, water, education and protection services. The programme empowered communities to mitigate the effects of shocks and stresses and manage residual risks through participatory planning and comprehensive service delivery. Since 2020, the programme has ensured that at least 3 million vulnerable people, of which 2.7 million are children, have access to essential services, especially in times of climate-induced shock and stress.

In the coastal region of Tanzania, a UNEP programme is working to reduce the damaging impact of sea-level rise on infrastructure through investing in seawalls, relocating boreholes, restoring mangrove forests and building rainwater harvesting systems through an all-ecosystem based approach to adaptation. As a result, the ability of the coastal communities to withstand rising sea-levels has increased and has also led to health improvements for the population through access to safe, clean water.

UNEP, UNICEF and the International Labour Organization (ILO), are working together with young people, governments, employers' and workers' organizations, and the private sector to design and implement the Green Jobs for Youth Pact. The Pact aims to develop 1 million new green jobs, transform 1 million existing jobs, and help 10,000 young green entrepreneurs start their businesses by 2030.

Rose Mwebaza, Regional Director for Africa for UNEP: "Young people have done the least to change the climate and, in Africa, are on the receiving end of its worst effects. We are working to support countries to adapt and build resilience in a rapidly changing climate through nature-based solutions, as well as investing in young people with the green skills and mindsets to support this urgent transition. But to see results, we must see a radical increase in investment in a sustainable future for young Africans."

Ruto's 'Heaven Remark' Was Being Blown Out Of Proportions

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Worth Noting:

- **Raila does not believe in the war on official corruption. To understand this better, just look at his history?**
- **When he served as a Prime Minister during the tenure of President Mwai Kibaki, corruption was rife in office. Kazi Kwa Vijana, Triton Oil, maize scandals and the rot at the Immigration Department (it was headed by the late minister Otieno Kajwang) were among the vices listed and documented.**
- **During the era of President Uhuru Kenyatta, it was the same story. He saw no evil, see no evil after he forced his way into Uhuru's Jubilee administration.**
- **This partnership heralded in birth of 'handshake' government. Corruption thrived under this system that was widely seen and described as a mongrel kind of an animal.**

In the countdown to 2022 General Elections, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga portrayed his main competitor Dr William Ruto as a person who never believed in the fight against corruption.

You will regret if you fail to heed my call, he warned. His call resonated very well with some human rights groups and non-state actors.

However, majority of Kenyans would not agree with Raila. Infact, the more he made the claims the more they distanced themselves from him.

They would read this as a ploy meant to endear himself to the masses and thereafter turn deaf ear.

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This partnership heralded in birth of 'handshake' government. Corruption thrived under this system that was widely seen and described as a mongrel kind of an animal.

Yes, during the campaigns Dr William Ruto did not talk much about corruption.

But one year since he assumed office, President Ruto has demonstrated he is a leader who believed in actions but not empty rhetoric.

A few days ago, he fired a stern warning to the corrupt riddled personalities in private sector and government. He in particular trained hid eyes on the woes facing the Mumia Sugar company.

As it turns out, his remarks have sent cold shivers down the spine of those who were shouting from the rooftops during the campaigns that they will fight corruption if they win election.

Reports indicated that some of the Azimio leaders are quietly sympathizing with the billionare Jaswant Singh Rai, a sugar baron and one of the key players behind the woes facing Mumia Sugar company.

For human rights groups, they have come out openly to castigate Ruto's remarks and this would be interpreted as supporting the embattled billionare of Asian origin.

Remember these are the same groups which were previously rooting for a corruption free country.

They used to talk tough by challenging the government of the day to use all means at their disposal to deal with the lords of graft.

They now want President Ruto to retract and apologize for his 'heaven' remark. Dr Ruto has maintained his stance. This has borne the fruits. The billionare have since withdrawn all the cases he had filed against Mumia company.

As a Christian, allow me to say this. Dr Ruto does not take people to heaven. God gives life and it is only Him who can take it away. Dr Ruto is a God fearing leader and he knows this.

The believers would agree with me. It is hard to interpret His workings. He comes in many ways and in miraculous ways.

This is the message that Dr Ruto was sending across. If your work is to steal and enrich yourself with sweat of the poor people, you cannot go far. You will face the wrath of God and at some point, the whip of our Good Lord will fall on you. Remember one of the Commandments of God is that you should not steal

President William Ruto made the remarks during a recent five-day working tour of Western Kenya.

The President's visited the region while carrying a bagful of goodies and took the opportunity to fulfill some of the key pre-election promises.

Yes, some of the projects he launched had been started by his predecessor, President Uhuru Kenyatta. They were however left uncompleted after the 'handshake' government came to power.

This happened at a time when the Jubilee government was implementing the mega projects outlined in the Big 4 Agenda. The move disrupted and jeopardized the plan.

Dr William Ruto was the Deputy President at the time and his working chemistry with President Uhuru Kenyatta was very cordial before the handshake.

He had now been sidelined as Kenyatta favored his partner Raila Odinga.

The situation had taken a turn for the worse when President Uhuru kicked out Dr Ruto from overseeing and monitoring the implementation of these projects.

He replaced him with the Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiangi who did very little in terms of meeting the targets.

This explains why Dr Ruto minced no words during the campaigns in assuring Kenyans that he would complete all the stalled projects. This will go along way with the rollout of the new ones.

The Western tour came hot on heels of a six-day tour he had made in the Mount Kenya region, the President left no doubt that he is committed to walk the talk.

We know that sugarcane farming stood out as the economic mainstay for many residents in that region.

But for last two decades or so they would only toil in their farms with nothing to be proud off or smile about.

The sugar barons and cartels had captured the sugar millers and were eating all their sweat.

The previous governments had not made any efforts to address this matter that was worth to talk about.

Media reports at the time indicated that the sugar cartels were untouchable

President William Ruto

because they enjoyed protection from their accomplices in high levels of the government.

This would raise the question. Was the state committed to revive the sector or it was just taking the farmers for a big ride?

To succeed with the sabotage plan, the sugar barons would resort to filing numerous cases in courts.

Majority would be filed by those posturing as creditors and their eyes would be mainly trained on Mumia Sugar factory.

This would become their cash cow as the billions of shillings released by the National Treasury to bailout the factory would end up lining up their pockets.

The lawyers representing them are among those who would take the lion share.

It is worth noting Mumia Sugar factory belong to the people.

During the campaign President Ruto promised the residents that he would revive it as a matter of priority.

Take this from me. If you elect me to be your President, it will no longer be business as usual.

I will deal with these cartels. They will no longer eat your sweat. The factory will regain its lost glory.

Earlier reports had indicated it was being used by the barons as a storage for the sugar smuggled from our neighboring countries.

Further, the factory would be used as a safe haven for repackaging and rebranding it as 'Mumia sugar'.

Given this scenerio, one can understand where President Ruto was coming from when he made the remarks that continue to draw divided opinions.

The President fired a warning to the cartels, telling them to withdraw the court cases. These cases are designed to achieve one goal. Sabotage the efforts of my government to revive this factory, yet it belongs to the people of Kenya.

I will not allow this to happen again. He told the sugar barons. If you fail to heed my call, you should brace for three things. We will take you to prison, ask you to leave Kenya or take a 'trip to heaven'.

I want to tell his critics. The President is not a supernatural being. He is a human being just like you. So at a time he can get worked up and annoyed.

Remember he was responding to a plea from area Mumia East MP Salasya.

His critics wanted Kenyans to believe that Dr Ruto was taking the country back to the dark days.

As such, his actions were allegedly meant to undermine the institutions created to handle matters of human rights and expedite the wheels of judicial processes.

How? I disagree. Since he assumed office, President has remained on the course. This is in terms of respecting, upholding and defending the provisions of the constitution and the rule of law.

As a result, the drivers of these institutions were doing their job without looking over shoulders.

This is unlike during the reigns of the previous regimes.

It is worth to note this. For the last one year he has been at the helm of power, President Ruto has suffered a number of setbacks in the corridor of justice. This is regard to losing cases that he had a lot of interest in.

He would accept the verdicts in good faith. In some cases, the Attorney General's office would file appeals.

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PS Mangeni Commends Synergy Between National and County Govts.

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The Principal Secretary in the State Department of Micro & Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Susan Mang'eni, has underscored the collaborative opportunity between the State Department of MSMEs and the County Governments in bolstering agricultural initiatives and fostering capacity building.

The PS made the remarks at a stakeholder's forum in Olkalou, Nyandarua County. The meeting discussed the progress and operationalization of the Cold Storage Facility in Olkalou.

The PS also expressed her gratitude for the support extended by the Governor of Nyandarua County Kiarie Badilisha and the county commissioner's office.

The PS was joined by Micro Small Enterprises Authority Board Chairman James Mureu, MSEA Board members Mr. Adan Sheikh, Mr. Billy Baltazar, Mr. Joseph Mbeva, Dr. Charles Kalomba, Margaret Njoroge and the Director General/CEO MSEA Henry Rithaa.

The meeting marked the inception of discussions pertaining to the operationalization of the cold storage to address farmers' post-harvest losses and value addition that will enhance their profit margins.

PS Susan Mangeni in a forum in Olkalou, Nyandarua County.

KDF Rangers, GSU Secure KICC's Red Zone Ahead Of Africa Climate Summit

By: Capital News

to augment the General Service Unit-led security cordon around Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) ahead of the Africa Climate Summit.

The elite team joined the specialized police unit, GSU, that deployed along a 2km perimeter entailing a Red Zone around the KICC.

The multi-agency team supported by regular and traffic police units is tasked to secure KICC, the primary venue for the three-day summit, and the surrounding areas, and coordinate seamless movement with over seventeen Heads of State and 20,000 delegates expected to attend.

Authorities have taken extensive measures to secure the 2km perimeter Red Zone entailing KICC, Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sheria House, Jogoo House and Supreme Court ahead of the summit set to kick of on Monday.

While providing, an update on the security measures in place, Nairobi regional police commander Adamson Bungei said police had designated several roads within Nairobi CBD as red zones reserved for Africa Climate Summit delegates.

Traffic management

Bungei said the cordon which took effect on Friday seeks to facilitate smooth movement for the delegates during the conference.

"There will be some changes in terms of service delivery in our roads within the CBD.There some areas that have been marked as red zones and the most affected areas within the red zone will be Harambee Avenue, Taifa road, to include Reinsurance plaza," said Bungei.

Bungei also listed City Hall Way, Wabera Street as well Parliament Road among affected roads.

Otumbo, Pension, Parliament and Haile Selassie lanes which link the designted roads will also be closed.

Authorities have taken extensive measures to secure the 2km perimeter Red Zone entailing KICC, Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sheria House, Jogoo House and Supreme Court ahead of the summit set to kick of on Monday/CFM-Sharon Resian .

Bungei called on motorists to avoid inconvenience by using alternative routes which include the Eastern bypass, Wangari Maathai Road, Outer ring Road as well as the Southern bypass.

The police listed Valley Road, Lusaka Road, Haile Selassie Avenue and University Way as alternative routes for accessing the Central Business District.

The summit aims to champion a green growth agenda and climate finance solutions for Africa and the world.

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On Tuesday, Haaland was named PFA Player of the Year. On Thursday, he got a similar award from Uefa.

Here, he was back doing what he does best – putting the ball into the net, as he took his tally to six for the campaign.

Haaland had set up the opener for Julian Alvarez – and with the score at 2-1 going into the second half, the favour was returned, as the Argentine sent him charging into the box with a fine first-time pass for City's third.

The Norwegian then kept his nerve to score City's fourth from the penalty spot after Issa Diop had fouled Alvarez.

Haaland had already been named man of the match when he applied the superb first-time finish to Sergio Gomez's cut-back to claim yet another match ball.

Fulham would argue the pivotal moment in the game came just before the break, after Tim Ream had equalised within a minute of Alvarez's opener on the half hour.

Video assistant referee Tony Harrington ruled an offside Manuel Akanji was not interfering with play as Nathan Ake's 10-yard header bounced past him, even though the Swiss made a play for the ball.

Fulham boss Marco Silva evidently thought otherwise and was booked as he led the protests.

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Mutuku Lauds Government Cash Reward Scheme To Athletes

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According to NOCK Secretary General Francis Mutuku, the new move is a game changer aimed at spurring growth and development of the game ahead Paris Olympics set for next year 2024.

"The cash awards scheme introduced by the government gives excellent ground for Olympics preparation and participation.

Sports is professional, and in a generation that supports artistry, now more than before, there are more and more young people taking sports as their profession" he wrote in his weekly Sunday column in a local daily

On Thursday, Sports Principal Secretary Eng. Peter Tum revealed the government has been working on a policy that will see all top achievers get rewarded, commensurate to the amount of work they have put in to raise the country's flag high.

"We are introducing cash awards and it is something they (athletes) will be happy about. We have been working on a policy that must work towards improving their allowances. This group will be paid well as we work towards implementing this policy," remarked Tum

On Friday, President Ruto presided over a ceremony in Nairobi where athletes who recently excelled in international competitions were gifted hefty cash awards in an improved state reward scheme

This follows Kenya's heroic showing at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary where they finished the competition in position five globally, topping the African chart after bagging 10 medals; three gold, three silver and three bronze medals.

Among those who were feted include double world champion Faith Kipyegon and World 800 metres gold medallist Mary Moraa.Kipyegon pocketed Sh4m — Sh2m for her victory in 5,000m and a similar amount for claiming gold in 1,500m, while Moraa got a Sh2m reward.

Previously a gold, silver and bronze medallist in Olympics was awarded Sh750,000, Sh500,000 and Sh350,000 respectively. This has been revised to Sh3 million, Sh2 million and Sh1 million respectively. Olympics, Paralympics, Special Olympics and Deaflympics have been put at the highest level and fall in this category

In July this year, Mutuku in a meeting with the Sports and Culture Committee to deliberate on the preparedness of Team Kenya ahead of the Games said he expects Kenya to take a team of 100 athletes to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

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Kinya Nina, An Active Mental Health Advocate And Published Author

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Kinya Nina is an active mental health advocate and a certified HIV and AIDs counselor. She is a published author of books that create awareness on the existence of mental health as well as strategies to manage mental disorders.

The books are:

- The How's of Anger
- Thrive.

Co-author of:

- Letting go
- The Healing Face.

She is the founder and Director of Sound Mental Health which is a youth led forum that aims at eradicating stigma and ignorance around mental health. Nina is also a trainer under the Barrier Breakers Youth initiative. Barrier Breakers Youth initiative is an institution that is passionate about impacting youths and students. It is sponsored by The Lions Club of Gigiri. We train adolescents on issues affecting them; we train on Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights. Mothers are also trained on Building Healthy relationships with Children. She also takes part in twitter spaces hosted by:

- Chiromo Hospital group
- The Mental Spot which is a mental health agency from Uganda.

She has worked with The University of Nairobi Red Cross team where we interact with students on matters pertaining mental wellness. I have also partnered with Usikimye foundation to pscho-educate community members from Soweto, Kawangware Kenya on Gender Based Violence. Usikimye is an organization in Nairobi that works with society members to eradicate Gender Based Violence cases through training and also donations. Being an active advocate, She also do a show every Monday from 5:00 pm- 6:00pm at Seito FM regarding 'Afya ya Akili' and she volunteers in running a psycho-social support group at YMCA central. Currently working at The University of Nairobi as a student counselor.

The books are found in Savannis bookshop in Nairobi or at Nuria Stores, Moi bazaar.- https://nuriakenya.com/product/the-hows-of-anger-by-kinya-gitonga/ Equally one can order via 0796037994 or Kinyanina51@gmail.com. Free deliveries within CBD @ KSH.600

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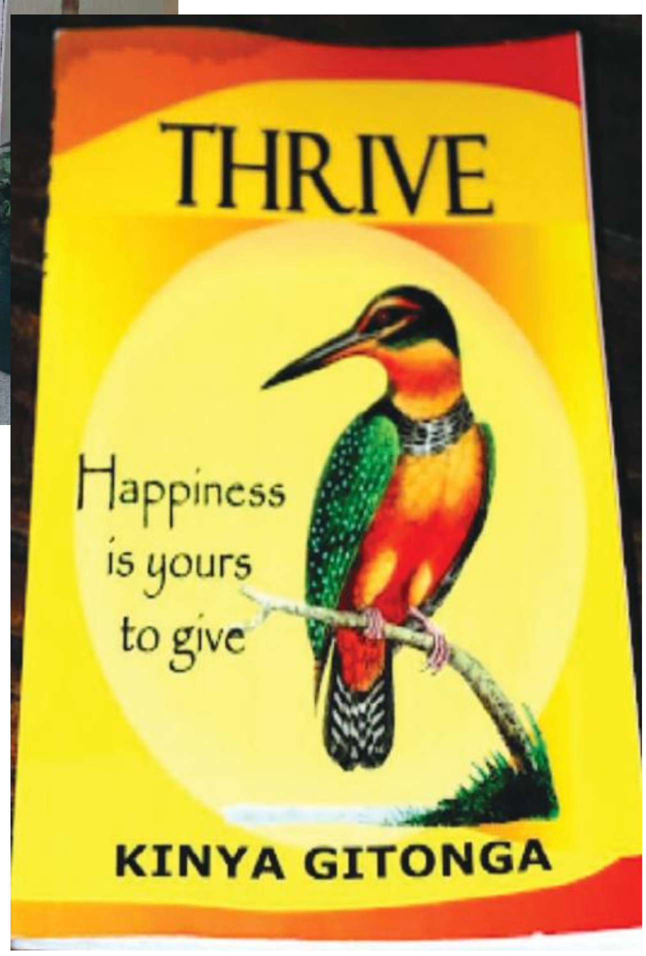

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