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The First Lady Rachel Ruto hosted dignitaries at the First Lady's Pavilion at the Africa Climate Summit 2023 in Nairobi, to discuss the important role of education and skills development in building a sustainable future, as well as the role of women as we transition to clean energy.

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President William Ruto addressing the Summit yesterday

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Sueths Learnt Of Worldcoin Activities Through 'Fichua' Platform And The Media – DCI Boss

By: PSCU



Worth Noting:

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Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie making a point during yesterday's proceedings

The National Assembly's joint Ad hoc committee investigating activities of the controversial data mining company Worldcoin resumed its sittings yesterday with the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Mohamed Amin taking the witness' stand.

Accompanied by the Head of Cyber Crime Simon Kipruto, the Deputy Director of Investigations at the DCI Paul Wachira, and Michael Sang who is in charge of the Serious Crimes Unit, Amin told the committee that the DCI learnt about the activities of Worldcoin on 31st of July 2023 through the Fichua platform, mainstream media and the social media.

"On the said date, the DCI was drawn through DCI's Fuchua platform and other media concerning the alleged illegal collection of biometric data, specifical-

ly the scanning of irises of members of public in exchange of KSh7,000 worth of Worldcoin tokens by an entity known as Worldcoin in various parts of the country. Our investigators were dispatched to Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) where we found over two thousand people queuing. Despite the organizers producing a certificate of registration in the name of Tools for Humanity Corporation from the Data Protection Commissioner issued on 18th April 2023, statements have been recorded and we can confirm that due process of registration for the activities was not followed," said the DCI boss.

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In his response, the DCI boss told the committee that the role played by all those involved is still under investigations.

"We would like to tell this committee that all these people have been summoned and have recorded statements, we just need to look at the law, gather evidence not rumours and we shall soon conclude on who bears criminal culpability to be charged," he added.

Amin however called on Kenyans who may be having any information that could aid in the investigation to share with the DCI.

The committee led by Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West) is expecting to host Worldcoin management this week, among other witnesses as it delves deeper into its investigation.



DCI boss Mohamed Amin taking oath before testifying before the AdHoc committee yesterday

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Nakuru East Senior Deputy County Commissioner Were Simiyu has called on care-givers to ensure all elderly persons are enrolled in Inua Jamii, a cash transfer programme targeting senior citizens aged 70 and above. The exercise began at Barut Chiefs Camp and will continue at Magoon Chief's Camp and Kwa Musumba Church. Senior citizens born before 1953 will receive a monthly stipend of Sh2,000 until September 15, unless they are on a government pension. Simiyu emphasised the importance of upholding senior citizens' dignity to ensure they can continue their livelihoods and access medication. The government has up-scaled the programme to accommodate 2.5 million people in three years, with the ongoing registration target of enlisting 500,000 new applicants aged 70 and above.



Kajiado County women are encouraged to join cooperative societies to improve their financial well-being and living standards. Janet Sereu, Executive Committee Member for Gender, Co-operatives, Culture, Tourism, and Wildlife, emphasises the role of cooperative societies in economic growth and fostering a savings and investment culture. She urges women to join legally registered groups to avoid being conned by rogue individuals. Women are crucial to Kenya's socio-economic development, especially in agriculture, small-scale industries, and savings and credit services.

Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja has emphasised the importance of Green Construction for Nairobi's climate goals and economic growth. The governor says he believes that young people can contribute to building housing infrastructure, creating more jobs, and increasing revenue. Nairobi City County has completed a preliminary IFC EDGE building assessment, aiming to become the first IFC EDGE Green Government Building in Africa. EDGE is an innovation by the International Finance Corporation that helps property developers create resource-efficient buildings quickly, easily, and affordably. The Pre-Africa Climate Summit (Pre-ACS) event aims to mobilise sustainable finance and partnerships for the built environment, as green buildings are part of the Sustainable Urbanisation and Infrastructure track.



The Kenya Fatwa Council (KENFAT) held a homecoming ceremony for newly appointed Chief Kadhi Abdulhalim Hussein in Mombasa, attended by Muslim leaders from Tanzania, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Uganda. Abdulhalim was appointed by the Judicial Service Commission in July. The Kadhis' Court, which determines Muslim law questions, is limited to personal status, marriage, divorce, or inheritance. The Chief Kadhi will head 43 courts across the country, assisted by 50 Kadhis. EALA MP Suleiman Shahbal urged Muslim leaders to address social and economic problems in the community, such as single mothers, lack of consultation with women, and a lack of education performance in the Coast region.



Nyeri County's Department of Social Services and Kiandu Transformation Network partnered to equip Kiandu Primary School Library with books during a book drive. The initiative aimed to promote knowledge, education, literacy, community responsibility, and personal development, addressing Tetu's lack of a public library.



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Speaker Kingi Hails New Climate Law, Terming It Game-Changer In Addressing Carbon Credit Trade

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Worth Noting:

- The passage of the law in the run-up to the Africa Climate Summit being hosted in Nairobi by President William Samoei Ruto, placed Kenya in the lead in crafting elaborate climate response mechanisms, the Speaker emphasised.
- “While the parent Climate Change Act of 2016 was an overarching framework for climate-responsive governance, it fell short in addressing the intricate mechanics of carbon trading—a pivotal tool for achieving emission reduction targets and promoting sustainable development.
- “The new law fills this legal gap, providing a structured framework to engage in carbon trading, thereby incentivizing emission reduction efforts and catalyzing investment in sustainable technologies and practices,” Speaker Kingi pointed out.

Speaker of the Senate Amason Kingi has hailed the enactment of the new law on climate change, terming it a game changer in regulation of the critical carbon credit trade.

Terming the carbon market as a key element in addressing sustainability of climate actions and rewarding green initiatives, Kingi commended Kenyan legislators for giving priority to the law – Climate Change (Amendment) Act, 2023.

The Speaker made the remarks when he officially opened the Parliamentarians’ Dialogue, an engagement for legislators, which is running alongside the Africa Climate Summit currently underway at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Act was assented to by President Ruto last Friday after being passed by the National Assembly and, later, approved by the Senate.

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The Speaker challenged parliamentarians to be ready to go the extra mile



Senate Speaker Amason Kingi walking to the podium to address the delegates.

in addressing the climate change-induced problems affecting the populations they represent, beyond their traditional roles of legislation, representation and oversight.

“We can no longer sit back and wait to react in knee-jerk fashion. We are duty-bound to roll-up our sleeves, as the people’s representatives, use our rapport with the masses to proactively de-escalate fragile situations that continue to nourish instability across Mother Africa,” he said.

Dr Mithika Mwenda, the Executive Director, Pan-African Climate Justice said the civil society has been working with elected leaders in response to the needs and aspirations of the people of Africa, with regard to climate change.

He said the Nairobi Summit promises to have far-reaching impacts, given the robust and dynamic engagements

and discussions taking place among delegates, who include African Heads of States.

Dr Mwenda urged delegates to put pressure on the leaders to implement decisions made in addressing climate change.

“We want to bring this critical voice on board. We need to work together with parliamentarians, civil society, young people, women, indigenous groups so that we confront this elephant in the room. If we do not, we won’t go far.”

Senator Crystal Asige, who is visually impaired, made a resounding pitch for all-inclusive climate actions that bring all marginalized groups on board for them to share the benefits thereof

“There are about 100 million people living with disability in Africa. Let’s have an inclusive climate action that addressed the interests of people with

disability, young people and women,” she said.

Njoro MP Charity Kathambi, who also chairs the Parliamentary Caucus on Conservation, said parliamentarians, by virtue of their legislative work, were custodians of the future of the continent and their respective countries.

“As a country, Climate Summit has given us a great platform. We are the first country in Africa to have enacted a climate law – the Climate Change Act of 2016 – which we have now amended,” she said.

Other leaders who addressed the session were Senator Moses Kajwang, who chairs the Parliamentary Caucus on Climate Change, Kenya and Emmanuel Marfo, a Ghanaian legislator and Chair of the Global Parliamentary Group of Climate Vulnerable Forum

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Former Ethiopian PM Calls for Revolutionization of Africa’s Food Systems as Inaugural Africa Climate Summit 2023 Kicks Off in Nairobi



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Worth Noting:

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- “Food security for human development, economic growth and poverty reduction in Africa could all be achieved through transformation and revolutionization of the agriculture sector. Agriculture is the basis for human development in many ways,” he noted.
- Empowering of farmers and enhancing their productivity was key to realizing the goal of food security an approach he says could work for African nations citing the example of Ethiopia where he said it has been successful.



Delegates follow proceedings during the opening ceremony of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi. Photo/ State House.

As the Africa Climate Summit 2023 (ACS) kicked off in Kenya’s Capital Nairobi on 4th September 2023, heads of governments, Ministers and policymakers, practitioners, business and civil society representatives and thousands of delegates were confronted with the harsh reality the African food systems are facing in the wake of devastating climate change related effects.

Speaking during a side event at the forum that runs from 4 to 8 September 2023, former Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn said Africa must take bold steps that will transform her food systems in the face of climate change through African solutions.

Desalegn, who is the Chairperson of the AGRA board warned that currently approximately 280 million Africans are undernourished, and that the continent was performing worse than the global average on food and agriculture

“We use USD 50 billion annually to import food and we rank poorly in climate vulnerability, agriculture productivity, nutrition and health” said Desalegn.

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“We must encourage our farmers to adopt the best agricultural practices. Agriculture productivity cannot be achieved until the natural resource base becomes better managed and protected. We need to encourage our people to protect their farms and landscape”

Desalegn challenged African nations to increases sustainability in production, improve soil and environmental health and adaptation to climate change through investment and policy reforms and revolutionizing Africa’s food systems through multi sec-

tor partnerships.

Africa will be seeking to use the ACS to build momentum towards positive and impactful outcomes at the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Speaking when he officially opened the ministerial convening of the summit, President William Ruto called on African leaders to be bold in their climate change conversations.

“In the face of the profound challenges posed by climate change in Africa, we stand unwavering in our commitment to confront this existential threat to all of humanity,” said President William Ruto of Kenya.

“Africa’s abundance of wind and solar energy can power our development, creating jobs, protecting local economies, and accelerating the sustainable industrialization of the continent. But for us to lead the way toward a sustainable and prosperous future for our continent and the world, finance and technology must be provided to our developing countries. As we come together at the Africa Climate Summit and the Africa Climate Week, we aim to weave a single, resounding African voice that will carry the outcomes of these crucial events to COP28 and beyond”

said Ruto

While Africa’s per capita emissions are significantly lower than the global average, the continent is disproportionately affected by rising global temperatures and escalating climate consequences. Drought, desertification, and cyclones, among others, are causing food shortages, displacement, and migration.

Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme Inger Andersen said the Africa Climate Week provides a timely opportunity ahead of COP28 for regional stakeholders to exchange on barriers overcome and opportunities realized in different countries, showcasing how Africa’s industrial growth can be aligned with the climate goals of the Paris Agreement and drive economic progress while curbing environmental impacts.

“Africa Climate Week must be the place where we accelerate climate action across the African continent and finance a just transition to a climate-resilient future – a transition that empowers Africa to take control of its own destiny and become a green leader and economic powerhouse,” said Andersen

African Leaders Gather For Climate Summit

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President William Ruto and other leaders walking to the summit venue yesterday..

Worth Noting:

- The President, who emphasised that the time has come for Africa to aim higher and strive for more and better outcomes, noted that there is a need to bridge the investment gap challenge to enable the continent to meet its energy needs.
- Ruto said the challenge can be achieved by creating demand on a sufficient scale to provide incentives for appropriate private investment in energy infrastructure development, which he noted would help provide reliable and cost-effective energy access to all Africans by 2030.
- Currently, about 600 million Africans lack access to electricity, 150 million grapple with unreliable power, and a billion have no access to clean cooking energy.

President William Ruto defined Africa as a powerhouse of untapped potential and a continent that is ready to engage and fairly compete in global markets.

He said trillions of dollars globally are earmarked for green investment opportunities as the pressure to tackle the climate crisis heightens, yet Africa holds the key to accelerating decarbonization of the global economy.

The President, speaking yesterday when he officially opened the three-day Africa Climate Summit 2023 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi, which was attended by high-level delegations from across the continent and globe, said the time has come for Africa to add value to its rich resources.

He said the continent’s strategic proximity to substantial reserves of metals and minerals necessary for the global energy transition makes Africa an attractive candidate to become a global hub in the green industrial supply chain, from refining metals and minerals to constructing and assembling vehicle batteries and other components.

“We are already key players in the extraction of these minerals, but much of the higher-value addition in smelting, refining, assembly, and even the production of electric vehicles happens elsewhere,” he stated.

He said there is a need for the continent to engage in adding value to minerals such as nickel, lithium, and cobalt, which are estimated to

generate around KSh1.6 Trillion in value by 2025.

“If we take the next step and engage in value-added activities like refining these minerals into industry-grade metals, that value could quadruple to KSh7.5 Trillion billion. And if we add components, the market value skyrockets to KShs105 Trillion,” he added.

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He also stressed the need for Africa to generate approximately 30 million new jobs to accommodate its rapidly expanding workforce. Through creating employment, Africa will excel and grow economically.

The President also expressed the need for Africa to develop effective policies and regulations that catalyse investment and entrepreneurship and promote the creativity of local

businesses.

“We must transform Africa’s resource wealth from mere potential into real opportunity by directing large-scale investments that will actualize the possibilities that exist and await our citizens in present and future generations,” he added.

On climate change, the President called on the participants attending the summit to come up with a Nairobi Declaration on a Green Growth and Climate Finance Agenda that will commit Africa to pursue a climate-positive path to propel the continent’s economy and promote job creation in a manner that limits emissions and aids global decarbonization efforts.

“Let us commit to investing in viable solutions presented by renewable energy, green industrialization, climate-smart agriculture, and nature conservation,” he stated, and urged them to come up with climate solutions that can help Africa and the entire world.

The President expressed confidence that the African leadership will be open, honest, and direct on what can be committed on climate and brought to the table for discussion and the collaboration needed from the global partners.

He noted that the conversations were necessary as they would come up with solutions to Africa’s carbon footprint, which remains small while the human toll of climate change is disproportionately high.

Ruto said the conversation will also

deliberate on how to address loss and damage as well as configure appropriate financial mechanisms for resilience to grow with each extreme weather event and each bout of climate-induced security.

“This conversation will unite us across neighbourhoods, sectors, and institutions, across borders, continents, and generations. We must envision together a future that embraces the values of equality, human security, and shared prosperity,” said President Ruto.

The president said, “We have ample renewable energy potential and natural assets and resources to green our own consumption and meaningfully contribute to decarbonization of the global economy.”

He added, “We must see in green growth not just a climate imperative but also a fountain of multi-billion dollar economic opportunities that Africa and the world are primed to capitalise on”.

Ruto said the summit will also scrutinise policy, regulation, taxation, trade, and climate justice issues in national, regional, and global contexts and urged the African representative to frame the complex issues well to enable the continent to achieve meaningful change.

The three-day event has various side events that will see global leaders, researchers, innovation trailblazers, experts, investors, and captains of industries explore the opportunities, tackle the barriers, and scale up solutions.

National And County Governments Should Immediately Pay Verified Pending Bills



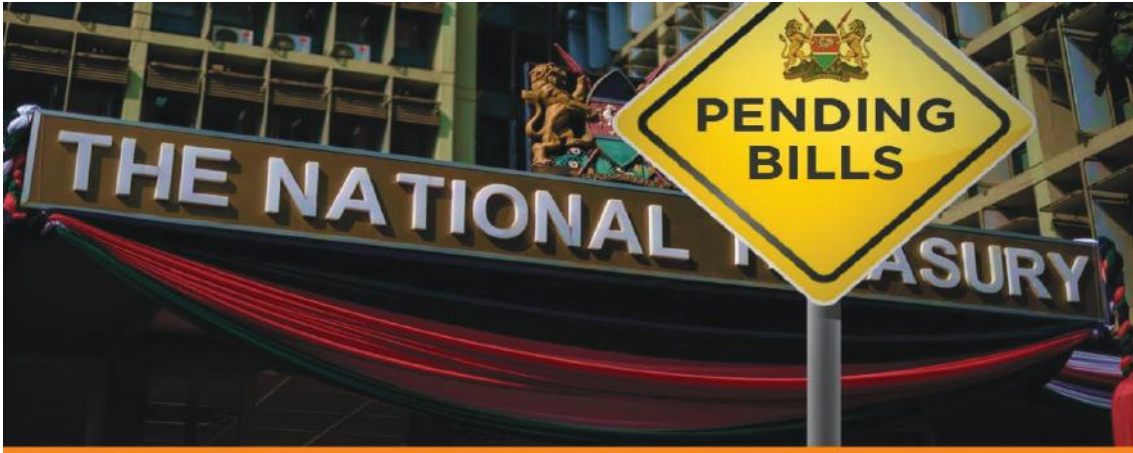
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The National and County Governments must fast track the payments of all verified and approved pending bills.

The failure to pay the pending bills is causing great constraints and pain to local businesses.

It is retarding economic activities, causing continuous job losses and diminishing livelihoods. This is gross violation of the constitutionally guaranteed social and economic rights.

The National Treasury is on the record publicly stating clearly and assuring Kenyans that it has released



revenue share funds to County Governments as well as to the National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Both levels of governments cannot keep passing the buck and or giving excuses. They should pay the bills promptly without further delay.

It must be noted that pending payments have harmfully affected many businesses, particularly those whose bulk of capital is now locked in non-payment.

This has also reduced overall spending and business activity in the economy.

There were county governments that made commitments to start paying their verified pending bills by start of August. Unfortunately, there are little or no payments made so far. All pending bills that are yet to be verified and approved should be expedited.

There should be no new financial commitments by both National and County Governments without first addressing the pending bills.

It time the President and Governors ensured that all accounting officers will not be allowed to make new commitments based on the budget

without clearing existing pending bills. Failure to pay pending bills not only disrupts the financial ecosystem but it also tantamount economic sabotage. It undermines the very foundations of economic stability, predictability and certainty. It kills trust on government. No business can afford to invest in an environment that is hostile and unfriendly.

The Controller of Budget must bar any government entity whether National or County from spending funds outside the budget line items approved and authorized by Parliament and County Assemblies. There

has to be stringent enforcement of fiscal discipline and transparent accountable public finance management.

It is ridiculous for both levels of government to keep accumulating new bills with new projects and suppliers while intentionally failing to pay the existing verified pending bills.

Finally, both National and County Governments must cease to live beyond their means. Unwarranted runaway government spending is causing unprecedented challenges and accumulation of unsustainable public debt. Government has become a net employment bureau with humongous lavish consumption by government officials. This is in contravention of the Constitution requirement for prudent expenditure of tax money.

There is no government money. There has to be drastic measures to remedy the situation.

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Health Ministers Requests To Be Part Of National Climate Committees In Their Respective Countries

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The call for health Ministers to be part of National climate committees in their respective countries continues by International bodies, environmental stakeholders and experts.

These sentiments were echoed when four ministers from Sierra Leone, Liberia, Malawi and the Kenyan Health CS Susan Nakhumicha met during an evening dinner that had been organized by the Climate summit partners and stakeholders.

Justifying the importance of the health ministers or cabinet secretaries being included to the national climate committee Malawi Health minister said when Cyclone Freddy struck Malawi most of the affected families were under the ministry of health receiving medical aids and food stuff from the ministry something that she is asking for the African Heads of

state to include the ministers for them to formulate policies ahead of Cop 28 summit.

"I take this time to welcome you all to this great occasion whereby for the first time we today discuss matters health and Climate on one page" CS Nakhumicha

Mr Mwenda the director of PACJA organization has called for the stakeholders to come up with policies that will ensure that grants given by International community especially on climate change they should trickle down to respective health ministries



From left Malawi minister for Health together with counterparts from Liberia and Sierra Leone advocating for the space of health ministers in Africa to take part on climate committees chaired by presidents..

Ruto, The Brainchild Of The Ongoing Africa Climate Summit



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Worth Noting:

- This explains why the Africa Union (AU) secretariat on Climate change chose Nairobi to host the inaugural summit.
- Besides dozens of heads of state from Africa, the representatives of the global leaders, renowned environmentalists and scholars are in attendance.
- It is worth noting the summit comes against the backdrop of the dozens of international Conferences dubbed conference of Parties (COPs).
- The one held in France drafted the Paris Agreement and the issue of raising funds to mitigate the effects of the climate change featured prominently.
- The world's leading players of air pollution would make big commitments but would not keep their words.



President William Ruto .

Kenya's capital city of Nairobi is currently hosting the inaugural Africa Climate Summit.

This is a key milestone for President William Ruto who has been in forefront of leading the global campaign against the adverse negative effects of climate change.

This comes a few months after the African heads of state and government gathered at Africa Union (AU) headquarters in Addis Ababa Ethiopia during which they adopted the proposal by Dr Ruto on Africa to take a proactive role in these endeavors.

Our continent of Africa is bearing the brunt of this problem and our contribution to it is very little. The powerful and industrialized countries of Europe and Asian were the leading culprit.

The fossil fuel is the main source of carbon emissions which contribute heavily to the change of climate.

Our plea to them to shift to the renewable energy has not yielded much fruits. As Africans, we have a responsibility to explore ways of helping our people.

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In subsequent COP conferences, the same agenda would be revisited.

Commitments would be made and again end up being unmet.

Besides this, the leaders of the superpowers would also turn deaf ear or do very little towards the implementation of the other resolutions passed. This is unlike the leaders of Africa nations.

President Ruto would not take this matter lightly. During one of the COP conference he posed. Were these forums necessary? Were they adding any value to the course of environmental conservation? This is by reversing the devastating effects of climate change.

The forums have become empty talk shows. What is the point of holding them if we don't implement the resolutions?

Climate change is a global problem. So, he would urge the leaders of rich countries to reconsider their position and take this matter seriously.

In Kenya, President Ruto has since launched a series of programmes for

mitigation.

One of them is dubbed greening Kenya that seeks to ensure 15 billion trees are planted by the year 2030.

The president kicked off this campaign at Ngong Forest. He has so far planted many trees and mobilized all state officers to follow his footsteps.

The President is also providing leadership towards phasing out of fossil fuel powered vehicular and industrial machines.

They would be replaced by electric cars. As a show of commitment, the President drove electric car to Kenyatta International Convention Center (KICC).

He had gone there to meet Africa Youth On Africa Climate Change a day before he officially opened the summit.

The fossil fuel produces the following petroleum products-jet fuel, petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquified petroleum gas (LPG).

Solar, wind, biogas are some other source of clean renewable energy. The president has also been calling on Kenyans to shift and embrace them.

In Kenya, the problems related to climate change were: Biting drought, famine, landslides, rising and overflowing of lake/dams waters and locust invasion.

Back to the ongoing Africa Climate Summit, the issue of funding is featuring as one of the key agenda items.

The African countries are once again challenging the wealthy nations to keep their promise.

Some of the leaders have sent their representatives and so this message will be delivered to them through the right channels.

We will wait and see whether this time they give this matter the seriousness that it deserves.

As an observer, my message to Africa leaders is.

A time has come for Africa to rise up to the occasion. What do I mean? Africa leaders should explore ways of raising their own resources that would go towards mitigating the effects of climate change.

This way, the superpowers will stop demeaning and looking down the people of Africa.

Here the message will be clear. It does not mean that Africa cannot survive. You need us and we need to you. So, if you think you are more superior and continue to treat us with utter disrespect, we can chart our own destiny.

You are main the players in air pollution and climate change. We are not therefore begging you when we tell you to honor your promises.

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ILAM FAHARI I-REIT REDEMPTION OFFER SET TO OPEN TOMORROW

...transaction targeting the redemption of up to 36.5 million REIT units currently trading at the NSE from Non-Professional Investors at KSh11 per unit

By: Our Reporter

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Worth Noting:

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ILAM Fahari I-REIT CEO Mr Raphael Mwito (left), DYER & BLAIR Corporate Finance Director Ms Cynthia Mbaru (centre) and ILAM CEO Mr Einstein Kihanda (right) share a word during an ILAM Fahari I-REIT Redemption and Conversion media workshop at a Nairobi Hotel.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange listed real estate investment trust ILAM Fahari Real Estate Investment Trust, conversion and redemption offer seeking to redeem up to 36.5 million units on the Nairobi bourse as part of an operational restructuring effort is set to open tomorrow, ICEALION Asset Management (ILAM) Chief Executive Officer Mr. Einstein Kihanda has confirmed.

The ILAM Fahari I-REIT has invested in a portfolio of high-quality investment real estate properties that provide sustained returns and operating performance, including Nairobi's Greenspan Mall, Highway House, a three-storey industrial building off Mombasa Road and 67 Gitanga Place.

Speaking during a media workshop on the REIT conversion and redemption process, Mr Kihanda said it is now all systems go for the proposed KSh402 million month-long offer that opens until Friday.

During the offer period, Mr. Kihanda, who was accompanied by the

ILAM Fahari I-REIT CEO Mr. Raphael Mwito, said the REIT Trustee will be seeking to receive redemption applications from non-professional investors wishing to redeem up to 36,585,134 Units currently listed at the NSE, at a premium of more than 82 per cent over the trading price as at the announcement date.

As part of the offer, the target unit holders will have an opportunity to either redeem their units at a Redemption Offer Price of KSh11 per unit, top up to the KSh5 million professional investors threshold as prescribed by regulatory provisions or opt to be bundled under a nominee account holding all non-professional investors who fail to take up the redemption offer.

“ILAM has been working for the past year to restructure the REIT to ensure its sustainability and improve its ability to generate returns for unitholders. A recent strategy review recommended undertaking an operational restructuring plan, which paved the way for this transaction,”

Kihanda said, adding, “This transaction provides a viable path to restructure the REIT. We are clear that the REIT needs to grow substantially in size to achieve economies of scale, which can only be done through the acquisition of assets.”

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growth in the long term. Our active management approach targets quality properties within carefully chosen economically growing nodes,” said Mwito.

IFIR will remain regulated by the CMA and is registered as a REIT with the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), thus continuing to enjoy statutory tax advantages.

Last year, ILAM Fahari I-REIT's distributable earnings increased by 39 per cent to KSh141.9 million compared to KSh102.0 million the previous year.

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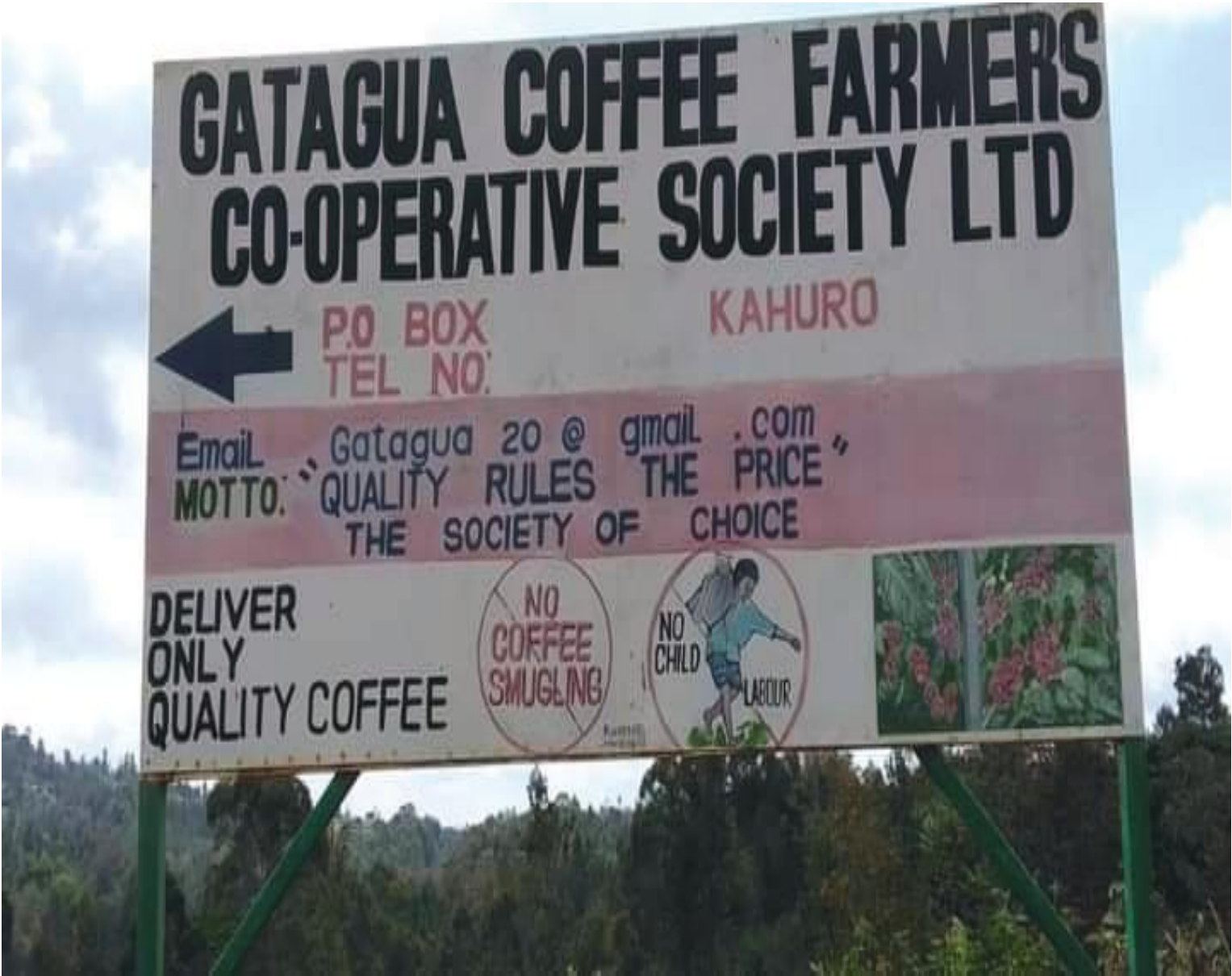
Murang’a Farmers Call For Suspension Of Coffee Regulations 2019

By: Bernard Munyao
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Worth Noting:

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- The farmers said they should be allowed to scout their millers who can also market their coffee, a move that goes against the regulations of 2019.
- Chairman of the Gatagua society, Harrison Chege said after sourcing for a miller in 2019, their production has moved up from about 56, 000 kilos to more than 500, 000 kilos annually.



Gatagua Coffee Farmers’ Cooperative Society in Kahuro Sub county.

A section of coffee farmers in Murang’a county have piled pressure on the government for suspension of coffee regulations 2019.

Farmers allied to Gatagua Coffee Farmers’ Cooperative Society in Kahuro Sub county, during their special general meeting claimed the new regulations are not favouring competition in marketing of coffee, thus denying them chance to explore other opportunities for better returns.

Coffee regulations 2019 requires coffee cooperative societies to channel their produce through 11 licensed union brokerage firms or through the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU).

The farmers argued that the government should not force them to sell their coffee to unions, which they claimed are poorly managed and marred with leadership wrangles.

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The increased production, according to Chege is attributed to good returns the farmers are getting from their contracted miller, noting that the new regulations now require them to only deliver their coffee through Murang’a Farmers Cooperative Union, where they have little trust.

“With our farmers rejecting the

Coffee Regulations of 2019, the management of Gatagua society will find ways to have the already collected 102,000 kilos of coffee transported to our preferred miller,” he said.

The chairman further said lack of structured talks between farmers’ representatives and the 11 licensed brokerage union firms, has seen withholding of coffee in stores, across many of the cooperative societies.

“Currently many cooperative societies across the country are holding coffee in their stores as they await the way forward, since they fear selling their produce to licensed brokerage unions or NKPCU,” he added.

Gatagua is among cooperatives that have been selling 75 percent of the produce to Colombian market, with farmers being paid Sh80 per kilo last year, down from Sh110 per kilo in the previous year.

One of the cooperative farmers, Wilson Irungu castigated the push

to have their coffee be sold through Murang’a Farmers Cooperative Union and its brokerage firm saying the move was counterproductive.

“The government ought to buy our produce directly without directing us to deliver our coffee to specific brokerage firms. The farmers, if pushed negatively, will have no option but uproot their coffee trees and plant alternative crops,” said Irungu.

Another farmer, Peter Mwaniki said the government should conduct an audit of the said union, before demanding that farmers channel their produce, estimated at billions of shillings through the same.

“There are pertinent issues that need to be addressed, before the farmers are asked to allow their management committees to sell their coffee through the Murang’a Farmers Cooperative Union,” said Mwaniki.

A 'Fair' World



Aunt Tatiana missed her daughter Anna very much after dinner and decided to write her a letter. The sound of the wind could be heard outside. Aunt Tatiana sat down by the burning stove and began to write a letter:

- My daughter Anna, I miss you very much. You know, when you were little, you always followed me, and in the evenings you said, "Oh, sleep with me. I'm so scared without you." In the cold winter nights, I would tell you interesting tales and stories, and you would fall asleep listening to them. Especially after your father's death, you became very attached to me, my daughter. And I could not imagine my life without you. I felt that without you, this world seems to me like a room without a door or a window. And you have grown up, you have become a sharp minded girl. Do you remember when you first stepped into school, I said if you get good grades, I'll get you a doll you like. And this innocent soul of yours would have a crush on that doll and every day you would get excellent grades and come home happy. The joy shining in your eyes when you graduated from school and entered college is still in front of my eyes like it was yesterday. You looked at me and said, "Hey, look, I've taken the first step towards my dreams. I'm going to be a famous lawyer in the future, honey. I'm going to do my best to bring justice to the world and fight for the truth." That moment is still forever etched in my mind. You were the owner of an innocent and pure heart. My daughter, you loved tulips very much. This spring, I would like to go to the mountain with

you and pick many tulips for you, to be next to me as before, to hold you in my arms, to see your smiling innocent eyes, my daughter.

Aunt Tatiana said so and decided to send this letter to her daughter by post tomorrow.

Unfortunately, it has been 3 years since that terrible and tragic car accident happened in Anna's life when she was 18 years old...

The dreams of a young and innocent girl turned into a dream. His pure dreams did not fit into this "Fair" world...

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The Great Teacher

When our backs are against the wall,
Someone is there to help us from a bad
Fall.

Sometimes he makes harsh calls,
To make us realize that we are taller than
the wall.

Which is challenging our merit,
In this hall of people having nefarious
design.

He is someone who preaches patience,
When life is in control of exuberance.

He is someone who showers love,
When his meditation bears fruit.

He is a symbol of respect next to God.

He is our second parent,
Who only gives knowledge like money.
So that we can pass it on to save the
mankind. 😊



♥ you all have always taught me to stand
up again and fight you all have always
been my backbone and I so blessed to
have you all as a part of my life!!

Regards,
DR. Daksha 🍷❤

Wishing you all a very happy teacher's day

A DREAM

Imagination

The noises of hours don't stop
Disturbing the peace of my room.
It does not give peace in the house
Imagination wanders in my room

If I give disturb to it,
Put itself on the window.
Sitting in front of me
The tale is long with shadow

My mind is going to it,
I have no idea about it.
My poem will also remain,
On the table again



Chasing the wind and playing,
I want to sleep on a cloud always.
In emoticons bright smiling,
I want to be the sun all days.

Even if I become a friend with the moon,
If I tell my secret to the moon,
Even if our lives are together.
The most beautiful girl of mine forever.

Glowing brightly always
I wish there was lightning in the eyes
If I were a star, smiling in the sky
Called over the distant sky.

With taking necklaces to nature.
I wish it was raining by the sky
Giving beauty to the world,
I flowed down from the sky.

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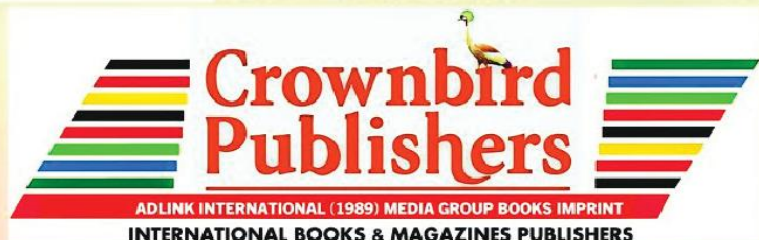
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CMA Approves ILAM FAHARI I-REIT Operational Restructuring Offer

...transaction targeting the redemption of 36.5 million Units from Non-Professional Investors at KSH 11 per unit

By: John Kariuki
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Worth Noting:

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(L-R) ILAM Fahari I-REIT CEO Raphael Mwito, Dyer and Blair Investment Bank Director Cynthia Mbaru and ILAM CEO Einstein Kihanda during a media briefing on the proposed conversion of ILAM Fahari I-REIT from an Unrestricted I-REIT into a restricted I-REIT and redemption offer that opens on Wednesday.

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The approval follows a cautionary statement issued early last year (24th March 2022), indicating that the REIT was undergoing a strategic review that would involve an operational restructuring of IFIR.

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"The conversion to a restricted REIT will allow us to offer more specialized investment opportunities to our stakeholders, providing increased flexibility and potential for growth. The new structure aligns with ILAM Fahari's strategic vision to optimize its investments and provide investors with innovative avenues to diversify their portfolio," Mr. Kihanda said. "A restricted REIT is only for professional investors and this explains why the redemption offer is for Non-Professional Investors. The Redemption Offer Price of KSH 11 per unit represents a premium of 82.72% above the current market price of KSH 6.02 per unit," he added.

The decision to convert and restructure stems from the ILAM Fahari

I-REIT's comprehensive strategic review in 2021 which sought to understand the challenges the I-REIT faced and develop potential strategies to improve the returns and market performance. The long-term plan will elevate returns and market performance through asset optimization and growth of Assets Under Management (AUM).

"Our strategic review outcome indicates that moving from UMIMS would enable us to restructure the I-REIT, reduce costs, attract new investment and acquire additional properties to reach a sustainable asset base size. The possibility of moving IFIR back to the main board of the NSE will be reviewed after three years following the successful execution of a growth strategy," Mr. Kihanda said.

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Youth, Women To Lead Africa’s Green Revolution, Climate Change Mitigation

By: PCS

The First Lady Rachel Ruto hosted dignitaries at the First Lady’s Pavilion at the Africa Climate Summit 2023 in Nairobi, to discuss the important role of education and skills development in building a sustainable future, as well as the role of women as we transition to clean energy.

During the “Big Opportunity, Education and Skills Development for a Climate Adapted and Green Economy” session, the First Lady recognised education as the pivotal cog in the ecosystem that will unlock the potential and opportunities in the green economy by enabling people to grasp the intricate interplay between ecosystems, climate change, and the imperative of sustainable development.

The young people of Africa are at the forefront, skilled, knowledgeable, and getting ready for the continent’s green workforce.

Speaking during the “Role of Women in Energy Transition” session, Mama Rachel Ruto highlighted the

importance of transitioning to renewable and clean energy sources and the integral role women must play in this transition, including closing electricity access gaps and promoting clean cooking solutions, especially in rural and low-income areas.

The energy transition has strong interlinkages with other sectors like health, climate change, and gender, and the First Ladies encouraged greater investment, strengthened partnerships and collaboration among governments, civil society, the private sector, and international organizations to promote the changes that will lead to a more sustainable future.

Other dignitaries present during the sessions included Fatima Maada Bio, First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone; Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of the Republic of Burundi; Samira Ramadam Bawumina, spouse of the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana; Dimpho Tlhoreho Masuku, spouse of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini and Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, spouse to the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya.



First Lady Rachel Ruto, Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, spouse to the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya and other dignitaries

Kenya, Colombia Vow To Strengthen Bilateral Ties

By: Christine Muchira

Kenya and Colombia have vowed to strengthen bilateral ties while exploring possible trade areas in Agriculture.

This emerged during a meeting yesterday evening between Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and visiting Colombia Vice President Francia Elena Marquez Mina at Harambee House Annex, ahead of DP Gachagua’s expected official visit to Colombia next week.

The two leaders praised the growing relations between the two countries promising to further strengthen the relations and see to it that both nations explore possible trade areas especially in Agriculture and the coffee sector in particular.

“Nurturing friendships with other nations globally presents a great opportunity to widen our market for local products besides learning

good practices for socio-economic growth.”Noted DP Gachagua.

Vice President Mina who is attending the Africa Climate Summit, is making her second visit to Kenya in three months.

Deputy President Gachagua is overseeing reforms in the coffee sub sector and is scheduled to travel with coffee farmers to Colombia for bench marking on the use of improved technology in farming as well as learn better ways of value addition.

Mina lauded the Kenyan leadership for hosting the Africa Climate Summit saying it provides a platform to address challenges bedevelling Africa and the world, with regard to the impact and effects of climate change, as well as fostering solutions. She was hopeful that the Summit would come up with concrete solutions.

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and visiting Colombia Vice President Francia Elena Marquez Mina at Harambee House Annex

Calls For Change In Africa’s Narrative As Climate Summit Kicks Off In Kenya

By: Capital Correspondent



Worth Noting:

- The estimated annual cost of Africa’s climate adaptation by 2050 is US\$50 billion and the region has the world’s highest potential for renewable energy.
- Yet the continent currently receives US\$19.5 billion per year in total climate finance and only 3% of global investment in clean energy.
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As African leaders gather in Nairobi to discuss the escalating climate crises, urgent action is mandatory to mitigate its effect on the whole world.

The One Campaign is urging all leaders to use this pivotal moment to unite around a shared pan-African agenda – one that brings justice and prosperity.

The Africa Climate Summit themed “Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World” will also provide African leaders the platform to challenge narratives and perceptions of Africa being the constant docile recipient and showcase the continent’s strength and aptitude to take a leading role in the fight against climate change and nature loss.

This moment calls for active participants in the pursuit for solutions.

African nations are among the most vulnerable to climate change effects

and have significant natural assets that could provide global climate solutions.

Despite this, the continent receives a disproportionately small amount of global climate finance compared to other regions.

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For donor governments to deliver on their commitment to double adaptation finance and commit to a framework for the Global Goal on Adaptation that is needs-based and includes targets and/or indicators.

Unblock the barriers so Special Drawing Rights can be recycled through multilateral development banks and the African Development Bank in particular.

Serah Makka, Director for Africa at The ONE Campaign, said: “The key to unlocking the untapped potential of this continent isn’t handouts or second-hand solutions from rich nations. It’s removing the barriers standing in our way.

“African countries possess the tools, talent and renewable resources to fuel their own growth and be at the vanguard of efforts to tackle cli-

mate change, poverty and inequality everywhere. But they are being blocked by a broken global financial system that denies them access to the affordable finance needed to unleash this potential.

“No country must choose between improving the lives of their people and protecting the planet. If the rest of the world truly gets behind Africa they can help unleash a green economic revolution that will drive growth and prosperity across the continent and help the whole world to rise to the biggest shared challenges we face.”

Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Africa Union Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, said : “Africa accounts for the smallest share of global greenhouse gas emissions, at just 3.8 percent, in contrast to 23 percent in China, 19 percent in the US, and 13 percent in the European Union. Yet, the continent is the most vulnerable to climate change hazards.

Ahead of COP28, Africa needs to negotiate not from a victim perspective, but from a solutions perspective. We need to work together as a continent. We have all the resources needed to mitigate climate change challenges.

Development partners need to also honor their promise made in the Paris agreement of investing \$100 billion in mitigating Africa’s climate challenges. We have not seen the investment yet.”



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Parliamentary Committee Fact Finding Tour To Nyayo House

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Parliamentary committee on administration and internal security led by its chair MP from Narok West Tongoyo Gabriel has led legislators on a fact finding tour to the state department of immigration and citizen service to a certain on the normalcy and efficient running of Nyayo House.

While addressing the media outside Nyayo House the committee led by Tongoyo has assured Kenyans of smooth running of the department especially on passport services that the additional two printers acquired have within one month produce 100,000passport that were on backlog.

“Despite resource challenges and we are here to support this noble cause and together with my committee we shall channel money back to the state department through a revolving fund where treasury will put money directly to the state depart-

ment for smooth running of department.” Tongoyo

The Department generates around 20 billion annually whereby 4billion is generated from passport services alone and according to the directive from the parliamentary Committee on national administration and internal security 10% will be set aside and go back to the department ,so that to enable on the operations at the state department.

Ambassador Professor Julius Bitok who is the Principal Secretary on Immigration and citizen service has commended the committee for its legislative and oversight role terming the move as supportive and called for Kenyans to feel free in acquiring the service sine their core mandate is to serve the Kenyans.

“I am humbled to have received the committee and had a chance to take them round on a fact finding mission that ensures Kenyans are getting the required services,” says Amb Bitok.



Parliamentary committee on administration and internal security led by its chair MP from Narok West Tongoyo Gabriel

Nairobi County Has Completed A Preliminary Building Assessment They Intend To Certify In Time For Cop 28

By: Eric Wanjala
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As the climate change conversation kickstarted yesterday, more than 72 presidents worldwide have arrived in Nairobi to deliberate on issues touching climate mitigation strategies and policies, Sunday saw Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja gracing the Pre-Africa Climate Summit at the climate action zone in Raddison Blue Hotel Nairobi.

The event coordinated by the Kenya Green Building Society in partnership with Alliance for Science, plays a crucial role in mobilizing sustainable finance and partnerships for the building and infrastructure environment, green buildings lead part of the wider sustainable urbanization and infrastructure track for the summit.

Speaking at the event, Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja said there was a need for green construction, not just to meet Nairobi’s climate goals



The executive Director of Alliance for Science Dr Sheila Ochugboju with Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja at the presummit..

but to grow the economy, and our resources.

” If we have young people in work building the sort of housing infrastructure that Nairobi needs to meet its climate commitments, then we’re also creating jobs, and we can expect more revenue. There is a viscous cycle available to us” governor Sakaja

said.

According to Governor Sakaja Nairobi City County he has affirmed that Nairobi County has completed a preliminary building assessment of his office which they intend to certify in time for Cop 28 to build the fast green building a move that governor Sakaja says that they make First IFC

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However, the focus of the Pre Africa-Climate Summit is based on building sustainable cities and laying discussions on rehabilitating and regenerating Africa’s fastest growing cities that will contribute to the Nairobi Declaration.

“As Africans we cannot afford to get it wrong, because climate action for us, is not just an environmental issue, it is a development issue, a dignity issue an investment issue and a fundamental human rights issue ,also I urge the growing population of young people who want to live an Africa that thrives and Africa that we want.” Nasra who is legislator at the Nairobi County.

These events represent Africa’s dedication to leading the way in climate action and invites stakeholders to join the conversation that has drown 25 African presidents on drafting the 2023 Nairobi Declaration on climate matters.

The executive Director of Alliance for Science Dr Sheila Ochugboju said that who knew we’d be dealing with climate related challenges many years later in Nairobi, green city under the sun and a place of cool waters.

“Science has played a key role in learning about how to prepare for the future that we want we cannot forgive ourselves for not taking action “Lamented Dr Ochugboju

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World Cup winner Messi helps Inter Miami beat Los Angeles FC, Attracts A-List Hollywood Stars In Stadium



Lionel Messi celebrates with a teammate. PHOTO/Inter Miami/Twitter

Lionel Messi laid on two assists to help Inter Miami beat MLS champions Los Angeles FC 3-1 at BMO Stadium.

Facundo Farias, Jordi Alba and Leonardo Campana scored to cancel out Ryan Hollingshead's effort for the hosts.

The statement victory against last season's MLS Cup winners puts Miami nine points shy of the play-offs with nine games to

play.

Since Messi, 36, made his debut on 22 July, Inter Miami have won the Leagues Cup and are unbeaten in 11 fixtures.

The Argentine World Cup winner has scored 11 goals and chipped in with five assists in 11 appearances across all competitions.

Inter Miami return to the DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale

for their next match against Sporting Kansas City on 10 September.

Messi is regarded as football royalty and he was watched by British royalty with Prince Harry taking up the opportunity to see the former Barcelona and Paris St-Germain forward in the flesh.

Actors Leonardo DiCaprio, Will Ferrell, Tom Holland, Toby Maguire, Owen Wilson and Gerard

Butler were also named on the 'notable attendees list', while musicians Liam Gallagher, Selena Gomez, Tyga, BReal and Nas also packed in to the 22,000-seater stadium.

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Djokovic, Frances Tiafoe, Taylor Fritz & Ben Shelton Into Us Open Quarters



Novak Djokovic.

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Novak Djokovic enjoyed a smooth passage into the US Open quarter-finals as he won in straight sets to end Croatian qualifier Borna Gojo's surprise run. Second seed Djokovic continued his bid for a record-equalling 24th major title with a 6-2 7-5 6-4 win in New York. "I did well in the important moments and I'm pleased to get through in three sets," said three-time winner Djokovic. The 36-year-old Serb will play ninth seed Taylor Fritz, who is one of three American men in the quarter-finals. Fritz, 25, won 7-6 (7-2) 6-4 6-4

against Swiss qualifier Dominic Stricker, joining Frances Tiafoe and Ben Shelton in progressing on Sunday. Tiafoe, 25, beat Australia's Rinky Hijikata 6-4 6-1 6-4 to set up a last-eight meeting with Shelton, guaranteeing at least one home player in the semi-finals. Shelton, 20, beat 14th seed Tommy Paul 6-4 6-3 4-6 6-4 as three American men reached the quarter-finals for the first time since 2005. Fritz, Tiafoe and Shelton are each bidding to become the first man from the host nation to win the singles title since Andy Roddick in 2003. In order for Fritz to emulate Rod-

dick, he will have to find a way past Djokovic first. Djokovic reached a 57th major quarter-final, leaving him one adrift of Roger Federer's record in the Open era, with a routine victory over 105th-ranked Gojo. The manner of the win was the polar opposite to the fightback from two sets down which he had to perform against fellow Serb Laslo Djere in the previous round. Djokovic did not concede a break point to US Open debutant Gojo in the opening set, but lost his serve for 2-0 in the second by planting a volley into the net. However, 25-year-old Gojo was unable to consolidate. The big-serving Croat hit five double

faults as he handed over the game without making Djokovic apply any real pressure. Djokovic continued to nullify Gojo and smartly took care of his own service games, breaking three more times as Gojo became increasingly weary and took a third match point with an ace out wide. "I knew Borna has a big game and is a big-shot player. One of the keys to the match was to reduce his serve and stop the aces," said Djokovic. "I tried to manage my energy and focus on accuracy with my serve. "The matches are obviously going to get tougher but I'm ready."

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Grande Finale Of Shinning Star Awards 2023



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Mr Daniel Blessington from Zambia, gathered entertainers, makeup artist, designers, models, Authors from across africa at Sandton this weekend on the second of September 2023, for the Shinning Star awards Grande ceremony.

Team Zambia did very well followed by team Tanzania, Botswana, South Africa, Moçambique and Namibia.

Malawi scooped two awards, Nigeria, Congo and others got single awards too.

The style was shimmering gold, to black and grey feathers, and various artists freestyling the red carpet look.

There were various media houses however the event being organized by external country took time to materialize but at the end a beautiful event unfolded.

The lioness diva from Zambia serenaded the crowd, Dj Hlo did not disappoint too and the young South African dancers made sure to give a beautiful amapiano bow down dances.

The best moment was team Tanzania winning and a particular Chief sent few Swahili chilly beautiful words to the crowd.

One young Botswana dancer had a real awards fever when she broke into a beautiful winning sync, and one South African burnt the house with orange beautiful gown.

The furry Zambian princess also made sure she was seen, but two Botswana top models were real show stoppers when they walked in late with anointed red carpet fashion week style getting their awards.

There were moments of silence but team Zambia lit the house with the United rhythm and cheers for their stars.



Vanessa from Team Mozambique.



Perçela and Vannesa beautiful Moçambique moças, winners.



PaulaAfrica- Best Author winner.



Thabisile Zikhali- RSA award winner.

