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 The Nubian Rights Forum, alongside other civil society organizations and concerned Kenyan citizens express alarm over recent multiple changes in the administration of nationality documents - including national IDs, birth certificates, passports among others - that will undermine citizenship rights.

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President William Ruto at State House Nairobi

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## Kenya Vision 2030 Holds Its Second Ruwaza Forum

By: John Kariuki  
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Kenya Vision 2030, spearheaded by the Director General Mr. Kenneth Mwise, convened the second

Ruwaza Forum on E-Government & Digital Transformation on Wednesday. The event, aimed at fostering deeper awareness, evaluating key accomplishments, and identifying prevailing opportunities within the

domains of E-Government and Digital Transformation, underscores Kenya Vision 2030's overarching goal of elevating Kenya into a newly industrializing, middle-income

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Kenya Vision2030 Director General Kenneth Mwise



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# I Will Not Be Silenced In The Fight Against Alcoholism, Drugs And Substance Abuse, Pastor Dorcas Says

By: OSDP

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has emphasized that she will not relent on her war against alcoholism, drugs and substance abuse among the young across the country. Speaking at a clergy sensitization forum in Rumuruti, Laikipia County Pastor Dorcas said nothing will stop her in her quest to save the boy-child who has been hooked on alcoholism. She was addressing religious leaders from across Laikipia County urging them to be at the forefront in fighting the menace that has claimed thousands of lives. "Tell them (sellers of killer brews) to release our children, you must be able to speak up and start acting as the church. We must rise up and save the boychild" she said.

She said that those involved in the sale and distribution of killer brews must face the law as murderers. "Our boy child will not be killed by anybody. We are going to protect our children, it is wrong, it is wicked that we will sit and watch people cook poison on our children," she said. "What we want is for them to do other businesses that will not kill our children. A business that kills our people, that is murder. And anyone who kills people is a murderer," she added. On Monday First Lady Mama Rachel Ruto said the dedication and determination of Pastor Dorcas in fighting for the youth is inspiring. Pastor Dorcas shared the agenda of her office with the clergy urging them to support in her quest to dignify the lives of the vulnerable population. The Office of the Spouse of the Deputy President works under four pillars targeting the vulnerable populations; the boychild, widows and orphans, Persons living



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi in Rumuruti, Laikipia County yesterday.

uty President in the County of Laikipia. On his part Laikipia Senator John Kinyua thanked Pastor Dorcas for identifying Laikipia as the place to establish a facility that will be used to rehabilitate, skill and train youth who are on the journey to reform. Last year Pastor Dorcas led the groundbreaking of the facility at Rumuruti area, where a facility that will include a rehabilitation Centre, a sports academy, a health facility among others will be hosted. The county leaders also led the congregation in prayers. Pastor Dorcas is on a 5-days working tour of Laikipia County where she is expected to address various vulnerable groups. Others leaders present included County First lady Grace Irungu, Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri and area County MP Jane Kagiri among others.

with disabilities and chaplaincy and family values. Governor Joshua Irungu pledged to continue supporting the programs of Pastor Dorcas in the county adding that he has seen her love and that of the Dep-

# National Assembly appoints seven MPs To Mediate Rejected Natural Resources

By: PSCU

The National Assembly has appointed seven Members to serve in a mediation committee that will look into the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (2022). Deputy Speaker, Gladys Boss said the move follows the rejection of the Bill at its second reading on Tuesday, 12th March 2024. "Article 113 of the Constitution requires that when a Bill is referred to a mediation committee, the Speakers

of the Houses of Parliament shall appoint an equal number of Members from both Houses to attempt to develop a version of the Bill for consideration by the Houses of Parliament," Boss added. The Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill seeks to provide a legislative framework for the establishment and enforcement of a system of benefit sharing in natural resource exploitation between natural resource exploiters, the National Government, county governments and local communities. "The team from the National Assembly will include David Gikaria

(Nakuru Town East) serving as the Co-Chair of the Committee, Charles Kamuren (Baringo South), Beatrice Kemei (Kericho County), Joseph Emathe (Turkana Central), T.J. Kajwang' (Ruaraka), Irene Kasalu (Kitui County), and Dick Maungu (Luanda)." said the Deputy Speaker. The appointed members await the appointment of Senators to the Mediation Committee by the Speaker of the Senate before commencing on an attempt to develop a mediated version of the Bill in accordance with the Constitution.



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# Joseph ‘Jowie’ Irungu Sentenced To Death In Monica Kimani Murder Case

By: Benjamin Muriuki

Joseph Irungu alias Jowie has been sentenced to death after he was found guilty of the 2018 murder of businesswoman Monica Kimani.

Delivering the verdict yesterday, High Court judge Grace Nzioka ruled that the horrific murder of Monica Kimani was “intentional.”

“It was not a defensive act. It was not out of provocation. It was planned, intended and executed,” ruled Justice Nzioka.

“Based on what I have said, I have ordered that the first accused before this court, Joseph Kuria Irungu alias Jowie, shall suffer death as provided for the offence of murder under section 204 of the penal code of Kenya. That is the order of the court.”

In delivering the verdict, the judge highlighted submissions by the prosecution on the “serious and grievous harm occasioned to the deceased” using a dangerous weapon.

She further noted the intricate planning of the offence, adding that there was no degree of provocation by the deceased to the accused hence the murder was not accidental.

The prosecution, which urged the court to consider slapping the accused with a death sentence described Jowie as being “criminogenic”.

“He (Jowie) lacks stable partner relationships. He has antisocial patterns manifested by living on the edge. He is impulsive and a thrill seeker. He uses anger or aggression to control others. Has a double personality trait,” the probation report cited the judge indicated.

In her verdict, Justice Nzioka also indicated that the court had also established that Jowie, who underwent tactical military training in Dubai, was indeed violent.

“It was the evidence of the guards at Royal Park estate where he (Jowie) was staying that he would not allow himself to be searched. He would brandish a gun and say ‘I work at State House’ and just drive off.

“It is the evidence of the brother of the deceased that at one time during the hearing of this case he (Jowie) blocked his car,” noted the judge before handing Jowie the death sentence,” she added.

In delivering the death sentence, the judge cited the consequence of the offence to the family of the deceased stating: “In this case, it is undisputed that the deceased was the Managing



Jowie Irungu is seen with his parents and a sister shortly before he was sentenced to death for the murder of Monica Kimani.

Director of the family business in South Sudan.”

“It is undisputed that the business collapsed after her demise and that it was the source of income for the family and we can all appreciate the natural and probable consequence of that,” noted the judge.

She further noted that the mother of the deceased suffered depression and a stroke and that she has hardly healed following the death of her daughter.

Jowie was last month found guilty of the murder of Monica Kimani, who

was brutally killed in her Lamuria Gardens apartment in Nairobi on the night of September 19, 2018. Justice Nzioka ruled that the prosecution had adduced adequate evidence and proved beyond reasonable doubt that Jowie indeed killed Monica.

The judge noted that the unlawful killing of Monica Kimani was not only a loss to the family but also to society.

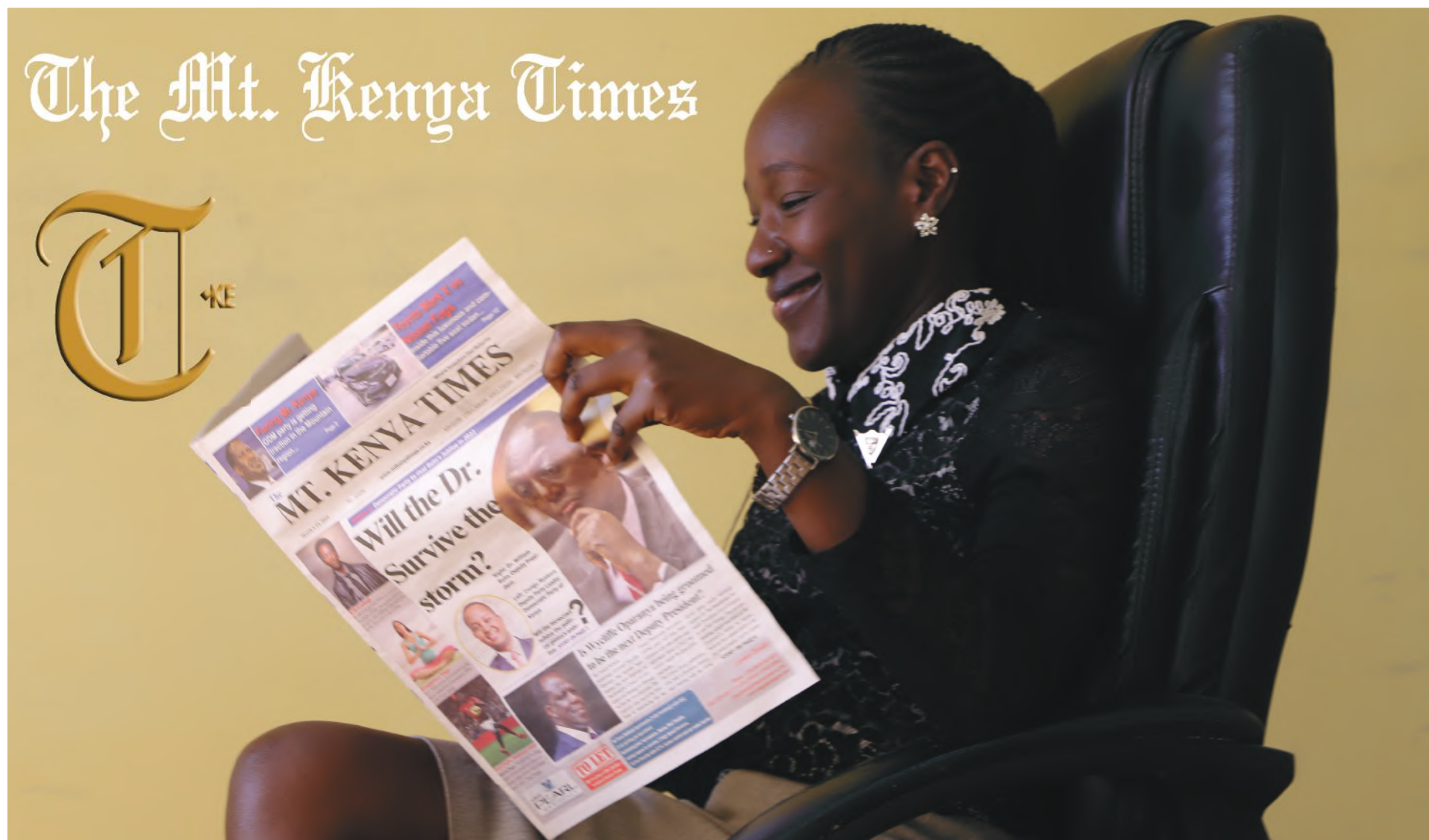
“It is not just a loss to the immediate family. Of course, it is, in the highest degree, a loss to the society when one is killed unlawfully,” she said.

In conclusion, Justice Nzioka cited three quotes on murder to underscore her message:

“In an act of murder, one person’s life ends but a countless number of lives are forever impacted.”

“Murder leaves behind a trail of shattered dreams and broken hearts that can never be healed.”

“The act of murder is a heinous crime that challenges the moral fabric of society and demands justice.”



## NEWS IN BRIEF



The County Assembly of Nyeri has approved a motion moved by Nominated MCA Pauline Nyokabi (pictured) urging the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Transport to enforce the provisions of the Nyeri County Transport Act, 2021 to ensure that public transportation services are accessible to PWDs in order to curb the challenges they encounter during boarding and disembarking. While moving the motion, the MCA who represents People Living With Disabilities was concerned that dropping off the PWDs at the designated bus parks and stages can be quite inconveniencing, especially to those with mobility challenges, and hence this necessitates them to hire motorcycles to drop them off at specific destinations thereby highly inconveniencing them. In a sitting chaired by the Speaker James Gichuhi, the Members underscored that section 4(2) and 14(4) of the Nyeri County Transport Act, 2021 provides that among other minority groups, PWDs shall be given priority to access transport within the county during boarding and disembarking of public transport. The Legislators called upon the Department of transport to prepare guidelines to provide for the dropping off of Persons with Disabilities at the most convenient and nearest location to their point of destination.



Administrator Urges Collaboration To Improve Security In Schools School principals in Makeni County have been asked to collaborate with National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) in an effort to improve security in their institutions, area County Commissioner (CC) Mr. Henry Wafula says. Consequently, Wafula said the head teachers should work closely with security agencies to improve the security of learners within the schools and the surrounding. "The close collaboration of NGAO and school heads, will enhance the protection of students and their belongings and the non-teaching staff in the school hence mitigate the risk of any loss of property," said Wafula while addressing principals and heads of secondary and primary schools at Makeni Boys on Tuesday.



Matatu Owners Association Chairman Albert Karakacha (pictured) addressing stakeholders and officials from NTSA and Traffic Police Officers yesterday during free matatus Inspection Clinic at Police inspection yard. The free inspection was conducted as part of enhancing safety awareness program which will be conducted across the Mt Kenya region. Karakacha said that they want to open transport business such a Public Service Vehicle can operate in any part of the country without hindrance. He added that they have plans of expanding PSV business in other countries across the region. "We are requesting our Deputy president Rigathi Gachagua to assist us to venture in East Africa. We are looking for appointment with our Deputy President Rigathi so that he can assist with diplomatic tie for our transport business in East Africa" Mr Karakacha said. By PAUL WANJIRU



Kenya Industrial Estate (KIE) has held a meeting with Bomet township traders whom they trained on how to start, grow, and get funds for their businesses that have been struggling. The meeting attracted small and medium enterprises providing them with medium and long-term development finance and training skills that are intended to see the gradual growth of their business to improve the economy of the county. While addressing the meeting, the KIE chairperson, Ms Lily Ng'ok acknowledged that Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are strategic drivers of socio-economic transformation in developing nations.



Government orders closure of gold mines in Marsabit County over insecurity The booming gold mines of Hillo in Moyale sub county of Marsabit county are no more after the government ordered its indefinite closure with immediate effect over security concerns. County commissioner Nobert Komora delivered the message to hundreds of artisanal miners following a decision by the county intelligence and security committee which was in concurrent with that of the sub-county that activities at the mining site were a threat to state security.

# Cabinet Endorses Fight Against Illegal Brews, Narcotic Drugs

By: PCS



## Worth Noting:

- The Cabinet resolved that any public officials who resist these measures against the fight against illicit brews and drugs will be violating Chapter Six of the Constitution and the laws on conflict of interest.
- These include officials in the National Police Service, National Administration, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Bureau of Standards, public health and public prosecution, among others.
- The Cabinet was informed that since the Interior ministry started implementing these measures, 2,393 non-compliant premises, 359 pharmacies and chemists and 452 agro-vets have been closed.
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Additionally, seven vessels for trafficking drugs, 3,603 rolls of bhang and 44 stones have been seized.

Noting the increased cases of addiction to alcohol and drugs, the Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health to prepare a framework for rehabilitation wards in all Level 5 hospitals.

The ministry was also directed to closely work with county governments and ensure each county has a rehabilitation centre.

At the meeting, the ministries of Environment, Agriculture and Energy were directed to convene an inter-ministerial committee to deal with the invasion of the Prosopis Juliflora

tree commonly known as 'Mathenge'.

The tree is a menace in 22 counties and has led to the loss of grazing and farming lands, biodiversity, wetlands and national parks.

The inter-ministerial team was tasked with exploring opportunities that can be derived from the Mathenge tree. These include commercial opportunities in renewable energy, wood products and modern ways of using charcoal that do not emit carbon.

The Cabinet was briefed on the generation of hydro power and the status of water dams. The meeting was informed that there is a substantial rise of water levels at Masinga Dam, the main storage of the Seven Forks.

Consequently, the prospects of generating cheaper hydro power are very high and thus cheaper prices for Kenyans.

The meeting was also briefed on the World Bank's IDA 21 Replenishment Drive Summit to be held in Nairobi on April 28-29, 2024.

The Cabinet was told that the meeting raises concessional financing for 72 countries, and that Kenya would be able to access financing for imple-

menting the pillars of the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The Cabinet also discussed the following:

- Strengthening Safety in Short-Term Lease Facilities (AirBNBs)
- Kenya Water Training and Research Institute Bill 2023
- Building Resilient and Responsive Health System Project
- MoU Between the Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy and the Ministry of Investment of the United Arab Emirates
- Criteria Used to Grant Host Country Agreements to Inter-Governmental Organisations and External Agencies
- Hosting the Ninth Global International Energy Agency
- Development of the East African Community Zones Regulation and the EPZ Scheme in Kenya

# Food, Water Security and Unity Dominate Laikipia Meeting

By: OSDP



The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi donates white canes to those with visual impairment in Ol'ngarua special school in Laikipia County during a meeting geared towards empowering and advocacy for those with disability yesterday Photo/OSDP..

### Worth Noting:

- Pastor Dorcas encouraged the leaders to pray for the county and nation, and invited them on the altar to lead the congregation in prayer. "Our politicians know how to pray, and we must encourage them to continue praying," said Pastor Dorcas.
- Governor Joshua Irungu and his wife also participated in the prayer. "I made a commitment in 2013 that this shall be a God fearing county. And this began with dedicating Rumuruti as a county headquarter, and this came to pass."

Laikipia leaders and clergy yesterday met at Deliverance Church in Rumuruti and prayed for different issues affecting the growth and development of the devolved unit and her people.

Food, and water security dominated the prayers noting the dry climatic conditions of the remote county dominated by the pastoralist communities. There were also calls for unity among the different communities within Laikipia County.

The meeting of 300 clergy from across denominations was also attended by the spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi. Others were Governor Joshua Irungu and his spouse, Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri, Senator John Kinyua, County MP Jane Kagiri, and the Association of Pentecostal and Evangelical Clergy of Kenya (APECK) Laikipia Chair George Munene.

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"I am excited that clergy from across the sub-counties of Laikipia are attending this meeting, and let us keep this fire burning for the greater development of this County," said Governor Irungu.

The Governor also acknowledged the misunderstandings and bloodshed within the county perpetuated by dif-

ferences among the communities. He, however, called on peace and unity among the leaders.

"My prayer item for Laikipia is that nobody should travel more than a kilometer to get clean drinking water, and also rely on relief handouts," said Gov. Irungu.

The Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri acknowledged the efforts of the office of the spouse of the Deputy President (OSDP) to reach the vulnerable across the country.

"Through you, the vulnerable in our communities will have a dignified future. The widows, orphans and people with disabilities," said DG Kimuri.

The County MP, Jane Kagiri, also prayed for the widows.

In the afternoon, Pastor Dorcas met with people with disabilities at the Ol'ngarua special school in Seria.

She donated teaching aids, assistive

devices, and foodstuffs that included tricycles, white canes, diapers, sanitary towels, maize and wheat flour, beans, rice, cooking oil, flip charts, manilla papers, painting brushes, and powder paint, among others.

Pastor Dorcas called on the installation of facilities that are suitable for those with disabilities in schools and other public facilities, saying 'integration in a structured way will avoid disadvantaging the already disadvantaged'. She also noted that an occupational therapy unit was needed in the locality to cater for the different disability needs.

Pastor Dorcas will be in Laikipia County for a four-day working tour that will also include a meeting with widows in Muhotetu, a two-day medical camp at Rumuruti Stadium, and Soccer Kick-Off at the Nanyuki Stadium.

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# Kenyans Warned To Be Wary Of Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Residents of Busia County have been urged to visit public health facilities for diagnosis and treatment, in case they are bitten by dogs or other stray animals.

Speaking during a Technical Working Group forum, at the Busia County Referral Hospital, yesterday, Busia Sub-County Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Co-ordinator, Charles Omeny, noted that many cases of dog bites in the County are not reported to public health facilities.

“In many cases, victims of dog bites want to solve the cases at home and visit private clinics for medication, where they are only given pain killers,” he said.

Omeny added that public hospitals have professionals who will administer anti-tetanus and anti-rabies injections to the victims in order to protect them from any further harm.

“If a patient waits until he/she sees the signs of rabies, then there is no reverse,” he said, adding that many

cases of delayed treatment have led to death.

He further said that jigger infestation, another neglected tropical disease, was rampant in Butula, Teso South, Nambale, Matayos but victims fear coming out for treatment due to stigma.

The Official appealed to all residents infected by jiggers to come out for registration in order to benefit from a mass treatment exercise, that is being planned by the Department of Health. “We will treat all those who are jigger infested and disinfect their living environment,” he said, adding that victims of snake bites should also access public health facilities for treatment.

Busia County Co-ordinator for TB and Leprosy, Mary Aseyong, said that the County was recording an increase in cases of leprosy, also a neglected tropical disease.

“Before the year 2020, we were recording up to 20 cases of leprosy annually,” she said, adding that Alupe leprosy centre has been receiving referral cases from the entire East African Region.

Aseyong added that the Centre registered six leprosy clients in 2020 but



Stakeholders during the forum

the number rose to 14 in 2021.

“In 2022, we registered 17 cases, while last year we received 10 leprosy clients,” she said, adding that late diagnosis of the disease can lead to irreparable deformities.

She pointed out that a number of leprosy clients come from Teso South around, Asinge and Ngelechom ar-

reas, Teso North, Nambale and Matungu areas, Bunyala and Samia and Siaya County

“We also have children suffering from leprosy, meaning that there is ongoing transmission within the Community,” she said.

The Official further said that the disease is curable within a period of six

months or one year depending on its severity.

The Forum brought together stakeholders from relevant departments, to chart way forward on how to curb the Neglected Tropical Diseases.

# Nakuru County Disburse Drugs To Health Centers

By: Veronica Bosibori  
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Nakuru County’s Department of Health has embarked on the disbursement of drugs to health centres

The County Executive Committee Member for Health, Ms. Roselyn Mungai, today witnessed firsthand the impact of these efforts at Kabatini Health Centre in Bahati Sub-County.

The patient was impressed by the efficient distribution process, which ensured timely access to medications at the facility just an hour after flag-off from county stores.

While at Kabatini Health Centre, Ms Mungai noted the high uptake of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) scope covering the Comprehensive Care Centre (CCC), Pharmacy, and Records keeping.

Ms. Mungai commended the ani-

mated nature of the young records officers based at the facility and their dedication to minute details, which ensures that all drugs are captured, and details of dispensation to patients are maintained for transparency and accountability purposes.

Additionally, she said the medical monitoring and tracking system was likely to end the bad culture of drug theft and mismanagement. And, technology has the capacity to monitor and tracking medical suppliers from the point of procurement to the end user to ensure that drugs do not get lost along the supply chain.

Also, she applauded the Kabatini Health Centre for achieving its monthly targets on immunization and has a remarkable record of efficiency in service delivery, with the first client logging in as early as 7:10 am yesterday.

Ms Mungai assured the team of the support from the Department of Health to improve their non-pharma-



Health officials inspecting some of the drugs

ceutical and laboratory stocks and work on their unfenced section of about 200 meters in the future.

However, she declined to comment on the anticipated doctors strike which the Kenya Medical Practi-

tioners Pharmacists Dentist Union (KMPDU) announced would start last night.

# Ministry Of Information Launches Ministry Strategic Plan

By: Our Reporter  
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Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo (left) during the launch of the Strategic Plan yesterday

## Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the launch of the document, yesterday, at Radison Blu hotel, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Eliud Owalo, expounded that the blue print and roadmap, will guide the Ministry in implementing its activities, projects and programmes for four years.
- Owalo said the Strategic Plan formulated by the Ministry and key stakeholders in the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) sector ensured that key priority programmes and projects in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), are implemented as planned.
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The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, has launched its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, a policy blue print that will guide the Ministry to deliver its mandate in serving the citizenry and attaining their developmental aspirations.

The Strategic Plan, is also expected to address emerging issues and challenges, empower staff, partners and the public with adequate information, with which they can hold the Ministry accountable.

The Plan has identified seven key result areas namely; policy, legal and institutional frameworks, digital superhighway and telecommunications infrastructure, digital government services and products, universal access to information, business process outsourcing/ IT enabled services and local content

development, governance, finance and human capital development, cyber security, data governance and emerging technologies.

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“This Strategy will establish a national addressing system, revitalize Postal Corporation of Kenya, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation and the Kenya News Agency, as well as roll-out broadband connectivity, to the ward level,” said Owalo.

The Strategy will also be used in the installation of free public WiFi, digitization of government services, strengthening of data protection and enhancement of cybersecurity, besides setting targets for annual work plans, performance contracts and appraising staff performance.

He reiterated the government’s commitment to provide an enabling business environment that enhances access to information and a digitally enabled startups and investments by leading multinational technology companies during the 2023-2027 Medium Term period.

“This Plan goes further by ensuring that the Ministry’s vision of an informed and digitally empowered Kenyan society is aligned to the government’s transformative agenda, Vision 2030, Sustainable Development Goals, Africa Agenda 2063 and other National government priorities,” said the CS.

He said the Ministry has included the agriculture, micro, small and medium enterprises economy, housing and settlement, healthcare and the digital superhighway and creative economy pillars in its Digital Economy Blueprint and the Digital Master Plan 2022-2032 priorities.

“ICT sector in Kenya Vision 2030, is expected to contribute 10 percent to Gross Domestic Product

of the Kenyan Economy, as an enabler it has contributed immensely to improve e-government services, e-business, e-commerce, entrepreneurship a digital skill while enhancing market competitiveness of the country’s products and services,” he added.

On resources, the CS said, the Ministry has a total resource requirement of over Sh. 456 billion against a projected budget of Sh. 168.3 billion, thereby, creating a resource gap of Sh. 287.5 billion over the period.

He, therefore, called upon the Ministry’s partners to assist in bridging the gap, to enable the ministry realize its goal of implementing the strategy plan.

The CS called on all staff in the ministry to embrace commitment and teamwork to enable the ministry achieve its mandate.

In his remarks, the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang’ani announced that the government has approved a new structure in the State Department of Broadcasting where it will have three positions of Communication Secretaries.

Prof. Kisiang’ani said the government is committed to protect and revamp all its national institutions including learning institutions to enable the citizenry benefit from all government’s services and products. “The government’s policy is to help our national institutions to operate well, we will not allow hospitals, government and learning institutions to be destroyed,” he stressed.

The PS said the government has adopted new methods of addressing challenges and will ensure through technology Kenyans will access electricity and internet in their homes.

Speaking at the event, the Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui said the Strategic Plan has prioritized the development of enabling infrastructure to ease the cost of doing business.

“This plan will be a catalyst toward the future direction for the ICT sector, as well as spurring economic growth and transformation,” he stated.

He also thanked the German Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale (GIZ) and other partners for supporting the Strategic Plan.



Edward Kisianga’ni, Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications, speaking during the launch yesterday.

## Faith In God Pt 2



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Hunger for more of what God can do. Know that He exists, and a REWARDER of those who seek HIM DILIGENTLY. He says, "You shall seek ME, and you shall find ME, if you seek ME with all your heart."

Jesus said, "he who has more, shall be added more,." This also applies to the knowledge of God, if you know Him more, more shall be added unto you. It is written in Daniel 11:32 "Them that KNOW their God, shall be STRONG, and DO EXPLOITS."

We should grow up, and exercise your faith, and have your own testimony of what God has done. Do not expect a Pastor to do everything for you. Believe on yourself. Feed your faith through the word of God, listening to the Word. It is written in 2 Thessalonians 1:3 " We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren,

as it is fitting, because your FAITH GROWS EXCEEDINGLY, and the love of every one of you all abounds towards each other."

As you continue to revere God, may you receive His secrets: prayers, fasting, giving, discipline etc. You must exercise your faith, and see God at work in your life. There are four levels of faith. Level 1, is NATURAL FAITH; for example, the faith that made you sit on a chair and you did not look if the screws were intact etc, you did not look, even unbelievers have it, because God has given all of us a measure of faith. Level 2, we have the SAVING FAITH; believing in the cross, and the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus. Level 3, is ACTIVE FAITH: when you continuously experience God's power; all that you do, you continuously invoke God's power and has testimonies. Level 4, is OVERCOMING FAITH, as it is written in 1 John 5: 4 " For whatever is born of God OVERCOMES the world. And this is the victory that has OVERCOME the world- OUR FAITH." This is when you go through persecutions and you still stand firm. Overcoming faith is when you overcome all temptations(



immorality, corruption, lust, wickedness etc). I declare YOU SHALL OVERCOME, in the mighty name of Christ Jesus: Amen  
**HALELUJAH, GLORY BE TO THE LIVING GOD.**

**Evangelist Eric Musa:**  
(My message continuously: The

best decision in this earthly life is to receive Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour: Believe and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit: AMEN). As it is written; "NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2". For prayers, devotion; to support

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# Delay In Deployment Of Police Officers To Haiti Did Not Mean The State Has Developed Cold Feet



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga  
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**Worth Noting:**

- The Government of Kenya believes in the constitution and rule of law. So, in Haiti, it looked forward to work with a constitutional authority. This is position would be adopted by other countries across the world which had agreed to join the United Nation led Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS).
- Earlier, I had written an article that goes. I had been following with interest the debate surrounding the plan to send 1,000 Kenyan police officers to the troubled nation of Haiti.
- The critics of President William Ruto want Kenyans to believe that Kenya is the only country sending officers to that country. This is not true. A number of countries in Africa have also agreed to deploy officers.



Kenya Police Officers.

The reasons cited by Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Singoei when he announced that the government had put on hold the anticipated deployment of 1,000 police officers to Haiti were very clear.

The government of Haiti had collapsed following the resignation of the Prime Minister Henri Ariel. Some ministers and top police officers had been forced to resign by the Haitian gangs.

So, there was no government in place to receive our officers and direct them on how to carry out the operations, the PS reiterated.

Contrary to the critics, this did not mean the government had developed cold feet.

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countries in Africa have also agreed to deploy officers.

Kenya is however leading in this peace keeping mission.

A few days earlier President William Ruto hosted the Prime Minister of Haiti Henri Ariel at State House Nairobi. The two leaders signed an agreement paving the way for deployment.

Reports indicate that parliament and the Court of Appeal have ratified the decision. This showed the law was being followed to the letter and spirit.

So the impression created by the critics of President Ruto that he is forcing the decision down the throat of Kenyans did not hold any water.

Having read sections 107,108 and 109 of the National Police Service (NPS), I'm persuaded to believe that the decisions that the President had made so far were within the law.

I heard the Cabinet Secretary for Interior Kithure Kindiki elaborating this matter further.

He stated that the deployment cannot be done without an approval of Parliament. Granted, I'm persuaded to believe President Ruto equally shares his sentiments.

The constitution is the supreme law of the land.

It is wrong to point an accusing at President Ruto.

His pledge that Kenya will send 1,000

had been informed by three sections of NPS.

As of now, the grounds cited by those opposed are weak.

Kenyans can only listen to them if they manage to convince the court that the three sections are unconstitutional and should be removed from NPS Act.

Well, President William Ruto revisited this pledge while on a working visit in the United States of America.

US President Joe Biden and President Ruto were among the world leaders who addressed the United Nations General Assembly.

In his speech, the host Biden recognized and thanked President Ruto.

He noted that the President of Kenya has agreed to join the United Nations led support Mission in Haiti. He is leading Africa in this noble mission of restoring peace and unity in troubled country. Biden termed this as a good gesture.

As we know, the people of Haiti are in big trouble. The vicious marauding criminal gangs have forcibly taken over and overrun their country

For the starters, I want to share with them some of the atrocities that were being committed there.

The gangs were raping women and chopping the heads of their fellow citizens. The children were not spared.

The hospitals and schools had been

closed and the main roads blocked. More than ten Police stations have run down. A prison has been broken into and thousands of prisoners secured their 'freedom'.

The staff of humanitarian and charitable organizations was being targeted. They were blocked from accessing the camps where hundreds of thousands of Haitians had sought refuge to offer them food and medications.

This is the reason why Haitian leaders, who were on the run and some besieged, had pleaded with UN to intervene.

If you ask historians, this is what they would tell you about Haiti. This was the first country to emancipate itself from the colonial slavery. The people living in this Caribbean nation are Africans.

President Ruto remembered this while explaining why Kenya is touched with their pains and agony.

The people of Haiti are human beings just like us. Taking cognizant that Kenya is a member of the community of nations, it is wrong to sit and watch when they are suffering.

It is worth noting this is not the first time that the government of Kenya is sending security personnel to join the Africa Union or United Nations peace keeping missions.

The history of the previous Kenyan administrations is replete with this.

The previous deployments were approved at a time when Kenya had fallen far short of meeting the UN requirement of the ratio of 1: 450. This means one police officer taking care of 450 citizens.

I have heard the critics of Ruto raising this as another concern.

How come they never raised it during the reigns of the previous governments?

So, thier comments reeked more of hypocrisy and insincerity.

I also totally disagree that President Ruto was doing this in order to earn international recognition, mostly from the white people.

The President had already curved a niche of a renowned leader because of his style of leadership at home.

The world leaders particularly liked him because of strongly believing in tenets of democracy, constitution and rule of law.

Besides, he was walking the talk. This is in terms of fulfilling the pledges he made to Kenyans during the campaigns.

Contrary to impression created, Dr Ruto enjoys the support of African leaders because of being candid in pushing the agenda of Pan-Africanism. This has thrust him into the international stage where he has been championing the course of our people.

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# Waiguru assents to bill to revitalize Kamweti Agricultural Training Center

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Kirinyaga County governor Ann Waiguru assenting to the Bill yesterday.

## Worth Noting:

- It was signed before the County Assembly Deputy Speaker Jinaro Njamumo, Leader of Majority David Kibinga and other Members of County Assembly, now repeals the Kirinyaga County Agricultural Training Centre Act, 2004.
- This means that all rights, obligation, assets and liabilities belonging to ATC at Kamweti shall automatically be transferred to the ATVET Center.
- Waiguru said that the act will provide a legal framework for establishment and administration of Centre as well as funding to meet its training and research objects. It spells out the functions of the center, its governance and administration, standards, quality and relevance in training as well as financial provisions.

Kirinyaga County Governor, Anne Waiguru, has assented the Kirinyaga County Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training Centre Act, 2023, that paves way for revitalization of the Kamweti Agricultural Training Center (ATC).

The act will seek to turn the ATC into a center of excellence for farmers and students to learn the best agricultural practices.

Waiguru said this will pave way for county to transform the facility into an institution recognized country wide as a benchmarking center for best farming practices where farmers will get quality seeds and students get best training on farming.

The act will allow the county to pump in more money into the institution so as to expand its capacity in terms of equipment, human capital and infrastructure.

“The act also provides for the establishment of Kirinyaga County Agricultural Institutions Revolving Fund to cater for operational, commercial

and development activities for the ATVET Centre,” she said.

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The Governor noted that once the ATVET is established, it shall provide training on relevant agricultural technologies and other related subjects, training and conference facilities,

exhibit practical demonstrations in agriculture and in any other relevant aspect of development.

“It will also preserve and improve access to information and knowledge in agriculture and other development matters. It will also provide facilities for research, trials and bulking sites on relevant technologies and promote agribusiness in the agricultural sector,” the governor said.

She added that the act also provides for a framework for effective competency-based training, research, technology transfer and agricultural development as well as a framework for funding the functions of the center.

According to the act, the ATVET Centre shall be managed by a Board of Management comprising of non-executive Chairperson appointed by the Governor and approved by the County Assembly. Other members of the board will the County Chief Officer for Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Veterinary Services, Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning, five farmers representative drawn from the five sub counties, one member drawn from an agricultural research organization based in the county, one youth and one person living with disability (PWD) and the principal who shall be an ex-officio member and secretary of the board. The staff of the Center will be deployed by the County Government.

“To ensure that standards, quality and relevance of training, the board shall liaise with the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority and establish standards and benchmarks for training. It shall also

administer policies and guidelines that govern the establishment and accreditation of the center,” the governor added.

The governor thanked the Members of County Assembly for diligently working towards the achievement of the act.

On their part, the MCAs led by Kibinga reiterated their commitment for a harmonious working relationship between the assembly and the executive for successful implementation of development projects and oversight.

Last week, the center held a mini agricultural show meant to bring together researchers, experts, students and exhibitors from various value chains, cooperative societies and manufacturers of agricultural inputs to educate farmers on the latest best farming practices.

The farmers were educated on value addition, modern farming technologies and innovations among other best farming practices.

“This center has been of great help to us, we have been able to educate farmers on the different ways to add value on their products. Through the support of the County Government, I have been able to teach farmers on bee farming and in this way, I have gotten more customers for my bee hives,” said Fredrick Mutuota, one of the exhibitors.

Jackson Nyaga, a local farmer, expressed his gratitude towards the County Government for organizing such an informative training expo. He highlighted how the knowledge gained has significantly enhanced his farming practices.

“The last season presented numerous challenges, particularly regarding seed selection. I lacked the understanding of which seeds to sow during short rains. However, through this training, I have gained valuable insights, as the new farming season approaches, the lessons I have learnt will enhance my yields and profitability,” Nyaga stated.

Revitalization of the ATC is part of Governor Waiguru’s agenda on sustainability and commercializing agriculture by leveraging on innovations and technologies for aggregation, agro-processing and export-oriented value addition through organized value chain-based farmers groups to form cooperative societies.

Through the Wezesha Program, the county government supports farmers through initiatives such as training and establishing of various value chains.



Kirinyaga County governor Ann Waiguru

# Kenya Vision 2030 Holds Its Second Ruwaza Forum

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nation by 2030, ensuring a high standard of living for its population within a clean and secure environment by the year 2030.

Mr. Mwige, during a news interview, expressed openness to innovative ideas geared towards national progress, particularly leveraging the potential of Digital Transformation.

Notable achievements within the realm of E-Government and Digitalization highlighted during the event include:

- Pioneering advancements in the financial sector through the introduction of mobile money services such as M-PESA.
  - Establishment of an extensive terrestrial fiber network spanning over 8900 kilometers, facilitating connectivity among key government entities at the sub-county level.
  - Rollout of 4G and 5G mobile networks, bolstering internet accessibility and enabling seamless access to e-government services.
- Key insights gleaned from the discussions encompassed the pivotal role of digital transformation in enhancing governance through efficient resource management, augmenting service



Kenya Vision2030 Director General Kenneth Mwige and other officials

delivery, optimizing operational efficiency, and adapting to the evolving needs of citizens in the digital era. Furthermore, digitization and digitalization were underscored as catalysts for incremental economic growth, with tangible impacts on curbing unemployment, enhancing quality of

life, and broadening citizens' access to public services, aligning closely with the overarching aspirations of Vision 2030.

To bolster the uptake of this transformative initiative by the Government, the Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat convened the Ruwaza engagement fo-

rum, aiming to enlighten the Kenyan population and foster collaborative endeavors with diverse stakeholders in sensitization and mobilization efforts, culminating in agreed-upon action points.

The event, hosted by the Enablers Directorate of Kenya Vision 2030,

was complemented by a Media Engagement Forum held at the Ruwaza Center, Britam Center, themed "E-Government, Digitalization, and Opportunities." This forum attracted key stakeholders from the ICT sector, facilitating explorations of avenues for digital transformation and forging collaborative partnerships.

Kenya Vision 2030, propelled by a collective aspiration for a prosperous and globally competitive nation by 2030, endeavors to harness digitalization to craft a high-quality life for all citizens within a pristine and secure environment. Today's forum served as a platform to disseminate information regarding e-government services, deliberate on emerging opportunities in digitalization, and underscore the imperative of nurturing 21st-century skills for societal adaptation.

Distinguished representatives from the Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy, E-Citizen Secretariat, Huduma Kenya Secretariat, ICT Authority, Communication Authority of Kenya (CA), Konza Technopolis, as well as esteemed educational institutions including Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and Strathmore University, converged at the event, epitomizing a concerted effort towards advancing Kenya's digital transformation agenda.

# Nyeri County Boss Vows To Fight Illicit Brews

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Multiagency team has been urged to strategize new ways in order to curb the sale of illicit brews and second generation alcohol which has brought menace in the society. Speaking after the meeting held at Mweiga Hall in Kieni West Sub County, Nyeri County Commissioner Pius Murugu said they can't keep off from fighting against the drugs in the county.

The county boss said there is need for more strategize to ensure there no any sale of drugs which has left many youths addicted and are unable to deliver as expected by their families.

After closing more than 300 bars and joints which are near the learning

institutions Murugu said they will work in hand with all institutions the county government of Nyeri, NAC-ADA and all other agencies to curb the illicit brews to educated the public about consequences of engaging themselves in drug abuse.

He also lobby the members of National assembly to construct NGAO offices for officers who don't have in that will enhance good public service delivery.

Murugu called upon the NGAO officers to handle succession disputes without compromise and write succession letters without any favouritism.



More than 20 Ngao officers attended the meeting..

# Johann Contributed To The Music Of Sebastian Bach Huge Contribution



Abstract: An article about the famous works of Johann Sebastian Bach and his place in the world of music

Keywords: composer, baroque, "Overture, Cantata, Sonata", Johann Sebastian Bach.

Enter: Johann Sebastian Bach is a great German composer, a famous organist, a great exponent of the Baroque period and the style of polyphony.

The main part.

Johann Sebastian Bach: (March 21, 1685 July 28, 1750) was a great composer and organist. His compositions for choir, orchestra and solo instruments shaped the Baroque period.

I.S. In Bach's work, the musical genres of the previous period (including choral polyphony, protestant choir, organ music, Italian opera, harpsichord and piano music) were summarized and found their artistic end I.S. Bach's legacy includes more than a thousand works, mainly for organ music, piano, violin and other instruments, as well as vocal, vocal dramatic genres, and the organ plays an important role in Bach's works. He revealed new possibilities of the organ, combined such genres as organ prelude, fantasia, and toccata with fugue. "Prelude and Fugue in C minor", "Fantasia in C major", "Toccat and Fugue", "Passacaglia" and other works written for the organ are included in the treasury of world music. Bach was the first to write concert pieces for piano. Created and discovered a new style (suites, Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue, Italian Concerto). In the field of piano music, he demonstrated the advantages of the new "equal-tone" system on the example

of the "Well-Tempered Piano" set. Vocal, vocal-In addition, about twenty secular cantatas have come down to us, and some of them have been lost.

Ideas and lofty concepts are embodied in passions and mass. Therefore, using the example of vocal works, it is natural to start considering the general foundations of Bach's music, which are ultimately characteristic of him.

The spiritual cantata genre, in the sense characteristic of Bach's mature compositions, was formed in German music precisely during his time and largely due to his efforts. The Italian cantata, which was popular in Europe at that time, approached opera pieces in its composition and musical character. In the German cantata, Bach's predecessors relied mainly on Protestant choral, polyphonic forms. Bach, in turn, deepened the characteristics of the German cantata, and at the same time, much bolder than others, translated into it the achievements of polyphonic nations. The new art of its time, in particular, opera.

Bach's spiritual cantatas are relatively small in size and contain an unusually wide range of means of expression. They include polyphonic choirs, choral arrangements, various types of arias and recitatives, ensembles, instrumental numbers, about 300 religious cantatas, chorales and oratorios by Bach in the genres of dramatic music ("Passion according to John", "Passion according to Matthew", "Mass in B minor", "Magnificat") have a special place.

The themes of these are taken from the Bible, and their content reflects the feelings of humanity, enjoyment of life, striving for high beauty, joy and sorrow.

### Summary

Johann Sebastian Bach, who devoted his whole life to music, was considered the greatest composer of his time. His works have come down to us, and his music is still performed in the best philharmonics of the world, and the younger generation is inspired by his works.

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# I'm Gonna Be Happy

One day a flower will open for me,  
The way will always be open to me.  
It's always a fun day  
I will be happy, believe me.

Spring will surely come for me,  
Trees bloom early in the morning.  
You can also have lunch at a glance at the  
flowers  
I will be happy, believe me.

A rose will soon grow for me Honey is  
really the happiest summer is a big work  
for me I will be happy, believe me.

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Azimjon, 7th grade student of Zarafshan  
city, Navoi region, school No. 9.



# NHIF Faces House Committee's Scrutiny Over Multi-Billion Land Dispute And Inflated Construction Costs

By: PSCU



Some of the committee members during yesterday's meeting.

## Worth Noting:

- The committee heard that they were shocked to discover that an individual by the name of Peter Leparaku - a representative of the rival group- had been making payments totalling Sh514,330.
- What was alarming was the fact that Leparaku had been issued with payment receipts even though a similar amount had also been paid to the government by NHIF.
- "The matter has since been reported at the Karen Police Station and investigations are ongoing," said Wachira.

The National Hospital and Insurance Fund (NHIF) yesterday came under fire from the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture chaired by Emanuel Wangwe from Navakholo constituency following revelations that it risks losing a multi-billion 10-acre piece of land in Karen to a rival group claiming ownership of the same.

NHIF Chief Executive Officer Mr. Elijah Wachira yesterday submitted to the National Assembly's Public Investments on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture Committee that a rival group which had been claiming the 10-acre land had been paying for the land rates and rent rates of the disputed land.

Wachira said he made the discovery when officers from the fund went to make rates payments at the Ministry of Lands and the Nairobi County Government offices.

The committee heard that they were shocked to discover that an individual by the name of Peter Leparaku - a representative of the rival group- had been making payments totalling Sh514,330.

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"The matter has since been reported at the Karen Police Station and investigations are ongoing," said Wachira.

The committee also sought to know why the land had not been fenced by NHIF despite a 2016 court order directing it to do so.

Wachira however explained that the rival group claiming the land had invaded the land, brought down a concrete wall and arrested the security guard on site.

Furthermore, the committee has started investigations into the construction of a Sh3.9 billion multi-storey car park in Nairobi by NHIF.

The carpark is a seven-story building with five basement floors which is designed to accommodate 780 cars.

The committee chairman sought to know why the construction cost of the project had increased from KSh1 billion to KSh3.9 billion.

"We need to be told what drove up

the cost of the project to the point where billions were paid just for consultancy," stated Wangwe.

The committee was also shocked to learn that NHIF had paid KSh1.4 billion for a project that did not take off before the construction of the car park.

According to the fund's submission, it had resorted to building a resource centre and the billions were paid towards legal fees and arbitration, feasibility study, quantity survey costs, Architectural work and design, electrical engineering, civil and mechanical engineering and NCC and NEMA approvals, but the project never took off.

Instead, NHIF then opted to build

the car park which equally gobbled billions.

Records tabled before the committee indicate that despite the car park being marked as completed in July 2008 at a total cost of KSh3,342,120,239, a further amount of KSh626,635,998 and KSh4,706,521 was incurred in 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 respectively on the car park increasing its total expenditure to KSh3,973,462,758 as of 30 June 2011.

"So, you are telling this committee that two different projects were designed and abandoned on the same land? Sought Committee Vice Chairperson Caleb Amisi.

"We want to know why engineers were paid such a colossal sum before the commencement of the project. The contractors of this project must also be summoned so they can shed more light on these charges," he added.

Ndhiwa MP Martin Owino sought to know why NHIF had deviated from its core function of providing healthcare and prioritised projects which could have led to the loss of public funds.

"When NHIF was investing these funds, where did they get the money? Was it from member contributions?" Posed Owino.

Mr. Wachira however said that the new Social Health Insurance Act prevents the Social Health Insurance Agency (SHIA) - the body that replaces NHIF- from investing or deviating from its core mandate of healthcare.



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina who is also a member of the committee going through some of the documents provided by NHIF officials yesterday.

## KALRO Introduces Smart Greenhouses

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The Kenya Agricultural and Research Organization (KALRO), is revolutionising farming through new technologies to boost farmers' produce.

The Organization, via its nationwide agricultural centers, held a one-week exercise to educate farmers on the new innovations, ahead of the planting season.

Farmers engaged with stakeholders to learn about Smart technologies and adaptation methods for value addition and climate mitigation.

One such facility is the Muguga Genetic Resources Research Institute, in Kiambu County and it is here that we meet the Director for Seed propagation, Mr. Vincent Ochieng, who took us through the Smart greenhouse system.

"The greenhouse system is controlled by the Internet of things technology (IoTs)," Ochieng noted.



Vincent Ochieng.

Adding 70 percent of the operations in the greenhouse can be done by mobile phone.

It is an interconnected system with sensors such as a moisture sensor, to monitor the soil quality, a humidity sensor to monitor the humidity of the plants, and a smart irrigation sensor to pump water to the greenhouse.

The system transmits data through sensors, sending notifications and alerts to mobile phones via a cloud platform, enabling remote monitoring and data collection," says Ochieng. The speaker explains that a cooling system in the greenhouse uses a phone to mist crops, allowing them to be fully controlled during

hot weather.

The Director for Seed propagation further explained, the system is made possible by the sensors present in the greenhouse that are able to detect a fall or rise in temperature thus allowing for counter measures accordingly.

The irrigation system uses button

drip irrigation which requires low maintenance and is water efficient thus cautioning the farmer from costs. "When the soil is dry, the system will send you a warning through your phone and thus you can act accordingly by releasing water to the plants and the process goes on all through the day" says Ochieng.

Ochieng cited that the institution is currently breeding tomatoes that will be resistant to drought and disease and also be affordable to Kiambu farmers. Other plants in the greenhouse include Capsicum, spaghetti and strawberries.

The system uses a feeding tank with liquid fertilizer to add nutrients to the soil, which is then alerted to the user via a button. "Such innovations are important for crop value addition as we aim to avail high quality seeds and seedlings to farmers" he concluded.

This project is being funded by the Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (KAFACI) in partnership with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization. (KALRO).

## Don't Fall Into Traps Of Unscrupulous Brokers, Macadamia Farmers Captioned

By: Bernard Munyao and Anjilwa Francis  
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Macadamia farmers have been cautioned over falling to traps of unscrupulous brokers who are defying the government's directive on the set prices for the nuts.

Officials of the Nuts Traders Association of Kenya have claimed that some buyers were buying a kilo of macadamia nuts below Sh100 which was against the directive by the Ministry of Agriculture.

In November last year, the Ministry of Agriculture suspended Section 43 of Crops Act of 2013 thus allowing selling of raw macadamia nuts.

The suspension of the Act was aimed at increasing prices of the nuts which had gone down to about Sh20 per kilo.

One of the set conditions for the suspension of the law was to ensure a farm gate price for a kilo of macadamia was not below Sh100.

On Tuesday, while meeting macadamia farmers in parts of Kandara, the association's chairman Johnson

Kihara claimed that there were some brokers who were going against the directive of the government and offering prices below the set amount.

He said the price of macadamia has gone up after lifting exportation of raw macadamia hence no farmer should be paid less than Sh100 per kilo.

"I am warning all the brokers, especially those who supply macadamia factories, to stop taking advantage of the farmers. They should not buy macadamia at prices which disadvantage the farmers. I have talked to macadamia farmers in several counties and they have all agreed that they shall not be selling their produce to brokers at lower prices," said Kihara.

The chairman further said suspension of Section 43 of the Crops Act 2013 for one year may not have a lasting solution in the sector saying the law should be repealed.

He noted that countries especially from the Far East considered buying raw macadamia since they got more value than buying already processed macadamia.

"Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi should know that Section 43 of



Nuts Traders Association of Kenya officials led by Johnson Kihara addressing the media in Murang'a yesterday

Crops Act 2013 oppresses the farmer, and we urge this law to be done away with and allow the exportation of raw macadamia. The suspension of the law is just a short-term relief," he remarked.

Echoing his words, Murang'a CEC for Trade, Industrialization, and Tourism Paul Kimani Mugo noted repealing of the law would enable the farmers to sell their produce at a competitive price in the international markets thus reducing the oppression by unscrupulous brokers.

"Murang'a county administration is in agreement with farmers requesting the national government to intervene on Section 43 of the Crops Act 2013 so that we can liberalize the macadamia industry, such that the farmer can sell their produce at a competitive price," he said.

To protect farmers from unscrupulous brokers, the leaders called on the County government to support the farmers by building for them macadamia dryers.

According to the chairman of the

Kariua Cooperative Society Julius Mwangi, the dryers would add value to their produce and double the price for a kilo of the nuts, while also creating employment for the youths in Murang'a.

"To double the price of a kilo of macadamia to Sh200, the County government should establish dryers so that value addition can be done there. This will not only benefit the farmers but also reduce the unemployment in the county," said Mwangi.



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# Nubian Rights Forum Condemns Government's Increase In Charges For National IDs And Coercive Approach To Digital ID System In Kenya

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Shafi Ali Hussein, Executive Director, Nubian Rights Forum.

The Nubian Rights Forum, alongside other civil society organizations and concerned Kenyan citizens express alarm over recent multiple changes in the administration of nationality documents - including national IDs, birth certificates, passports among others - that will undermine citizenship rights.

Over the past few months, the government has made new regulations that will impact the access and issuance of nationality documents making it harder for Kenyans access to government issued documents.

The government has not only introduced new charges and increased the cost of acquiring Official documents but is also implementing a new digital ID system known as Maisha Namba that will replace the current 2nd generation IDs.

These new regulations will disproportionately impact marginalized and minority communities, people living in rural communities and low-income people. This switch in policy to raise revenue from citizen's wallets by imposing high fees for mandatory government issued documents will lock out people who

simply cannot afford to pay the fees.

On March 1, 2024, the government announced new fees for official documents including national ID cards, birth certificates, passports, death certificates among others. Under the new regulations, ID applicants will now pay KES 300 (previously free), replacing an ID will cost KES 1000 (up from KES 100), applying for a passport will cost KES 7,500 (up from 4500) and a birth certificate costing KES 200 (up from KES 50).

Furthermore, communities subjected to the vetting process will now be forced to pay an additional KES 500 fee for documents verification leading to further marginalization of already vulnerable communities. This means that individuals from communities such as the Nubians will pay KES 800 for a first time ID applicant.

It cannot be underscored just how crucial an ID, or a birth certificate is to fully participate in society; no one

should be denied these documents just because they cannot afford to pay.

We urge the government to reverse course, remove the charges and keep the cost of acquiring vital and mandatory nationality documents such as IDs or birth certificates free or minimal to ensure all Kenyans can afford and easily access these documents.

Meanwhile, on February 23, 2024, Ambassador Julius Bitok, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, announced plans to expedite the issuance of the new generation of National Identity Cards, known as Maisha Cards. This decision followed a court order temporarily halting the implementation of the Maisha Namba digital identity project, which is currently under review by the constitutional and human rights division of the High Court.

Despite assurances that digital identity would remain optional, the government's decision to cease printing 2nd generation national identity cards compels all Kenyans seeking IDs to enroll in Maisha Namba. This unilateral action threatens to worsen existing inequities, particularly for marginalized communities facing obstacles like vetting to obtain na-

tional ID cards.

The rush to implement Maisha Namba disregards ongoing legal challenges and undermines individuals' access to essential services. Thousands of Kenyans have already been impacted by the government's decision to exclusively issue Maisha Cards, resulting in delays and frustration in obtaining identification documents.

The Nubian Rights Forum underscores that Maisha Namba fails to address existing flaws in citizenship processes and discriminatory practices against minority and marginalized communities. Without robust legal frameworks and adequate safeguards, the centralized nature of the Maisha Namba ecosystem raises significant privacy and data protection concerns.

In response, the Nubian Rights Forum calls on the government to reverse its decision to make digital ID mandatory and instead prioritize voluntary enrollment through comprehensive civic engagements. We demand the establishment of a robust legal and data protection framework, prioritization of individuals lacking documentation, and meaningful inclusion of marginalized communities in the design and implementation Of Maisha Namba.

# Microsoft ADC Unveils Mentorship Program To Uplift Tech Women In Universities

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The Microsoft Africa Development Centre has launched a mentorship program for women pursuing technology studies at universities and focus on carrier readiness tech skills leadership development for women and girls in the STEM. This initiative is set to inspire women coders and help them achieve their professional goals

The first cohort of the initiative, called Women Inspiring and Nurturing Students (WINS), brings together approximately 70 young women pursuing tech-related courses at various universities across Kenya with women working at Microsoft for a year-long mentorship.

Speaking at the launch, which coincided with International Women's

Day last Friday, Catherine Muraga, Microsoft ADC Managing Director, stated that the large gender gap in technology education highlighted the need to encourage more girls and women to further their studies and pursue careers in technology.

"Women face numerous obstacles to achieving equal participation in many fields, including the technology industry. There aren't many young women who pursue technology courses in their tertiary education, and those who do often switch to other courses or drop out along the way. Pairing learners with mentors will be critical to encouraging course completion and opening doors for them as they transition from the classroom to the workplace," said Ms Muraga.

According to the 2021 UNESCO Science Report, there has been significant progress in women's representation in higher education over the years, but they continue to be underrepresented in critical STEM

fields such as digital information technology, computing, physics, mathematics and engineering. The report also notes that more women than men leave the technology field, citing poor working conditions, stagnant careers, and a lack of access to creative roles.

WINS joins other Microsoft ADC initiatives aimed at growing representation of women in tech, such as campus tours, faculty skilling initiatives, Game of Learners program, and now ADC WINS where we are investing time, resources and expertise to build representation of women in STEM in universities.

"We believe that diversity can drive innovation and progress. The WINS programme demonstrates our commitment to making the tech industry more inclusive and equitable. By providing women with the necessary tools and support, we hope to reshape the future of technology. It is linked to our broader diversity and



Catherine Murage, MD of Microsoft ADC, Marjan Hussein, Student of Multimedia University and Kua-Gyekye.

inclusion objectives, whose achievement will demonstrate that we are empowering everyone to do more," Ms Muraga added.

The first cohort consists of 70 students having been chosen from various universities, including the University of Nairobi, Kabarak University, Jomo Kenyatta University of

Agriculture and Technology, United States International University-Africa, Dedan Kimathi University, Multimedia University, St. Paul's University, Machakos University, and Zetech University.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Achieng's Battle With Menstrual Cramps And Stigmatization



In a small village nestled on the outskirts of Migori resides Fridah Achieng, a 22-year-old girl whose life has been overshadowed by a silent struggle. Fridah's journey is not glamour or fame but rather a poignant tale of resilience in adversity. Behind her warm smile lies a story of excruciating pain and societal stigma, the untold reality of many young girls around the world.

For Fridah, the monthly arrival of her menstrual cycle is not just a natural occurrence but it's a dreaded ordeal. Since her early teens, she has been plagued by severe menstrual cramps that leave her curled up in agony for days. "It feels like knives stabbing me from the inside," Fridah confides, her voice barely above a whisper. "I can't move, I can't eat, I

can't even go to school."

Despite the debilitating pain, Fridah's daily life must go on. With limited access to proper menstrual hygiene products and healthcare facilities, she resorts to makeshift solutions, often using rags or old clothes to manage her periods. "It's embarrassing," she admits, "but I have no other choice."

Yet, Fridah's battle doesn't end with the physical pain. In a society where menstruation is shrouded in secrecy and shame, she faces another formidable foe, stigma. "People whisper behind my back, calling me 'dirty' or 'impure,'" she reveals, her eyes downcast. "Even my family sometimes treats me differently during that time of the month."

The stigma surrounding menstru-

ation runs deep in many cultures, perpetuating myths and misconceptions that fuel discrimination and exclusion. Girls like Fridah are often made to feel ashamed of their bodies, leading to profound psychological distress and low self-esteem. "I used to think something was wrong with me," she says, tears welling in her eyes. "But now I know it's not my fault. It's the society that needs to change."

Determined to break the silence and empower other girls facing similar challenges, Fridah has become a vocal advocate for menstrual health and hygiene. Through grassroots initiatives and community outreach programs, she strives to educate both girls and boys about menstruation, demystifying taboos and promoting

acceptance and understanding.

"I refuse to be silenced by shame," Fridah declares, her voice brimming with conviction. "Every girl deserves to feel proud of her body and her experiences. We need to talk openly about menstruation and provide girls with the support and resources they need to thrive."

As Fridah continues her crusade for menstrual equity, her resilience is a beacon of hope for countless girls worldwide. In her courage, they find inspiration; in her determination, they find strength. Through her unwavering resolve, Fridah Achieng is not just fighting for herself but also paving the way for a future where no girl will ever have to suffer in silence again.

By Ann Mutisya, Migori mwisho

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# Prioritizing Mental Health, The Best Solution For Depression

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, where productivity and success are often measured by tangible achievements, an unseen epidemic lurks in the shadows—mental health issues. Despite advancements in healthcare, mental health often remains relegated to the sidelines, stigmatized and misunderstood.

Imagine a world where mental health check-ups are as routine as dental cleanings, where discussing anxiety is as normal as talking about a sprained ankle. This is the world we must strive to create—a world

where mental well-being is given the same priority as physical health.

The statistics are alarming: according to the World Health Organization, depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting over 264 million people. Yet, the majority of those suffering do not receive the help they need. The reasons are complex, ranging from lack of resources to societal stigma. But the consequences are clear—untreated mental health conditions can lead to severe outcomes, including a higher risk of chronic diseases and

suicide.

The narrative, however, is slowly changing. Public figures and celebrities are beginning to share their struggles, bringing much-needed attention to the issue. Social media campaigns and grassroots movements are challenging the stigma, encouraging open conversations about mental health.

But there is still much work to be done. We must push for policies that ensure mental health services are accessible and affordable for all. Education systems should incorporate

mental health into their curriculums, teaching children from a young age about emotional intelligence and resilience. Workplaces need to foster environments where employees feel safe to seek support without fear of judgment or repercussions.

As individuals, we can contribute to this shift. It starts with self-awareness—recognizing the signs of mental distress in ourselves and others. It continues with compassion offering support and understanding rather than judgment. And it culminates in action—seeking help when ne

It is the high time we advocate for mental health checkups and care, let us remember that a healthy mind is just as important as a healthy body. By prioritizing mental health, we not only improve the lives of individuals but also strengthen the fabric of society as a whole.

By: Kitsao Frank (Rongo university)

# PACJA And NANHRI Holds A Conversation On Optimizing Action In Pursuit Of Climate Justice

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Some panelists..

## Worth Noting:

- There are gaps in conceptualizing actions to advance human rights in climate action in a plain sense, within strict geographies, and in interterritorial contexts. This is despite the preamble of the Paris Agreement acknowledging that state parties should when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote, and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.
- Probably international human right to a clean and healthy environment is an important and comprehensive way to address climate injustice, understood as inter-national, inter-generational, and intra-societal injustice, and therefore, it needs to be further developed.

Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) and Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance on Tuesday held a conversation on Optimizing Action in Pursuit of Climate Justice and Human Rights in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting explored innovative strategies and collective actions to address the pressing issues at the intersection of climate justice and human rights. The intersectionality of climate change and human rights issues is a pressing concern that demands immediate attention.

While the human rights regime has evolved, it still falls short in addressing the complexities of climate injustice. Extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and temperature increases directly impact various human rights, including life, health, water, means of subsistence, adequate standard of living, education, property, self-determination, and culture. Unfortunately, climate change response measures introduce additional challenges, particularly in Africa. Carbon markets contribute to land grabs, depriving communities of production means and dictating land use options. The demand for critical minerals further displaces communities, resulting in a myriad of rights violations, including insecurity.

The National Human Rights Institutions, independent bodies mandated to protect and promote human rights, play a crucial role in Collaboration between NHRIs and the climate justice movement is essential for a holistic approach to human

rights in the era of climate emergence. They also noted that Climate justice movements and human rights actors must work in tandem to optimize impact. profit over people that has led to conflicts and struggles, including fights for wildlife as people strive to secure livelihoods and ensure their familie's safety.

According to PACJA the casual look at extreme weather events, rise in sea level and temperature increase shows that a host of human rights are affected including life (ICCPR, 6), Health (ICESCR, 12), Water (ICESCR, 11,12), Means of subsistence (ICESCR, 11), Adequate standard of living (ICESCR, 11), Adequate housing (ICESCR,11), Education (ICESCR,13), Property (UDHR, 13), Self-determination (ICCPR, ICESCR, 1), Culture (ICCPR, 27), and Property (UDHR, 17)).

Moreover, climate change response measures further pose additional challenges as carbon markets continue to accentuate land grabs in Africa, dispossessing communities of the means to production and dictating land use options to communities, and infringing on their free will. In addition, the demand for critical minerals from Africa is disposing communities of their land, and unsustainable mining operations further resulting in a host of other rights violations including insecurities triggered The host of Special Rapporteur mechanisms and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, more so those relevant to climate change, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Safe Drinking Water,

the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, may not offer sufficient safeguards.

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National Human Rights Institutions are state-mandated bodies, independent of government, with a broad constitutional or legal mandate to protect and promote human rights. NHRIs are unique as they are national institutions with a legal mandate to promote and protect human rights domestically in an independent manner. Contrary to other national institutions, NHRIs are accredited with an internationally accepted

quality label, based on their compliance with the Paris Principles. It is therefore important for these bodies and the climate justice movement to forge strong partnerships for a holistic approach to human rights in the era of climate emergence.

But are the climate justice movements and human rights actors pulling together? What more do they need to do, together to amplify their impact and accelerate the enjoyment of human rights for all in the era of triple planetary crisis? How should the human rights and climate justice movements best position themselves to optimize impact?

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Unleashing the power of unity, Uniting Forces for Climate Justice and Human Rights in the Era of Planetary Crisis. They continue to amplify impact, redirect energies, and build the Africa We Want Climate change & human rights are intertwined. While climate policies impact vulnerable groups, existing human rights frameworks may fall short, Therefore It's time to bridge the gap and work towards a comprehensive international human rights

PACJA is a consortium of more than 1000 organisations from 48 African countries that brings together a diverse membership drawn from Grassroots, Community-based organizations, Faith-based Organizations, Non-Governmental organizations, Trusts, Foundations, Indigenous Communities, Farmers and Pastoralist Groups with a shared vision to advance a people-centered, right-based, just and inclusive approach to address climate and environmental challenges facing humanity and the planet.

# THE EL-TABLAZ ANNUAL READING CONTEST 2024

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- Level 2: Form 3 – 4 (Submission deadline: Mar. 15, 2024)
- Level 3: Form 5 – 6 (Submission deadline: Mar. 15, 2024)

### Judges :

Judges will include teachers and teacher-consultants of the Literature & English Forum – Uganda from across the nation.

# E-Government

## Kenya Vision 2030's Enablers Directorate Hosts Successful Media Engagement Forum on E-Government and Digitalization



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### Worth Noting:

- The groundbreaking advent of mobile money services such as M-PESA in 2007, which catalyzed a seismic revolution in the financial sector, empowering Kenyans to seamlessly send and receive money through their cell phones.
- The establishment of an extensive terrestrial fiber network spanning over 8900 kilometers, intricately interlinking key government institutions down to the sub-county level. This monumental feat has propelled Kenya to the zenith of the Network Readiness Index (2022) on the African continent, with the impending Konza National Data Center and Smart City facilities poised to further galvanize ICT adoption and internet utilization.

**"E-Governance: Empowering citizens and transforming governance through the seamless integration of technology and transparency."**

The Enablers Directorate of Kenya Vision 2030, the nation's esteemed long-term development blueprint, orchestrated a triumphant Media Engagement Forum at the prestigious Ruwaza Center, Britam Center. This pivotal gathering, themed "E-Government, Digitalization, and Opportunities," attracted luminaries from the ICT sector, converging to explore pathways for digital metamorphosis and forge collaborative alliances.

#### Visionary Pursuits for a Digitally Empowered Future

Kenya Vision 2030, fueled by an unwavering collective vision for a prosperous and globally competitive country by 2030, is poised to harness digitalization as a catalyst for fostering a high-quality life for all citizens within a pristine and secure environment. Today's forum served as a conduit for raising awareness about e-government services, delving into burgeoning opportunities in digitalization, and underlining the paramountcy of 21st-century skills for societal adaptation.

Esteemed representatives from an array of esteemed institutions including the Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy, E-Citizen Secretariat, Huduma Kenya Secretariat, ICT Authority, Communication Authori-

ty of Kenya (CA), Konza Technopolis, and distinguished universities such as Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and Strathmore University graced the event with their presence.

#### Key Objectives of the Ruwaza Forum

**The Ruwaza Forum was meticulously crafted with the following key objectives:**

Raising citizen awareness about the pantheon of available e-government services.

Unveiling the boundless opportunities precipitated by digitalization and emergent technologies.

Spotlighting the pivotal importance of 21st-century skills for societal recalibration.

Cultivating collaborative synergies with both governmental and non-governmental entities to propel digital transformation forward.

#### Charting the Course for Digital Eminence

Kenya Vision 2030 remains steadfast in its resolve to foster strategic partnerships and linkages to ensure the seamless implementation of digital initiatives harmonized with its overarching objectives. Through

concerted collaborative endeavors, the Vision endeavors to augment citizen awareness, bolster utilization of e-government services, Landmarks in the E-Government and Digitalization Domain

#### Noteworthy achievements in the realm of E-Government and Digitalization include:

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The fervent digitization of Government records and services, spearheaded by the President, under the aegis of MTP IV through the Kenya Open Data Initiative (KODI). This epochal endeavor not only beckons

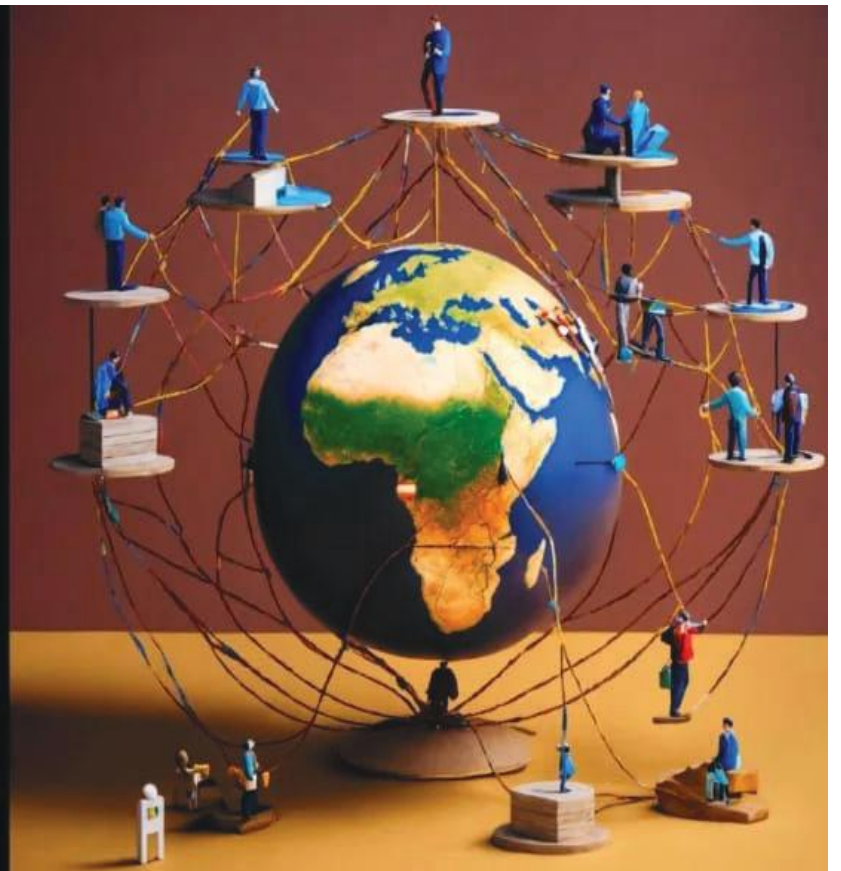
forth investors and developers but also presents a golden opportunity to catalyze socioeconomic progress.

The epoch-making launch of 4G and 5G mobile networks, heralding an era of unparalleled internet connectivity and endowing Kenyans with seamless access to e-government services on their handheld devices, thereby engendering unprecedented convenience and efficiency.

#### Pledges for a Brighter Tomorrow

As Kenya Vision 2030 propels forward, it fervently champions digital initiatives, calling upon private players and entities to leverage governmental investments as a springboard for spawning myriad business opportunities and catalyzing job creation. The nexus between public and private collaboration stands poised as the veritable cornerstone for sculpting a digitally empowered tomorrow.

In summary, the Media Engagement Forum on E-Government and Digitalization convened under the auspices of Kenya Vision 2030's Enablers Directorate stands as a clarion call to embrace the winds of digital change and orchestrate a symphony of collaborative endeavors towards a digitally empowered future.



# Vocational Training Is A Lifeline For Recovering Alcoholics, Philanthropist Says

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## Worth Noting:

- “Dream Hub has collaborated with Gakoe, Mutitu, and now Kangema vocational training centres where we employ more trainers for the students and provide food for them when they are in school.” she added,
- Ms. Mwaniki who explained that she has been at the forefront of the fight against alcoholism for over 25 years inspired by her own family’s struggle with the vice emphasized that equipping the youth with an income-generating skill is an important part of rehabilitation.
- According to Mwaniki, 5000 recovering alcoholics in Murang’a have benefitted from free vocational training since she began this program.

A Murang’a philanthropist, Nduta Mwaniki has said that equipping recovering alcoholics with vocational skills is a fundamental step in their fight against addiction.

Mwaniki who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dream Hub Foundation, speaking at Kangema vocational training centre said her organization has collaborated with the local vocational training centres where they continue to enroll several recovering alcoholics for artisan courses as a lifeline aiding in their recovery from addiction.

She noted that desperation resulting from unemployment and the high cost of living were some of the factors driving young Kenyans into alcohol and drug abuse and rehabilitating them without offering them a way of earning a livelihood often proved futile which led her to start collaborating with the local vocational training centres.

“We noticed that there is a need to teach employability skills to the young men and women after rehabilitating them,” Mwaniki said,

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come-generating skill is an important part of rehabilitation.

According to Mwaniki, 5000 recovering alcoholics in Murang’a have benefitted from free vocational training since she began this program.

“I grew up in a family where my father and brothers were drunkards and this made me realize that something needs to be done about alcoholism.” she said,

“The many years of experience have taught me that having a skill or an income-generating venture plays a big part in enabling those recovering to stay sober.” She added,

The CEO explained that they work closely with the local administration where they educate people against alcohol and drug abuse in their public barazas.

“Once we identify addicts, we offer counseling and rehabilitation before enrolling those successfully rehabilitated to the vocational training centres for skills that will help them earn a living.” She said,

Mwaniki further explained that after completion of the training, the youths are empowered with equipment such as brick or cabro making machines for their startup businesses.

She urged the government and other well-wishers to revive more vocational training centres across the country and enroll many young people so that they can learn artisan skills saying this will go a long way in sustaining the strides made by the

government in the fight against alcoholism.

Muguru Member of County Assembly, Moses Muchiri applauded the initiative to revive the vocational centres saying the artisan courses help youths earn a living and act as motivation for them to stay sober.

He applauded this rehabilitation program saying it teaches useful skills to many young people who need them but cannot afford them by themselves.

“Currently this polytechnic has only 150 students but under the partnership with Dream Hub we target 500 more by the end of the month,” he said,

The MCA said he will lobby for employing more trainers and also for funds to improve infrastructure in the institution hence improving the quality of education.

Faith Njoroge who is in charge of vocational training in Murang’a County, on her part explained that the county is keen on ensuring young people have income generating skills.

“We have the first cohort of Murang’a Youth Service (MYS) who were employed to clean up local market centres and are currently undergoing vocational training in various vocational centres fully sponsored by the county government.” Njoroge said,

Njoroge requested the youth to be flexible in career choices and embrace vocational training in order to learn skills after basic education

instead of staying idle.

She said that there are currently 4031 students enrolled for regular courses in the various vocational training centres across the county and 1040 students sponsored by MYS for short courses.

Samuel Mwangi, who is a community leader, applauded the government for banning third generation alcohol manufacturers and asked politicians to either keep off or support such initiatives by well-wishers instead of viewing them as competition.

He further called upon parents to encourage and support their children to join TVETs so as to encourage the youths to stay sober as productive members of the society.

Peter Kamathiro, one of the beneficiaries of the program and a recovering alcoholic, formed a group with other addicts and they formed a youth group that is now making a living through baking.

“After rehabilitation, learning how to bake has given us a purpose, a reason to stay sober and we can also provide for our families,” he said,

Kamathiro urged youths to stay away from alcohol and drugs and called upon the community and other well-wishers to help those already addicted through counselling and rehabilitation.

# Focus On ‘Tree Growing’, Not Just ‘Tree Planting’

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The Narok Forest Conservator, Daniel Mukung’, has urged the residents, to ensure trees they planted grow and survive.

Mukung’ said that the County is making a major progress in tree planting, having already planted over Six Million trees, which translates to 14 percent, since the launch of 15 billion trees, planting initiative by the President.

The Forest Conservator explained tree planting as putting seedlings into the soil, while tree growing is a process that alludes to many events, until trees can sustain themselves.

Mukung’ challenged the residents across the County, to put more effort into maintaining the planted seedling, as failure to do so will be equivalent to not planting at all.

Mukung’ said that the County is tar-



getting to plant 45 million trees every year, which translate to 450million bushes, for the 10 years programme.

Mukung’ added that the tree planting exercise in Narok County, is majorly done in the Mau Forest, where the eviction has been done with at least over 20,000 ha of the land, where various organizations have

adopted 39 blocs, each Block measuring 100 ha of land.

He urged those that plant trees to ensure that seedlings that are grown in the County are those that can survive in the climatic condition in the County, to avoid death at an early stage.

Mukung’ said that planting of local-

ly produced seedlings, plays a key role in uplifting the lives of locals who survive by producing the seedlings.

“We urged all that are partnering with us in the tree planting campaign across the County to focus on using the locally produced seedlings, so as to increase the chances of survival

of the seedlings and uplift the livelihoods of those that survive by selling the seedlings,” said Mukung’.

Mukung’ added that the County is already experiencing the benefits of the ongoing mass tree planting, as the water levels in local rivers, have risen in recent years, as evident in the local Maasai Mara River and Ewaso Nyiro river.

He lauded the County government through the leadership of the Governor Patrick Ntutu, for spearheading the tree planting campaign across the county.

The Conservator also recognized the effort by the Non-Governmental Organizations especially Eden restoration project which he said has done a bulk of tree planting especially in the Maasai Mau Forest and other forested areas like Olpisimoru.

# House Committees Jointly To Review Senate Amendments To The Affordable Housing Bill

By: PSCU

The Committees on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works and Finance and National Planning have this afternoon held a joint sitting following the consideration and passage of the Affordable Housing Bill, 2023 by the Senate, with amendments.

The National Assembly passed the Bill last month before transmitting it to the Senate for consideration.

The Senate version of the approved Bill has proposed over 40 amendments, some being suggested new inclusions to the Bill.

In a session chaired by Johana Ng’eno (Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works) and Kimani Kuria (Finance and National Planning), members went through the proposed amendments which range from those seeking to introduce the role of County Governments in affordable housing to those regarding the man-

agement of the Housing Levy, which the Bill seeks to establish.

Others are geared towards tightening the punitive measures for the misappropriation of monies for the Fund, aligning the Bill to the Leadership and Integrity provisions under the constitution, and to introduce tenure of office for the CEO of the proposed Affordable Housing Fund Bill, in line with Mwongozo Code of Governance.

The Senate also amended a number of clauses to introduce gender neutral language or to clean up the structuring of the proposed law.

The National Assembly is expected to debate on the amendments by the Senate in the committee of the whole House, but in the event the House does not agree with the amendments, the Bill will proceed to a Mediation process.

Yesterday’s session was held in a bid to enrich the anticipated mediation process whereby, the two Houses are expected to nominate an equal number of Members to jointly review the amendments.



Some of the committee members during yesterday’s session.

The Mediation committee if constituted will make an attempt to recon-

cile differing positions and develop a mediated version of the Bill for

consideration by both the National Assembly and the Senate.

# From Dungeon With A Mission, The Story Of Evangelist David Mwangi

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Evangelist cum artist David Mwangi showing some of his work in Nyeri town.

## Worth Noting:

- Mwangi nevertheless came out wiser, as he told journalists during an interview recently.
- “I was coming home from work that day when I came face to face with an angry mob, chasing four men who had robbed a woman of her car, before storming into a business premises where they made away with an assortment of jewellerys. Out of curiosity, I decided to witness the unfolding events and drew near the scene of the event, where the alleged stolen car had been abandoned. Within no time, the police officers arrived on the scene and managed to shoot dead one suspect, while the rest managed to escape. It was then that I found myself in the hands of the law enforcers,” narrates Mwangi.

In April 20th, 1979, a gang of four men stormed Abdalla Sons business premises, located along Meru Road in Mombasa and robbed Mohammed Saleh Khadwalla of 87 wrist watches and Ronsel lighters, valued at Sh26,455.

Prior to the incident, and on the same day, the gang had robbed one, Elizabeth Mole, of her Mazda Saloon car registration number KJZ 054 valued at Sh54,000.

The second robbery had taken place at Ambalala House, along Mikindani Road.

The incidences had attracted the attention of revellers who were enjoying their drinks after work, who immediately responded to distress calls from the victims and gave chase to the fleeing gang.

In their hasty retreat from the scene of crime, the gang had to abandon the get-away car after its engine stalled.

Curious to get a whiff of what had led to the commotion, David Mwangi, who was at the time walking home from the then Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (KPTC), where he was working as a casual labourer, decided to hasten to the scene.

His curiosity, as he came to learn later, would turn out to be one of worst undoing, after he got implicated in the crime.

He ended up spending a total of six months at the Shimo La Tewa Remand Prison for a crime he never committed.

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Mwangi was born in 1960 in the then Murang’a District, where he attended his elementary education, before leaving for Mombasa in 1972 to join his father who was working there.

In 1974 he sat for his Certificate of Primary Education (CPE).

After completing Class seven, he worked on several casual jobs, including at a refrigeration plant, where he worked as an untrained Unit Inspector for Dayalal Ramji.

“I used to ferry tomatoes for people and at the end of the day got paid one-a cent. I also worked in a hotel, where I was paid Sh 30 at the end of every month. In those days such an amount of money was a windfall, only a few could dream of,” reminisces the father of five.

But in 1976 Mwangi enrolled for a training course at the Kisauni Training Centre, where he undertook a one-year course in Sign Writing and Painting.

Thereafter, a breakthrough came for him in 1978, when KPTC hired him on a temporary basis at a monthly pay of Sh200.

It was during his second year in casual employment, that he found himself on the wrong side of the law and in an incident he knew nothing

about.

But Mwangi, currently a Preacher at the Elim Gospel Church in Nyaribo Village, a few kilometers from Nyeri town says it was during his wrongful incarceration in prison that he decided to one day venture into the field of counselling psychology.

And after the High Court in Mombasa acquitted him of the robbery with violence charges in 1979, he made it his duty to work among prison wardens and inmates, offering them mentorship talks and counselling sessions, to help them cope with life’s challenges.

“My short stint in remand pushed me to take-up the role of reaching out to those serving prison sentences. Since then, my passion towards this cause has enabled me reach persons I barely dreamt about. My work has seen me visit prisons, asylums and even ventured into the dusty alleys of our small towns, where the downtrodden have called home for years,” added Mwangi, who loves to identify himself as an Evangelist.

In 1982 KPTC finally commuted his services to permanent basis, with a starting salary pegged at Sh 520 per month.

His job description entailed marking postal office mail boxes and any other related work that came with signwriting.

The new status enabled him to enrol for Grade Two Test Certificate in Sign Writing at the Mombasa Industrial Training College.

His love for the brush saw him serve in various stations in the country, including Nairobi until the cruel sledgehammer of staff rationalizing, fell on him in 2007.

By this time KPTC was struggling to stay afloat and to cut down on costs, the Company had to retrench

scores of its staff, as part of its austerity measures.

Commenting on that fateful turn of events in his career, Mwangi laughs it off as an opportunity that opened his eyes to the future.

Rather than turn wallow in misery and mental anguish, he decided to take the unfamiliar path of joblessness in faith.

For him, one door had been shut; but a dozen others remained open for him.

“Retrenchment and retirement should never be a death sentence to anybody. It is always a possibility once you get employed. When retrenchment came calling, some of my colleagues committed suicide, others slipped into denial but a few moved on. Luckily for me I had spent much of my years in employment mentoring others on how to cope when things come crumbling down,” he pointed out

“Once people exit from active service, they need to accept their new status and walk out with their heads high. A vast field of work is always awaiting those who take retirement as a step to the next responsibility,” he advises.

Today, the painter cum preacher, is satisfied with the route he took which he says has enabled him to provide for his family besides helping others grow.

His pastoral work has also seen tens of prison inmates, scholars and common people give life another stab when all appeared lost.

“The fact that I have a helping heart enables me help anyone in need. I have been able to train some young men for free since they could not afford to pay. In addition, criticism has never been far from my Pastoral word. There will always be people to criticise you no matter how well you do things. My advice to those facing tough time is to get up, dress up, show up and never give up” stresses Mwangi.

Today, his work as a sign writer is quite visible in many parts of Nyeri, ranging from Government offices, churches to private businesses.

On average, he pockets at least Sh 2,000 for the cheapest piece of work. But this can go up to Sh 150,000 depending on the scope of work at hand.

And those wishing to learn the ropes of the trade under his tutelage, are charged Sh 25,000, a fee which he says, is always negotiable.

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## Saudi Pro League Side Al Hilal Break World Record With 28th Successive Win



Al Hilal players celebrate after their win. PHOTO/AL Hilal/X.

Saudi Pro League side Al-Hilal have broken the world record for most consecutive wins by a top-flight team.

Tuesday's 2-0 win over Al-Ittihad in the Asian Champions League was the 28th victory in a row for Al-Hilal, Saudi Arabia's most decorated team.

It surpasses the 27 straight wins by Welsh side The New Saints in 2016.

Al-Hilal, whose players include

former Fulham forward Aleksandar Mitrovic, have won every game since a 1-1 draw with Dammam on 21 September.

Ex-Wolves midfielder Ruben Neves also plays for Al-Hilal, as does Brazil forward Neymar, who joined from Paris St-Germain last summer in a deal understood to be worth about 90m euros (£77.6m) plus add-ons.

However, Neymar has been out with a serious knee injury since

October.

Managed by former Benfica and Flamengo boss Jorge Jesus, Al-Hilal are 12 points clear of Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr at the top of the Saudi Pro League.

Mitrovic has scored 26 of his side's 81 goals during the winning run. The streak includes 16 league games, three domestic cup matches and nine in the Asian Champions League.

Tuesday's victory gave Al-Hilal

a 4-0 aggregate win to seal a spot in the Asian Champions League semi-finals.

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**Sports >>>** \*Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said Wednesday that the return of Michael Edwards to the club as Fenway Sports Group's chief executive of football will have no bearing on his decision to leave at the end of the season.

# Klopp Says No U-Turn On Liverpool Exit Despite Return Of Edwards



Soccer Football - Premier League - Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur - Anfield, Liverpool, Britain - April 30, 2023 Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp celebrates after the match REUTERS/Carl Recine.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said Wednesday that the return of Michael Edwards to the club as Fenway Sports Group's chief executive of football will have no bearing on his decision to leave at the end of the season.

The German has spoken to Edwards, with whom he had a successful relationship as the club's sporting director until he left in 2022, but there will be no dramatic U-turn.

"We had that conversation, (but) that is not a subject to talk about," Klopp told reporters. "Can you imagine I changed my mind?"

"It's like, 'Never ever another club in England' and next year I signed for our neighbours. I think before I say these things.

"For me it is the best club in the world and I am still leaving. I just want this club to do as well as possible with the best people in charge and Michael is a top choice.

"We spoke about a lot of things, what I think about players, what needs to change and a really good talk. I am really happy. I want it to be the best possible place after I leave. I think it is a top solution and our conversation was obvi-

ously great."

Klopp was speaking ahead of the second leg of Liverpool's Europa League last-16 match against Sparta Prague on Thursday.

His team, chasing four trophies, are 5-1 up after the first leg.

The recently crowned League Cup winners are level with Arsenal on 64 points at the top of the Premier League and play Manchester United in the FA Cup quarter-finals this weekend.

But Klopp said there was still a long way to go.

"The boys are quite consistent in recent weeks but it's a long run-

in in all competitions and we are not even close to the finish line," he said.

"I can't see it. I can only see Sparta Prague wants to put things right and we have to play a good football match because it's our home game and our stadium. It's our competition. We want to make this our competition and go as far as possible."

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# How Is The Technology Changing The World, And How Should The World Change Technology



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Annotation: In this thought-provoking article, the author delves into the profound ways in which technology is reshaping the world as we know it. From revolutionizing communication to transforming industries, technology has undeniably played a pivotal role in driving progress and innovation across various sectors. The article highlights the importance of adapting to the rapid advancements in technology to keep pace with the changing landscape. It emphasizes the need for investment in research and development, updating regulations, and promoting digital literacy to ensure that individuals are equipped with the necessary skills to navigate and leverage technology effectively. Key words: technology policy, technological change, technology and society, international technology, power of technology, modernization.

Technologies are becoming increasingly complicated and increasingly interconnected. Cars, airplanes, medical devices, financial transactions, and electricity systems all rely on more computer software than they ever have before, making them seem both harder to understand and, in some cases, harder to control. Government and corporate surveillance of individuals and information processing relies largely on digital technologies and artificial intelligence, and therefore involves less human-to-human contact than ever before and more opportunities for biases to be embedded and codified in our technological systems in ways we may not even be able



to identify or recognize. Bioengineering advances are opening up new terrain for challenging philosophical, political, and economic questions regarding human-natural relations. Additionally, the management of these large and small devices and systems is increasingly done through the cloud, so that control over them is both very remote and removed from direct human or social control. The study of how to make technologies like artificial intelligence or the Internet of Things “explainable” has become its own area of research because it is so difficult to understand how they work or what is at fault when something goes wrong.

Medical innovations contributed to the decline of child mortality and the improvements in life expectancy. Improved crop yields and reductions in hunger were made possible thanks to the advances in agricultural technologies. The long-term decline of global poverty was primarily driven by increased productivity from technological change. Access to energy, electricity, sanitation, and clean water have transformed the lives of billions. Transport, telephones, and the internet have allowed us to collaborate on problems at a global level. Emerging technologies are often expensive and therefore initially limited to the richest in society. A key part of technological progress is making these life-changing, and often life-saving, innovations affordable for everyone. In many ways, technology has transformed our lives for the better. But these developments are not al-

ways positive: many of humanity’s largest threats – such as nuclear weapons and potentially also artificial intelligence – are the result of technological advances. To mitigate these risks, good governance can be as important as the technology itself.

From communication to healthcare, from education to transportation, technology serves as a powerful engine driving changes that shape the way we live, work, and interact. There are several examples which are affecting to adapt for the modern technologies:

Smartphones – Making communication and information access seamless.

Telemedicine – Bringing healthcare to remote regions.

Online Education – Making quality education accessible to all.

E-commerce – Revolutionizing the way we shop.

Social Media – Transforming social interaction and politics.

Internet of Things (IoT) – Making homes and cities smarter.

Renewable Energy Tech – A cleaner, sustainable future.

Blockchain – Secure and transparent transactions.

Artificial Intelligence – Machines that learn and adapt.

Virtual Reality – For training, entertainment, and more.

Driverless Cars – Making transport safer and efficient.

3D Printing – From prototypes to organs.

Facial Recognition – For security and identification.

Telecommuting – Work from any-

where.

Wearable Tech – Monitoring health in real-time.

Mobile Payments – Cashless society.

Food Technology – From lab-grown meat to vertical farming.

Voice Assistants – Just ask Siri, Alexa, or Google.

Data Analytics – Decisions driven by data.

Cybersecurity – Protecting against digital threats.

Space Exploration Tech – Going beyond our planet.

Machine Translation – Breaking down language barriers.

Augmented Reality – Overlaying digital info on the real world.

Drones – For delivery, photography, and more.

Streaming Services – Changing the way we consume media.

Precision Agriculture – Tech-savvy farming.

Quantum Computing – The next level of computation.

Robotics – Automating manufacturing to surgeries.

Biometrics – Beyond passwords.

Nanotechnology – Transforming materials and medicine.

It’s astounding to see how technology’s drastically altered the way we communicate in today’s world.

We’ve moved beyond traditional methods and have embraced advanced platforms like Virtual Reality Communication and Augmented Reality Messaging. These aren’t just trendy buzzwords; they’re powerful tools that are reshaping our interaction landscape. In the realm of Virtual Reality Communication, we

can engage with others in an immersive environment, eliminating geographical boundaries. Meanwhile, Augmented Reality Messaging adds a layer of information to our physical reality, enhancing our communication experiences dramatically.

Technology is rapidly changing the world in a variety of ways. It has revolutionized communication, making it faster and more efficient through platforms like social media and instant messaging. It has also transformed industries such as healthcare, transportation, and finance, leading to increased efficiency and improved outcomes. In order to keep up with these technological advancements, the world must also change the way it approaches technology. This includes investing in research and development to create new technologies and improve existing ones. It also involves updating regulations and policies to address the ethical and privacy concerns that come with new technologies. Furthermore, the world must prioritize digital literacy and education to ensure that everyone has the skills and knowledge to effectively use and benefit from technology. This includes teaching coding and technology skills in schools, as well as providing training and support for individuals in the workforce. Overall, technology has the potential to significantly improve our lives, but it is important that the world takes a proactive approach to ensure that these advancements are used for the greater good. This requires collaboration between governments, businesses, and individuals to harness the power of technology for positive change.

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