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 The Communications Authority of Kenya has launched the Kuza ICT Awards, which have been expanded to cover the wider ICT sector. The authority's Director General David Mugonyi said that the awards are meant to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals  
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# Ruto Puts Non-Compliant State Agencies On Notice

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President William Ruto

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# Gachagua Assures The United Nations Agencies In Kenya Of The Govt's Partnership

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with UN agencies representatives and some Kenya Kwanza administration officials at his official residence yesterday.

### Worth Noting:

- “Continuous engagement with partners is the ‘modus operadi’ of the Ruto administration. A good idea should give room to a better idea and a better idea give room to the best idea. None of us has monopoly on knowledge. Continuous engagement enriches our knowledge,” said the Deputy President.
- He added that the government will work with the agencies in the implementation of 2022-2026 Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.
- Resulting from the cooperation of the UN and the government, he noted that the UN Co-operation Framework for Kenya supports and aligns with the government’s main development priorities, for the economy and society.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has assured the United Nations agencies in Kenya of the government’s enhanced partnership in the implementation of their development goals and targets.

The Deputy President yesterday told representatives of 24 UN agencies in Kenya that the Ruto Administration will continue collaborating and working with them in joint development programmes.

Speaking during the UN-Kenya partnership meeting held at the Official Residence of the Deputy President in Karen, Gachagua said there is nexus on priorities and mandate of the UN agencies in Kenya and the government’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) Plan.

Hence, the need for collaboration and partnership.

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“I commend the UN Kenya for the strategic set of joint programmes being developed by line ministries and UN entities, together with a wide range of stakeholders. These UN-supported joint programmes cover priorities that go hand in glove with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and the recently launched Medium Term Plan (MTP IV),” said the Deputy President.

Highlighting humanitarian response and strategic plans of the UN in Kenya, the Deputy President said the activities of the global organization respond to Kenya’s core development priorities, as captured in the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda and the Climate Positive development agenda.

He also lauded the UN and development partners for collaborating with the government in response to the devastating drought occasioned by five consecutive failed rainy seasons and the devastating El Nino flooding in 2023 into 2024.

The Deputy President said the agencies reinforced the longstanding urgency of bolstering food security, humanitarian response and resilience.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya Dr Stephen Jackson said the UN agencies in Kenya have aligned their development programs with the core pillars of the government’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Dr Jackson said the UN agencies will continue engaging and partnering with the government in the implementation of Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Kenya (2022-2026).

“BETA for us means leaving no one behind. We are speaking to and committed to the same thing and this is pragmatic alignment. The cooperation framework runs for four years and our vision is to mobilize KSh290.4 billion for its implementation. We have mobilized quite a bit,” said Dr Jackson.

Pillars of the government’s bottom-up economic model are Agricultural Transformation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Economy; Healthcare; Housing and Settlement; and Digital Superhighway and Creative Industry.

Yesterday’s meeting was also convened to highlight achievements of the UN Kenya in 2023 and outlook for 2024.

In his remarks, the Deputy President said Kenya welcomes the commitment by the UN Resident Coordinator that the UN Cooperation Framework will respond to the emerging development needs in Kenya and to the priorities of the government.

He also assured the development partners that the President William Ruto’s administration will continue engaging them for socio-economic growth of the country.

Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry Soipan Tuya, Attorney-General Justin Muturi, Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau, Embu Governor Cecilia Mbarire, Principal Secretaries Ann Wang’ombe (Gender), Hillary Kimtai (Medical Services), Teresia Mbaika (Devolution) and James Muhati (Economic Planning) were present at the meeting attended by representatives of all UN agencies in Kenya.

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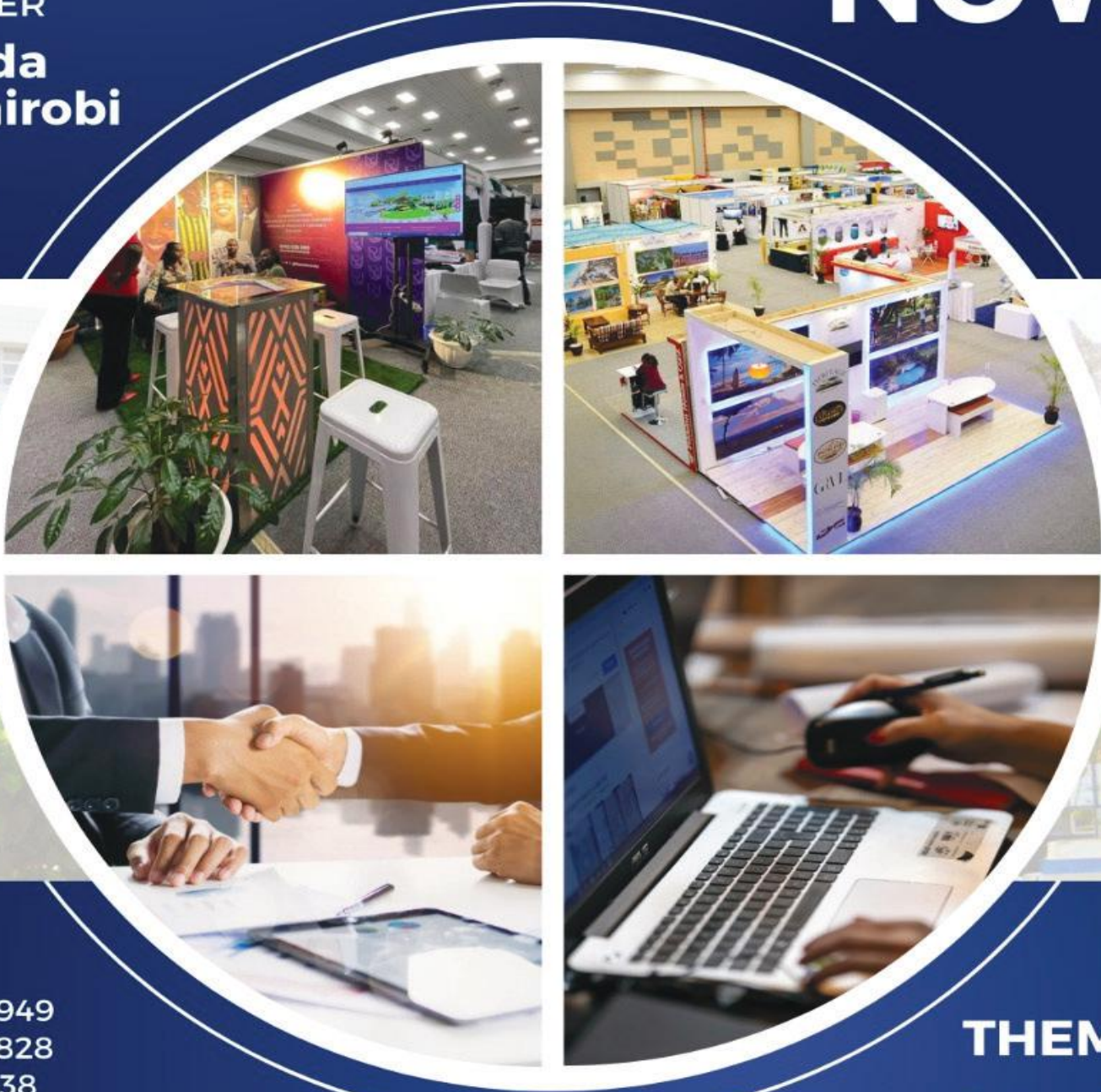
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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Over 3600 households in Wanjohi Ward, Kipipiri Sub-County in Nyandarua County, have received free maize seeds from the county administration for planting during the ongoing rains.

County Executive Committee member (CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, Francis Miringu, emphasised the initiative's aim to ensure food sufficiency and foster growth among the farming community.

The CECM called for farmers to join cooperative societies to access vital government services, highlighting that only farmers drawn from cooperatives in the area were receiving the free maize seeds.

Miringu emphasised that joining a cooperative society provides farmers with bargaining power and collective strength to navigate the challenges of the agricultural sector.

Beneficiaries from the three cooperative societies, Ndemi, Wanjohi, and Gatundu Cooperative Societies, hailed the intervention as a catalyst for increased production and income generation within the agricultural sector.



Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is preparing to rehabilitate and dual the Moiben-Eldoret airport-Mlango highway in Uasin Gishu county. The first phase of the dualling will start at Chepkoilel junction and extend through Eldoret town, Eldoret Airport, and Mlango. The project aims to ease traffic congestion in Eldoret town, which is expected to be elevated to city status soon. Uasin Gishu County Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii held a consultative meeting with KeNHA officials to discuss the smooth implementation of the Moiben Junction-Mlango Dual Carriageway modernization project. The 21.5-kilometre road will start from Mlango-Eldoret International Airport -Eldoret town - Moiben Junction to enhance mobility within and outside Uasin Gishu County.



The government and Equity Bank have intensified tree planting efforts in Wajir to boost the country's forest cover. The exercise, held at Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC), aims to conserve the environment and improve climatic conditions, thereby reducing drought. Wajir County Forest Conservator Ms. Ambiya Osman highlighted the initiative's importance in line with President William Ruto's directive to increase forest cover from 13 per cent to 30 per cent. Trees play a crucial role in fostering environmental resilience and mitigating conflicts caused by resource scarcity. The event saw the planting of 115 trees as a foundational step towards a more ambitious goal of 1,000 trees, initiated by Equity Bank. The bank's Operational Manager in Wajir, Abdihakim Garad, reaffirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship, revealing plans to plant a million trees in the coming years.



MaMa Doing Good, in partnership with the University of Liverpool, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Uasin Gishu County Government to train women on adopting clean cooking technologies, a life-changing initiative aimed at promoting healthier, non-polluting methods in rural households, replacing traditional firewood-based methods. Dr. Jonathan Chelilim, Uasin Gishu Governor, emphasised the health threats of firewood emissions and air pollution. He called on women to transition to clean energy and educated people on climate change. MaMa Doing Good, an organisation implementing First Lady Mama Rachel Ruto's vision, aims to catalyse socio-economic transformation in communities. The programme will start in Uasin Gishu as a pilot county through the Joyful Women Organisation, which has about 2130 women groups in the county. The organisation will collaborate with the Ministry of Health through Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and economic empowerment officers to be agents on the ground, transitioning to Trainers of Trainees (ToTs). Clean-Air (Africa) Global Health Research Group, partnering with the Ministry of Health, has been doing research since 2019 to track household energy, air pollution, and health indicators through the new Electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS).

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# Kirinyaga County Government Steps Up Measures To Mitigate The Impacts Of Flooding

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## Worth Noting:

- Jared Migwi, the County Executive Committee Member for Transport, Roads, Public Works & Housing, said that the County Government is actively monitoring the ongoing rainfall in order to mitigate against possible disasters as well as implement prompt response where required.
- “We have deployed our county roads machinery such as excavators, backhoes as well as trucks for quick response in case of flooding or blocked roads” he said.



Kirinyaga CECM for Roads, Transport and Public Works, Jared Migwi, assessing a section of Wang'uru Stadium perimeter wall that was destroyed by heavy rains.

As heavy rains continue pounding various parts of the region, the County Government of Kirinyaga has intensified its flood mitigation measures in the floods prone areas especially the lowlands of Mwea.

In the past few days, efforts have been directed towards clearing of drainage trenches and culverts that have been blocked by soils and debris as well as excavation of additional trenches and expanding water canals to enhance free flow of water and reduce flooding risk.

The ongoing interventions have come as great relief to residents of some of the severely affected areas such as Maisha Kamili, Soweto, Wang'uru Stadium and surrounding areas.

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Besides the flooding experienced in Mwea, the heavy rains also caused damage to a section of the Wang'uru Stadium wall, with Migwi saying that the county government will erect a temporary fence to deter vandals even as coordination with the National Government on its repairs go on.

Residents from some of the affected areas have appreciated the quick response to address the flooding saying that it has saved them from imminent displacement. Elizabeth Muthoni who is a resident of Maisha Kamili, said that the quick action by the county government to dig trenches along their street will now prevent flood water from getting into their houses as it has been happening whenever there is heavy rain.

“I am relieved and grateful for the quick action taken by the county government, our place will now be draining very fast since water will be flowing down the drainage system.” She said.

Tebere Member of County Assembly, Peter Karinga, commended Gov-

ernor Anne Waiguru for the swift response in providing excavators to clear the clogged trenches. He also advised those residing near the rivers to move to higher grounds to protect themselves from ranging waters from overflowing rivers. At the same time he cautioned residents from obstructing water trenches through erection of illegal structures as well as throwing debris into them.

A seven-day weather forecast issued by the Kenya Meteorological Department at the beginning of the week cautioned of heavy rains in the region between yesterday and Monday next week.

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# CS Nakhumicha Gives A Detailed Response On Selection And Deployment Of Community Health Promoters

*At The Same Time, Senators Piled Pressure On The CS Over The Linda Mama Programme And The EduAfya Programmes That The Government Has Terminated*

By: PSCU

The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Health Susan Nakhumicha provided the National Assembly with a detailed list of all community Health Promoters stationed in all the 290 constituencies.

Responding to a question raised by Baringo Central MP Joshua Kandie on the floor of the House, Nakhumicha laid a table that has enumerated the Community Health Promoters per the county of service.

“Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, the table also indicates the constituencies they serve, across the Nation we have 107,000 Community Health Promoters. We are able to offer a soft copy specifically for Baringo Central Constituency and any other Constituency that may want to see the list of the Community health Promoters”, the CS said.

She further responded to the question on the selection criteria of the

Community Health Promoters.

She informed the members that this was an issue guided by public participation as the law says. She says all these is guided by section 9 of the Primary Healthcare Act, 2023 which defines the criteria of selecting Community Health Promoters.

“A Community Health Promoter shall be selected by the committee through a public participation exercise and they shall be appointed by the County Government. A person qualifies for the appointment as a Community Health Promoter if the person is a Citizen of Kenya, is above the age of 18 and of sound mind, if respected and responsible member of the community, understands the role of Community Health Promoters and a resident of the said community and can read and write and read at least one of the national languages and the local language. All these is determined by responsible county public service board,” she explained.

She also informed the members that any person appointed as a Community Health Volunteer or Community Health Worker can transition to a

Community Health Promoter under the guiding Act.

She explained that Community Health Promoters are essential since they provide Community Health Services at the Community level. They do Health education and promotion, disease prevention and control of disability and mortality, family health services, environmental health, provide first aid psycho-social support and managing the general health.

They are assigned approximately one hundred households which they visit.

At the same time, Senators piled pressure on the CS over the Linda Mama Programme and the EduAfya programmes that the government has terminated.

This is after she told the lawmakers the State has come up with the comprehensive social health programme that will cover families as opposed to separate programmes.

“In the social health authority, reproductive health has been captured. It has been expanded and the benefits are expanded,” she told the House during question time yesterday.



Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha addressing the National Assembly yesterday

She added that state and private agencies owe National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) about KSh30 billion in unpaid premiums.

Government agencies are holding on to KSh22 billion with the private entities owing the agency Sh8 billion. The delay to remit the funds has contributed to the delay in reimbursement of health facilities. This

has led to some facilities refusing to offer services to NHIF card holding members.

The Treasury has agreed to release KSh5.5 billion and another Sh3 billion from the NHIF reserve to reimburse the facilities, according to the CS.

# Relief As Kajiado Residents Benefit From Water Project

By: Seline Nyangere  
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It is a sigh of relief for residents of Oloyangalani as they wave goodbye to a lengthy frustration of water scarcity in the area after benefiting from a water project by Global Connection community.

Over the years, the residents have had to travel and walk long distances scouring for water for their livestock and domestic use.

According to Peter Namasaka, the many challenges faced by the community and children drove him to start a water project.

Namasaka said the community can now engage in agricultural activities, keep their children in school and carry out businesses.

“What drove me to start this project is that I saw residents from different areas in Kajiado including students, roaming around, facing different challenges, especially in schools and I was curious to find out what might



be the problem. I went to the communities and came up with a project to assist children in acquiring school fees, community empowerment.

Most families were poor, but it was not enough until I thought of a water project to solve most of their problems,” said Namasaka.

Kajiado being a semi-desert area,

drought and water shortage are the root of most challenges; hence accessibility of water is of great impact to the community.

“Our first project is here at Olayiankalani where I came and saw people drinking water from a river shared by livestock and the same water is being used for cooking and domestic

use. That’s why we started this water project and we can see some impact,” added Namasaka.

Jackson Nkoiliana, a resident from Olayiankalani said that accessing water in the area is a big step for the community since there is no place in their surroundings where one can acquire clean water but from that proj-

ect they can cook, farm and drink.

“We have gone through so much sourcing for water in this area. We used to go as far in a certain river to fetch water; the water was contaminated by some pests and dirtied by livestock hence it is not safe for consumption, so whenever we see such a project, we are delighted because it is a big relief to us,” said Nkoiliana.

Another resident, Beatrice Keroke reiterated Nkoiliana’s statement saying, “We used to walk and travel long distances to source water, but now this water will give us a chance to practice farming, give our children an opportunity to sell our farm surplus and even start other businesses, save and engage in self-help groups,” said Keroke.

Pascal Abuga, a hydrogeologist from Direct Water Spread Limited, believes that the water project is going to be productive and impact the community in a big way in terms of easing the accessibility of water to people, sanitation, and agriculture.

# Ruto Puts Non-Compliant State Agencies On Notice

By: PCS



President William Ruto (C) and other leaders during the conference

## Worth Noting:

- The President said the government is implementing several measures to achieve a 35 per cent wage bill ratio to revenue. He noted significant progress in managing the public wage bill, highlighting its reduction from 51% to 46% currently.
- He said the two levels of government, National and counties, will work in partnership under the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee in conjunction with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission and the Council of Governors to achieve the wage bill target.
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Raising concern over the level of non-compliance with constitutional mandates uncovered by the two institutions in their annual audits, President Ruto disclosed that only 24 per cent of government institutions have received a clean bill of health from the PSC and the Auditor-General.

He said the trend is unacceptable and amounts to impunity that can no longer be tolerated.

“We cannot deliver for Kenyans when we are burdened with impunity and wounded by non-compliance,” he said.

Speaking during the Third National Wage Bill Conference 2024 at the Bomas of Kenya, Nairobi, President Ruto said he expects radical improvement in future audits by all government ministries, departments and agencies.

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To achieve this, President Ruto urged leaders not to pursue populist positions and instead to be prepared to make tough decisions.

“We must stop chasing what is popular; we must go after what is right,” he said.

The President said the government is keen on enhancing revenue collection through digitisation and fighting corruption in the public service.

He said increasing the country’s revenue will improve the wage bill to revenue ratio.

“I believe that we can raise an extra Ksh500 billion, if not KSh1 trillion, just by digitising the Kenya Revenue Authority,” he said.

He pointed out that the government is also creating alternative pathways to employment to ease the pressure on the PSC which, he said, cannot hire all job seekers.

The President directed the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to deal firmly with those who used fake certificates to obtain jobs in the public service.

“Those who have earned money using fake certificates should resign and return public money,” he said.

The government, he said, is work-

ing towards building a public sector that is characterised by high efficiency, integrity, accountability and productivity needed for Kenya to achieve its development aspirations.

“These virtues are also essential to actualise our intentions to make Kenya Africa’s productivity champion and the host of the African Productivity Centre,” he added.

President Ruto urged heads of government institutions to support reforms by the SRC.

His sentiments were echoed by Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua who said, in his role as the coordinator of constitutional commissions and independent offices, reforms proposed by the SRC in government are often met with hostility and rejection.

“I receive many complaints and petitions against this or that commission; 98 per cent of all complaints and petitions that I receive are against the chairperson of SRC,” he said.

At the same time, President Ruto commended the institutions which won the wage bill accountability awards for setting a worthy example for the rest of the public sector.

“This is the way to go, and you have demonstrated that it is feasible. Congratulations, and keep it up,” he said.



# ACCESSING MORE GRACE Pt 4



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By now, we have discovered and learned that you can grow in the grace, even as you grow in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). We see God telling Jeremiah, “Before you were formed in your mother’s womb, I appointed you as a prophet.” This reveals that the calling upon one’s life does not change, that which changes is the increase in the abundance of grace. This is very very important: we RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH MERCY. You can NOT buy the grace of God, but only through mercy. That is why the word states “HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.” So, we only need to humble ourselves before God.

What is humility? Humility is the acknowledgement that no matter

who I am, no matter where I am; I am inadequate in myself, in my education, in my talent: I am not sufficient, my sufficiency is in God. The people who attracts God’s grace are the ones who say: I am not able without God! The world is filled with people who are full of pride, they that depends upon themselves.

It is written “But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2: 4).” Also 1 Timothy 1:12-14 “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, Who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service. Even though I was once a blasphemy and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown MERCY because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The GRACE of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”

The grace of God can give you such great results that is bothers or angers people; and they ask themselves why

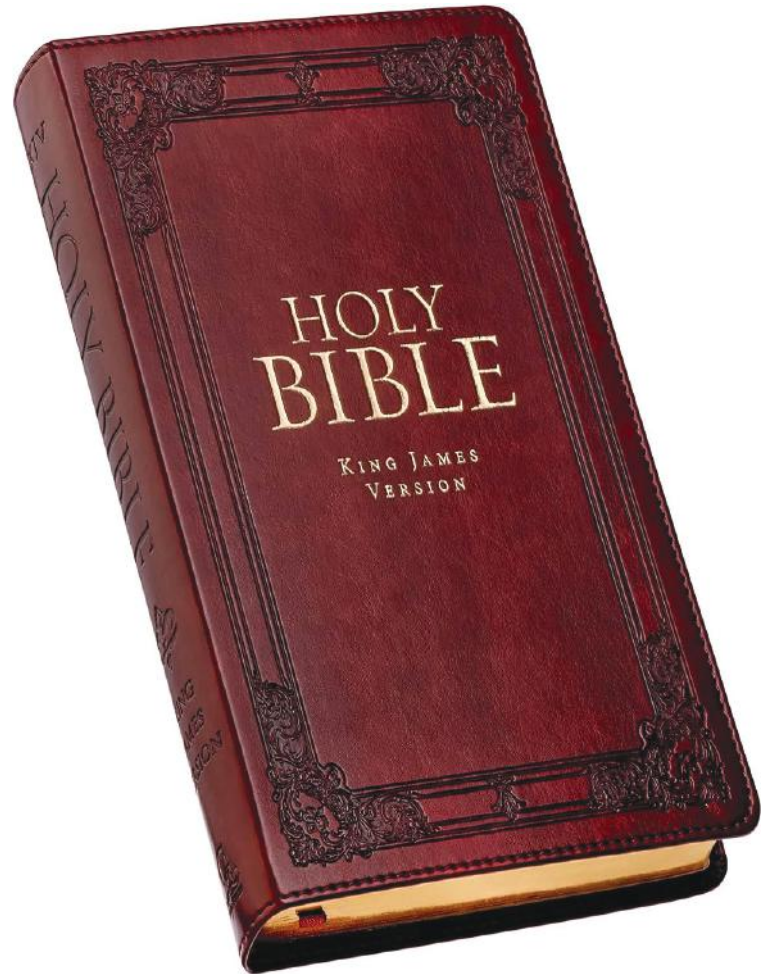
is she/he able to do that and I am not able!: it is because of the abundance of God. Beloved, we need God to have mercy on us, and when He does, He gives us abundance of grace.

“Now to HIM WHO US ABLE to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond what we ask or imagine, be the glory now and forever (Ephesians 3:20).”

Receive this abundance of the grace of God in the name of Christ Jesus: Amen.

**Evangelist Eric Musa:**

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# Angels In Islam



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In Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and some other religions, an angel is a supernatural being who carries out the commands of God. Angels are innumerable, each with a specific function. For example, in Islam, it is considered that there are angels who take into account the merits and sins of each person, who are gatekeepers in heaven and hell, who interrogate people in the grave (Munkar and Nakir), who carry the throne and perform other services. 4 of these angels: Azrael, Gabriel, Mikail, Israfil are considered archangels.

An angel in Arabic (Arabic: ملك) in Is-

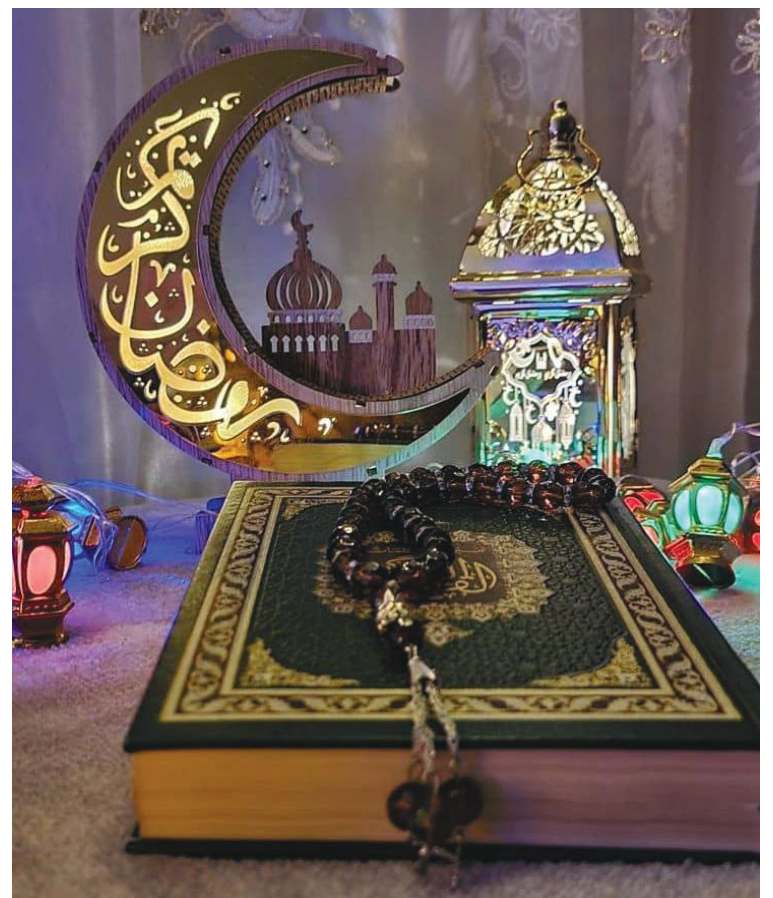
lam is an intelligent and free being. They follow all the commands of God without words (in fact, God does not need them, but they create them and use them according to their own limitless perception). They are made of light.

Angels are the servants of Allah, the Exalted, and they only follow Allah’s orders, they are not characterized by the qualities of masculinity and femininity.

One of the great scholars of our time, Dr. Hamza al-Bakri, in his commentary on “usus al-aqidat al-Islamiyya” written in the book “al-aqidat al-Nasafi” gives the following description of Angels: An angel can take on various beautiful forms, and his body is made of light. They don’t eat food, they don’t drink, they don’t procreate, they don’t have maleness or femaleness.

Angels are not optional in obeying and disobeying, because they were created to obey only Allah Ta’ala. No sin will ever happen to them

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# Ruto's Pledge To Reduce The Cost Of Living Is Bearing Fruits



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## Worth Noting:

- The root cause of ailment was attributed to four main causes: The dilapidated economy; biting drought rated to be worst in 40 years; Heavy foreign debts; Russia-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovering from devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.
- Upon taking the office, it dawned on President the situation was so bad than he anticipated.
- One can understand why. He had fallen out with his boss, President Uhuru Kenyatta, and as such he remained in darkness. He would not get proper briefings from the state agencies touching on these matters.
- Therefore, it is self-explanatory why he failed to fulfill some of the promises within the timelines he had set out.

I listened to a speech that President William Ruto made a few days ago when he attended a church service in Nyeri county.

When I assumed office I promised you that will walk the talk in reducing the high cost of living. You can now see that my efforts are bearing the fruits. The cost of Unga and fuel products has drastically come down.

Today a 2kg packet of Unga is selling at Sh120. He attributed this to appreciation of the Kenya shilling.

I asked you to give me a few months to fix the economy of this country. You can now see we are going somewhere. More good tidings are coming.

Soon after being sworn-in as the fifth President of the Republic of Kenya, I wrote an article in this column that goes.

President William Ruto assumed office at a time when the disease ailing our economy was at advanced stage.

In medical terms, the doctor would tell you. This is now an emergency case. The patients need to be immediately wheeled to Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The root cause of ailment was attributed to four main causes: The dilapidated economy; biting drought rated to be worst in 40 years; Heavy foreign debts; Russia-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovering from devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

Upon taking the office, it dawned on President the situation was so bad than he anticipated.

One can understand why. He had fallen out with his boss, President Uhuru Kenyatta, and as such he remained in darkness. He would not get proper briefings from the state agencies touching on these matters.

Therefore, it is self-explanatory why he failed to fulfill some of the promises within the timelines he had set out.

Though Dr Ruto's initial plan was to fix the economy within 6 months, he has since called on Kenyans to give him more time.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua while enumerating the strides his boss has taken in these endeavors, stated. My boss will only need one year to return the economy back on track.

For Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, this was likely to take a bit longer. He talked of two years.

The President knows the buck stops with him. So for him, he is committed to address this matter in shortest time possible.

Mudavadi urged Kenyans to be patient. Fixing an economy that had been run down is not a cup of instant coffee. We are here for a long haul.

The leadership of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition had taken advantage of this to launch a new battle front against President Ruto.

You can now see Dr Ruto took you for a ride. He had promised to fix the economy with six months.

Azimio would turn deaf ear to the projects and programmes he had rolled out within that period.



President William Ruto .

Besides, the coalition leaders would not tell us the miracles they would have used to turn around the economy if they won polls.

The high cost of Unga is one of the main issues that the Azimio leader Raila would use mobilize Kenyans to participate in his demonstrations that always turned chaotic, bloody and destructive. With due respect to him, this smacked of hypocrisy and dishonesty.

We know Raila was one of the core-principals of the 'handshake government' alongside President Uhuru Kenyatta.

During this period, the price of 2kg packet of Unga had shot to Sh230. This is while noting that the Unga, fuel, electricity subsidies were in place.

President Ruto removed the subsidy programme stating it was only benefiting a few super-rich corrupt riddled cartel.

Since he assumed power, the cost of Unga has been dropping.

If you go to a shop or supermarket, you will find the prices for some brands ranging between Sh165 and Sh170.

Recently, President Ruto assured Kenyans the price is poised to come down to Sh150 and below in coming days.

God has blessed us with rain and as we know this is a planting season.

Our farmers have already planted

maize and other food crops and are currently tilling their land.

So, God willing, we are expecting a bumper harvest in the next few weeks.

The prices will come down automatically.

Raila is also capitalizing in what he terms as skewed and ethnized appointments of the civil servants and state officers.

This government is only employing people from one or two communities yet Kenya has 45 tribes.

Politics aside, if you look at the list of those employed it represented the face of Kenya.

None of the community has been left out.

However, I agree that certain tribes has more employees than others.

To me, this seems to a standard script read by all successive governments of independent Kenya.

Get me right. I'm not saying two wrongs can make a right.

But in my view Dr Ruto has tried to remedy this challenge.

However, allow me to say this. Raila should be the last person to fault Dr Ruto for this problem.

Before I explain, I hope many would agree. It is not possible to actualize this equality.

One example. The cabinet is comprised

of 22 members. Kenya has 45 tribes.

Back to Raila, I was working with a Youth NGO when he was a prime minister in the grand coalition government.

Given the nature of my job, I visited his office several times.

I was also among those picked to attend meetings in office.

These meetings had been organized by top officials. He had instructed them to do so this after we registered reservations regarding the distribution of the funds allocated to support the youth.

There were fears these funds were being misappropriated and allocated to the old people.

This led to coining of a kiswahili mantra: Kazi kwa vijana, pesa kwa Wezee.

During these visits, one thing was clear. Majority of those employed there hailed from his community.

Ever since, many believe he has been reading the same script.

If you want to confirm this, just visit his Capitol Hills Office and ODM secretariat.

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# Pastor Dorcas Rigathi Wants Men To Defend Girls, Lower Teen Pregnancies

By: OSDP



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi dances with some of the community health promoters (CHPs) who participated in the Kakamega Medical Camp against addictions at the Approved Grounds on Tuesday. Photo/OSDP

**Worth Noting:**

- Pastor Dorcas said she was looking forward to the day she would visit the county and Western region, and there would no cases of teenage pregnancy, and the boys and men would be free of addictions, busy working and building the nation.
- She advocates for the raising of male champions against gender based violence, and female genital mutilation as they would educate their men and the community against the vices.
- She also attributed most of the rape and defilement cases to intoxication, and urged women to stop the brewing of illicit brews for their children.

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has made a passionate appeal to the men of Kakamega County for the girl child. Speaking during the Kakamega Medical Camp at the Approved Ground in Kakamega, Pastor Dorcas expressed concern over the high rate of teenage pregnancies in Kakamega following the brief she received from local and county leaders.

“I have been told teenage pregnancies are in their thousands. This is shameful. Even if I am advocating for the boy child, my boys, do not destroy the children. These are your children.”

“If you were father, would you want your children to be raped at nine or ten years? If you would not want that done to your child, do not do it to another,” she said.

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of illicit brews for their children.

“This alcohol is not good. It has killed so many. My boy children, you are supposed to protect your families, will you do so in the graves and in prison? And women, stop brewing illicit brew for the boy child. A mother is supposed to protect the child, not brew alcohol,” she said.

Pastor Dorcas affirmed that she would not give up in the fight for the boy child.

Kakamega First Lady Prof. Janet Barasa decried the high rate of the consumption of alcohol and drugs in the county.

“Many people are affected by alcohol and drugs here in Kakamega County, and the numbers here are higher than the national statistics. The youth, and the middle aged are the most affected, and when those ones are affected, the whole community is affected,” said First Lady Prof. Barasa.

She added that Kakamega had a problem of drug addiction, alcoholism, SGBV, HIV/AIDs, and teenage pregnancies, and all these were interconnected. “When someone is an addict, we shall have SGBV, rape, defilement and teen pregnancies,” said Prof. Barasa.

The First Lady, who advocates for the girl child, working towards reduction of teenage pregnancies and readmission to schools for the affected

girls pledged to work with the office of the spouse of the Deputy President (OSDP) in empowering both the boy and girl.

“We shall work hand-in-hand and our society will be at peace, and prosper. As parents, the society and community, we have made a mistake by not giving the citizenry the right values for life,” said Prof. Barasa.

Lurambi MP, Bishop Titus Khamala urged fathers to take their place in the society and participate in the transformation of the boy child.

“We are the fathers; let us call the

boy child, where they are so the boy child can be transformed and the seed carrier preserved,” he said.

CEC Health Kakamega County Dr. Bernard Wesonga said that families would be complete when we take care of both the boy and girl.

Pastor Dorcas launched the two-day medical camp geared towards screening for addictions, and taking the willing for rehabilitation. The camp is also open for the community for different health check-ups.



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi dances Photo/OSDP

# Kenya To Host First National Green Jobs And Skills Development Workshop To Address Youth Unemployment

By: John Kariuki  
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Kenya is set to host its first-ever National Green Jobs and Skills Development Workshop on 3rd May 2024 in Nairobi. The event is a collaboration between the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Government of Kenya, and Jacob’s Ladder Africa (JLA). The workshop was announced at a recent high-level roundtable event attended by Principal Secretaries from various Kenyan government departments, including Environment & Climate Change, Foreign Affairs, Energy, Labour and Skills Development, TVET, and Higher Education & Research. Eng. Festus K. Ng’eno, the Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, emphasized the importance of innovation in job creation. He stated, “Innovation in job creation will lead to green jobs and green skills

development to take a low-carbon development and green growth pathway, aligning with Kenya’s international obligations under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.” Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, PS for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET), highlighted the role of TVET in preparing the workforce with green skills, contributing to sustainable development and national resilience to climate change. She referenced the Kenya National Adaptation Plan 2015-2030, which emphasizes training young Kenyans in relevant careers to build national resilience to climate change. The workshop aims to consolidate existing initiatives and establish a coordinated mechanism to avoid duplication and streamline efforts in the green economy. It will bring together stakeholders from government, academia, private sector, finance, and youth-led groups to discuss skills development, enterprise creation, and financing for green jobs. Sellah Bogonko, CEO and Co-Founder of Jacob’s Ladder Africa, highlighted the urgency of the



youth unemployment crisis in Kenya, stating, “67% of youth in Kenya are facing unemployment, coupled with a lack of required skills. We have an opportunity ahead of us to address this gap in job access while accelerating the country’s transition to a green economy.” The workshop will focus on three main pillars: Skills Development, Enterprise Development, and Finance. The Skills Development segment will explore the role of education in

preparing youth for green jobs. Enterprise Development will examine the contribution of the private and public sectors in creating green job opportunities, while the Finance segment will delve into funding mechanisms for green jobs and skills development. Dr. Rose Mwebaza, UNEP Africa Regional Office Director, expressed optimism about Africa’s potential to harness its youth bulge by creating green job opportunities. She said, “Kenya has immense potential to create

a plurality of green job opportunities that will help tackle the negative consequences of pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss.” With 67% of Kenya’s youth facing unemployment and the green economy offering a promising avenue for job creation, the National Green Jobs and Skills Development Workshop represents a significant step towards addressing youth unemployment while promoting sustainable development in Kenya.



## My Country



My glory, my glory, my soul, my country  
 My soul is my soul, my country is my blood  
 You are my happiness, my conscience,  
 my country  
 You are the country of Uzbeks, my  
 Uzbekistan  
 The air of heaven in this motherland  
 Fruity bird feeder  
 Other countries are always the devil of  
 my country  
 You are the country of Uzbeks, my  
 Uzbekistan

You are beautiful, my dear  
 It's a leech every time, my summer and  
 spring  
 I don't want to live in your bosom, my  
 dear  
 You are the country of Uzbeks, my  
 Uzbekistan...

From the work of Gaibullaeva Nozanin,  
 a member of the children's school of the  
 Romitan District "Barkamol Avlod" "Yosh  
 Kalamkashlar" club.

Gaibullaeva Nozanin Narzulla  
 Gaibullaeva is the daughter of Nozanin  
 Narzulla  
 In Alisher Navoi neighborhood, Romitan  
 district, Bukhara region  
 February 15, 2014.  
 41- IDUM 4th class.  
 Member of the "Barkamol Avlod" Young  
 Pen Writers Club

## Scientific Potential Of Gulistan State University



More than 250 scientific articles (30 of which  
 are published abroad), 5 monographs, 4 training  
 manuals and 512 methodological manuals are  
 published annually by university scientists. In this  
 respect, the position of Gulistan State University  
 in the educational system of the Republic of  
 Uzbekistan is not bad.

This situation is explained by the wide range  
 of research and development activities at the  
 university. The scientific department, marketing  
 department, international relations department  
 and other departments operating in the university  
 also serve the purposes of increasing the  
 efficiency of scientific research and studying  
 international experience.

International grants provided by Tempus and  
 ITEC played an important role in the formation of  
 Gulistan State University. Today, the university  
 has established close cooperation relations with  
 international institutes and organizations such as  
 IUMI, ICARDA and JIRCA.

The university has established cooperative  
 relations with higher education institutions of  
 the CIS countries, such as Kemerovo State

University, Lomonosov (Moscow State University,  
 St. Petersburg State University, Stavropol  
 State University, Saratov State University, and  
 Novosibirsk State University.

In addition, every year 3-4 students are sent to  
 the USA, Germany, China, Russia, India, Malaysia  
 and Singapore for study and internship. Large-  
 scale and effective work is being carried out. As  
 proof of this, it is possible to show that wheat  
 varieties "Soqhun", "Boqovut-1", "Hasan-Arif" and  
 "Gul DU" were created at the university.

In addition, new cotton varieties, such as  
 "Surdar'ya-1" and "Surdar'ya-2", which have passed  
 the experience of scientists from Syrdar'ya, will be  
 planted in the fields of Syrdar'ya region in the near  
 future. A project on breeding of "Genbank" plant  
 has also been developed at the university.

According to the university experts, if farming is  
 started based on this project, new perspectives  
 can be opened to improve biodiversity in the highly  
 saline soil conditions of the Syrdar'ya region.

A new biotechnological laboratory was established  
 at the university to create this plant. The purpose  
 of creating this laboratory with high technological  
 potential is to create a plant at the cellular level  
 and to develop and localize new types of salt-  
 tolerant plants.

The son of Sirojiddinov Asliddin Abduvahidjon is  
 a master of Gulistan State University. Holder  
 of Islam Karimov state scholarship. 25 years old.  
 The city of Gulistan, Syrdar'ya region, Republic of  
 Uzbekistan.

## Nurani And The Boy



The call to prayer was heard in a distant  
 town...

A boy sat down outside the mosque  
 after praying. Tears welled up in his eyes  
 and washed his radiant face. Everyone  
 knew that his parents had died and  
 that he was in poverty on the streets.  
 What he didn't do for a bunch of water  
 and bread. Tears began to flow again...  
 It seems that father Nurani had been  
 watching him for a long time, he went  
 to the boy. Come with me, my child. The  
 boy thought for a while and followed the  
 light.

He fed the boy first and started  
 towards the mosque.

- My child, do you know that we came  
 to this mortal world to endure trials,

to fulfill God's command and to do  
 good. As long as Allah exists, as long as  
 our religion of Islam is alive, you should  
 always read, seek, and do good. First of  
 all, memorize the Qur'an. As long as you  
 know the word of God by heart, no evil  
 or evil can harm you...

Years passed like water.  
 It's morning. Morning time. The call to  
 prayer began again. This time, the call to  
 prayer was read by an older boy - the  
 Imam. With sad tears in his eyes, he  
 made a long prayer for the bright one  
 who left the world...

Daughter of Soatova Raykhona  
 Sadriddin, a student of the Faculty  
 of Pedagogy and Art, Termiz State  
 Pedagogical Institute

## Uzbek Wedding Ceremony Is A Beautiful Picture



Rustamova is the daughter of Rukhshona  
 Nurbek.

He was born on July 27, 2005 in the city  
 of Karshi, Kashkadarya region. Along with  
 writing articles, editing books, Rukhshona  
 can draw them by truly depicting  
 them... He is a winner of a number of  
 regional, regional, republican and diploma  
 competitions. Rukhshona is very active in  
 social networks, reciting poems in a juicy  
 voice and winning many followers' hearts.



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# DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

## Call For Public And Private Efforts In Digital Infrastructure Policies Work Out

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### Worth Noting:

Delegates will explore the diverse facets of digital innovations shaping the region and delve into crucial digital transformation topics including digital governance, generative AI in healthcare and education, cybersecurity, data privacy and climate and sustainability.

“Digital transformation is about empowering people, companies and organizations and will be achieved when people and organizations have the information and technology to achieve their goals. The anchor of this conference stems from the need to see the promise of technology fulfilled here in Kenya and in the region,” said the Aga Khan University President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Sulaiman Shahabuddin.



Aga Khan University Global Chief Information Officer Shaukat Ali Khan, President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Sulaiman Shahabuddin (R) join the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS, Hon. Eliud Owalo during the opening ceremony of the digital transformation in EA conference. that has called for private and public sector collaboration in implementation of policies for digital infrastructure.e.

Aga Khan University and Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy have called for public and private sector collaboration in the implementation policies, laws and regulations for digital infrastructure during the launch of the two-day global digital transformation conference.

Hosted by Aga Khan University, the conference themed Digital Transformation in East Africa is exploring the impact of digital technologies on health and education across private and public sectors such as the enacted Digital Health Act of Kenya.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the conference, Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy CS Eliud Owalo commended the contribution of the Aga Khan Development Network to digital conversations.

“As a government, we are cognisant of the impact that digitisation has

on social development, and we are keen on leveraging on technology for e-commerce. Anchored on our 2022-2032 Digital Masterplan, we are keen on digital public infrastructure, skilling, innovation and entrepreneurship. Digitisation has enabled us to reduce our timeline of laying over 100,000 kilometres of fiber optic cable for last-mile internet connectivity from 5 years to 2 years and increase our daily digital revenue from KES. 60 million to KES. 1 billion,” he said.

“However, we cannot operate in isolation and it is imperative for us to collaborate with the private sector and change our approach to digital transformation. We are grateful for this timely conference, and I am confident that the emerging issues will make an impact in policies, laws and regulations of digital infrastructure,” he concluded.

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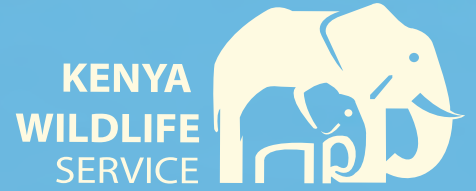
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“Effectively integrating tech into the day-to-day life of an institution takes time and resources. The Aga Khan University Hospital recently became the first hospital in the region to adopt an integrated electronic health record system. This is having a positive

impact on patient care, research and learning,” he said.

The conference is converging over 300 high-level stakeholders in education, health, media and technology. It features over 40 global and local technology leaders including Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, Google VP & Chief Internet Evangelist, A Father of the Internet Vint Cerf and Former President, Republic of Estonia Toomas Ilves.

“This conference is part of the University’s commemoration of 4 decades which has today enabled us to host speakers from over 24 countries bringing over 1000 years’ worth of expertise. Our goal at the end of this conference is to provide proposals for implementation in the region,” said Aga Khan University Chief Information Officer Shaukat Ali Khan.






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# Communications Authority Boss Unveils Expanded Kuza ICT Awards

By: Joseph Ng'ang'a  
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The Communications Authority of Kenya has launched the Kuza ICT Awards, which have been expanded to cover the wider ICT sector.

The authority's Director General David Mugonyi said that the awards are meant to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and organizations driving excellence and innovation in the broadcasting and ICT sectors.

Speaking in Nairobi yesterday during the launch, Mugonyi said they believe that their role is bigger than rule-setting and enforcement. "We are equally responsible for creating an environment that allows our stakeholders to grow, explore opportunities, and make a difference in our country through the products and services they offer," said Mugonyi.

The DG said that the ICT Week and Kuza Awards are platforms designed to maximise the Authority's engagement with the ICT sector as well as being important channels for powering the Digital and Creative Economy pillars of the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"Over the last decade, the platform has evolved into an authoritative forum for the careful dissection of emerging issues, the thoughtful deconstruction of issues, and the clear articulation of the way forward for Kenya's ICT sector," said Mugonyi.

He explained that the ICT week has helped them improve relationships with sector players, increase collaboration, and hasten innovation, all of which helps to move the sector and the country's economic agenda forward.

"About seven years ago, CA initiated the Kuza broadcasting awards to



Officials during the launch of Kuza award

recognise excellence in the subsector. After careful reflection and feedback from the industry, we realised we could add more value to the events by merging them and expanding the awards to incorporate the fullness of the ICT sector. The awards shall now be called the Kuza ICT Awards," said Mugonyi.

He said that this union allows them to energise the ICT week, create broad-based industry awards, and benefit from the synergies of having an all-inclusive event.

Mugonyi explained that under this new arrangement, ICT Week 2024 will culminate in the first edition of the Kuza ICT Awards, adding that this expansion broadens the scope of awards to recognise excellence across various regulated services in the ICT

industry.

The authority Corporate Communication Director Christopher Wambua said that the 2024 Kuza ICT Awards will have additional award categories, and they will include Broadcasting, Postal and Courier, Cybersecurity, Telecommunications, Green ICT, Lifetime achievement, Child Online Protection and Women in Tech.

Wambua explained that voting for the various categories will be open to the public from April 22 to May 22, 2024. For the people's choice category, there are two methods of voting, which include SMS via the number 15601, which is free of charge, and through the website [www.kuzaawards.co.ke](http://www.kuzaawards.co.ke).

"The ICT Week 2024 will run from June 5 to June 6, 2024, while the

Kuza ICT Awards will be the highlight of the week, which is on June 7, 2024," said Wambua.

"The theme for this year is 'Innovation for Sustainable Digital Future' and the reason for this theme is cognizant of the fact that technologies are evolving and, as regulators, we need to move into these new areas," said Wambua, adding that as they issue the awards, they want to recognise compliance with the authority's regulations.

African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Secretary-General John Omo said that the broadening of the Kuza Awards scope from broadcasters to the general ICT sector is a commendable move.

"As captains of industry, we have a great responsibility to make a positive impact in the various sectors that we are in, so let us do it," said Omo.

ICT Authority CEO Stanley Kamanguya said that technological disruptions have gone beyond the ICT sector, and data indicates that the digital economies are outpacing the traditional economies by 2.5 times in terms of growth.

"In government, we have clear plans for our digital economy, and we have been calling on our colleagues in the private sector to work with us so that together we can advance the sector, and we really appreciate the support that is coming from the private sector," said Kamanguya.

He called on the private sector to collaborate and work together to share infrastructure in the spirit of Ubuntu, which will reduce duplication and thus reduce the cost of connectivity.

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Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) Director General David Mugonyi Speaking in Nairobi yesterday during the launch of the Kuza ICT awards. Photo by Joseph Ng'ang'a

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Universities And Colleges Now Claim More Lives Of Students

Recently university students are losing their lives more easily in ways that initially one could not imagine that it can be a reason for a student to die either in these tertiary institutions. These cases are now common and its now high time that these institutions together with the government and the parents should give in a hand so that these students may not lose their life anyhow.

according to statements and reports from the cases of death among university and college students ,love affairs, stubbing from fellow students, losing of money especially meant for fees in gambling, stress and depressions when one lacks food in hostels and also poor group engagements are the pop- up reasons why these student are losing their lives Some of students even go an extra mile to write a note

either to the family or the people surrounding him or her before dying one would think how and why a person can reach this level of taking his or her own life or taking away another students life.

Suicidal thoughts come in when you are idle, when you have no one to address to your issue or when you are putting in more efforts but things aren't working for you. For instance, a student took his own life after gambling with money meant for fees. Another one because of breakup that is suspected to have started many years ago. also, some are killed because of school politics, therefore as we study hard to come in universities and colleges we should be aware of these happenings and know earlier on how to deal with them in a way that will not cut shot our lives.

in this schools everyone comes from a different background and therefore as we come to pursue our courses, let us not compare ourselves with others. What you and your family can afford is what will make you study harder so that your family can also live that live that you are struggling for everything has time and as we learn everything will not come once but through struggles, perseverance. Lusting for what you don't have and at that moment you also don't have the capability then automatically you might get yourself ion troubles.

Those who love each other do not overstress your partner with so many requirements yet he or she is just a mere comrade like another, know your partner well with the limits that he or she can reach. in case of break-ups don't rush for ropes but share your

story with either a teacher or friends so that you listen from them before you cut short your life. incase you lose your fee also be open to others for guidance and avoid those activities like aviator and gambling using money specifically for the fee and for your well-being while in the school

Incase these cases happen, for instance a comrade has lost fees, parents should not pass horror threats to the person as this might trigger this person to hung themselves.

it is true that "we" youth we want simple things and we have big expectations from them. it should now down to every youth that cheap things are expensive and it's good to eat what you sow and brought it up by yourself Tertiary institutions should now seriously take time or even initiate the introduction of sessions and units

that can teach students how to live a good life while studying and also how to handle temper and tension whenever you are threatened or before you threaten your fellows on hurting them. Knowing your degree of temper and the people to associate with can help you quit this tragic trend that is craving in universities and colleges. This collaboration between students, teachers, parents and the government will create a strong and better empowerment to the youth through holding of talks of inter-universities organizing of guidance topics and this will greatly eradicate the losing of university students

*Wycliffe Nakhungu  
Rongo university journalist.*

## Unseen Heroes

Within the walls of City Hospital, there is a group of individuals who stand out for their exceptional dedication and kindness, even in the most trying times. These are the healthcare workers, the unsung heroes of our communities, whose tireless efforts make an immeasurable difference in the lives of countless patients.

One such remarkable individual is Dr. Maya Patel, a devoted physician who selflessly tends to her patients day and night. Despite the numerous obstacles that accompany his profession, Dr. Patel derives great satisfaction from witnessing his patients recover and regain their health. "It's certainly not an easy job," he concedes, "but knowing that I have positively impacted someone's life keeps me motivated."

The commitment and unwavering devotion exhibited by healthcare workers like Dr. Patel is nothing short of awe-inspiring. These individuals work tirelessly to ensure that their patients receive the best possible care while demonstrating tremendous compassion and empathy towards those they treat.

Their unflagging dedication serves as a beacon of hope for those who are suffering and struggling with illness or injury. They are truly deserving of our utmost respect and gratitude for their invaluable contributions to society.

The daily routine of healthcare workers like Dr. Patel is filled with a myri-

ad of tasks and responsibilities. From administering medications to comforting anxious patients, their work demands both physical stamina and emotional resilience. Nurse Emily Thompson, another integral member of the healthcare team, shares her experiences of providing compassionate care amidst the chaos of a busy hospital. "We do everything we can to make our patients feel safe and cared for," she says with a smile.

The ongoing pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to the healthcare industry. Limited resources, augmented workload, and constant exposure risk to infection have become everyday realities for these frontline workers. Dr. Patel acknowledges the difficulties but remains optimistic. "We've adapted and discovered innovative solutions," he elucidates. "Furthermore, the support we receive from the community keeps us motivated." Despite the adversities, there are instances of elation and triumph. Each recuperated patient is a testament to the dedication and expertise of healthcare professionals. "It's exceedingly gratifying witnessing someone exit hospital premises hale and hearty," Nurse Thompson affirms. "That's what makes all our efforts worthwhile."

Despite the hardships, there are moments of joy and triumph. Each recovered patient is a testament to the dedication and skill of healthcare

professionals. "It's incredibly rewarding to see someone leave the hospital healthy and happy," says Nurse Thompson. "That's what makes it all worthwhile."

Beyond the clinical aspects of their work, healthcare workers also serve as advocates for public health and wellness. They educate the community about preventive measures, promote healthy lifestyles, and advocate for better healthcare policies. "We're not just treating illnesses; we're working towards a healthier future for everyone," affirms Dr. Patel.

As the world grapples with various health crises, the importance of healthcare workers cannot be overstated. They are the backbone of our healthcare system, embodying qualities such as empathy, perseverance, and an unrelenting commitment to their patients. Through their tales of bravery and benevolence, we are moved by their unwavering dedication and inspired by their selflessness. These everyday heroes put themselves on the front lines every day to ensure that others receive the care they need. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts in keeping us healthy and safe.

By: *Esther Otunga*



*Dr. Maya Patel, a devoted physician*

## Government To Institutionalize Strategies On Productivity In The Public Service



By: Kenya News Agency

The government is implementing the Objective Matrix Method (OMAX) to increase productivity and reduce wastage of public funds.

The aim is to create a competent, technology-oriented workforce that works in a conducive environment to reduce the public wage bill. Labour and Social Protec-

tion Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore, stated that the conference aims to identify strategies to facilitate national and county governments to achieve a wage bill revenue ratio of 35 per cent.

Bore stressed the importance of addressing issues such as low productivity, duplication of duties, wastage of public resources, leveraging technology, innovation in payroll management, and quality citizen-centred service delivery. She urged public officers to be accountable to the people they serve

with integrity, loyalty, efficiency, and justice.

Bore called for fair distribution of salaries and allowances and performance-based pay and incentives to increase productivity and efficiency in public agencies.

Bore called upon Public Service institutions to take advantage of the programme and build their internal capacity while urging employees to embrace a culture of productivity and efficient service delivery to guarantee citizens' satisfaction.

## CHPs Introduce Vertical Gardening In Hospital Spaces To Promote Healthy Eating



By: Kenya News Agency

Nakuru County Community Health Promoters (CHPs) have implemented vertical gardening in hospital spaces to promote healthy eating habits.

The County Executive for Health, Ms. Roselyn Mungai, explained that vertical gardening is a space-saving and efficient way to grow various plants, including herbs, vegeta-

bles, and flowers.

Health centres are ideal for training expectant mothers to prepare for kitchen gardens, ensuring they have a steady supply of quality vegetables and herbs. Food and nutrition security are crucial for achieving the 2030 goals, and CHPs should make it part of their primary education to enhance Universal Health Care.

Despite global undernourishment, a quarter of Kenyan children under five are stunted, which can lead to stunting, fre-

quent illnesses, and poor school performance. Nutritionist Mary Njoki highlights the importance of kitchens or vertical gardens for ensuring nutritious foods are within reach, as the longer the food travels, the higher the chances of contamination and loss of nutritional values.

Elburgon CHPs have been provided with a farm near Health Centers to grow and demonstrate nutritious vegetables to their communities.

## Girl's Education Collaborations In Nakuru East Area

By: Veronica Bosibori  
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County Chief Officer Rosemary Kimani hosted a team from St. Mary's Girls Primary School to discuss collaborations to improve educational standards for girls in Biashara Ward Nakuru East Sub County.

Speaking to the team, the officer appreciated the idea emphasising its significance as it aligns with Governor Susan Kihika's commitment to working with like-minded partners to ensure quality service delivery to the people of Nakuru.

Caroline Macharia, the head teacher leading the team, appreciated the County Government of Nakuru for supporting early childhood development education, highlighting its

significance in improving education quality in the institution.

Additionally, to address the challenge of flooding and the drainage system in the school, Rosemary assured them that a team from the education office, road and environment will visit the school to assess the situation and chart the way forward that will give learners a conducive learning environment.

St. Mary's Girls Primary School is the only single-gender public school, while the rest are mixed. In the past, it was a leading performing school in the county; however, since the government took it over from the Catholic sponsors, it has been on a steady decline.

Present in the meeting were Janet Bii from the Directorate of Education and Catherine Muiruri, the Department's administrator.



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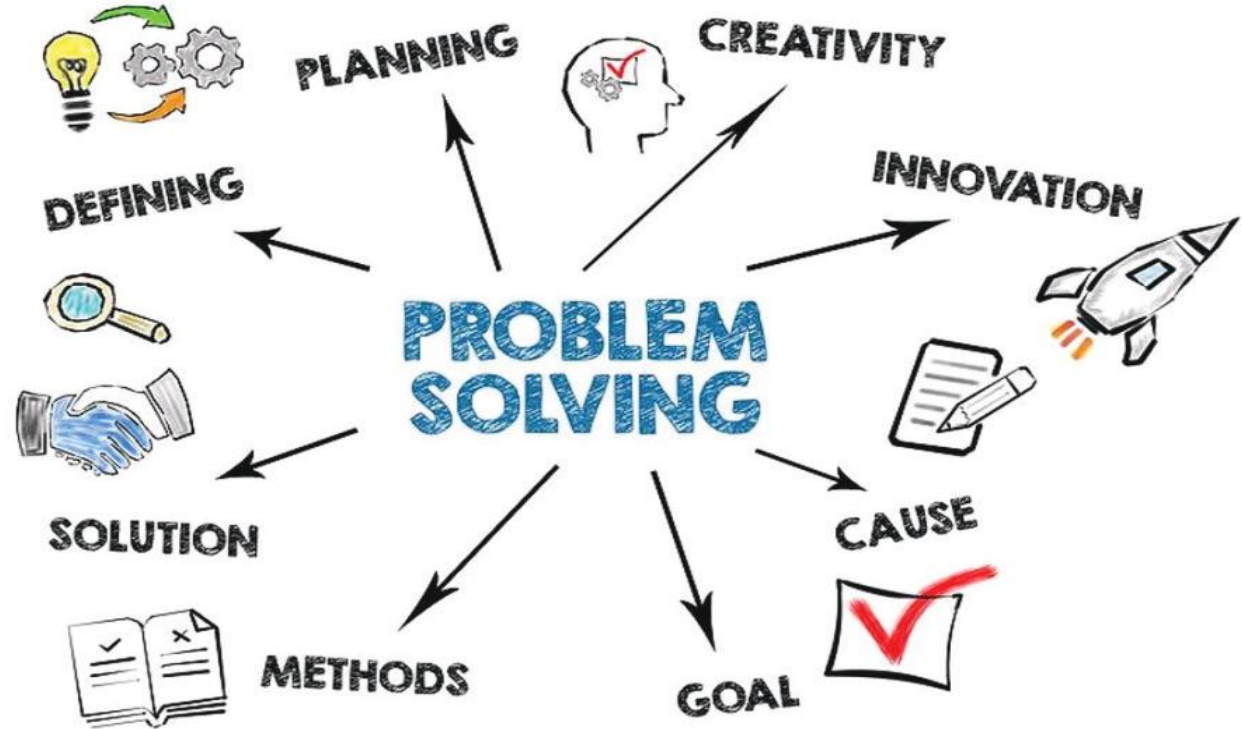
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# Let's Try To Discover Your Problems And Seek Solutions

By: Dipa Sharma

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## Worth Noting:

- Currently, you're in a bit of a rush, fueled by a strong determination to make things happen the way you want them to. You're eager to explore new opportunities and take charge of your situation.
- However, this independent streak comes with its own set of challenges. When things are moving quickly, it's easier to make mistakes or misjudge situations. But because you've been through tough times before, you know the importance of staying alert and paying attention to what lies ahead. You're like a skilled fighter, ready to face whatever comes your way and make the best decisions possible.
- Here's what's really important for you to understand about your situation: Right now is a crucial time for making big changes in your life.

## The problem

you're going through a really tough time, especially when it comes to your job, finances, and possessions. Maybe you've recently experienced a big loss, like your home or your job, and now you're feeling really insecure because everything feels like it's been taken away from you all at once. Losing something important like that can feel like a huge blow to your self-esteem and how you see yourself. It might even make you feel alone and abandoned, like nobody's there to help you through it.

## How it happened

It's possible that you were really focused on enjoying the good things in life – like delicious food, great wine, spending time with loved ones, or just relaxing in beautiful places. You were living in the moment, letting yourself enjoy these pleasures without worrying about what might happen next. But sometimes, when we get caught up in all that enjoyment, we forget that life is always changing. It's like forgetting that the weather can change suddenly, even when it's sunny outside. So, it's really important to appreciate what you have right now, because things might not always stay the same. And if something unexpected happens, you'll be better prepared to adapt and keep moving forward.

## The present status of the problem

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make things happen the way you want them to. You're eager to explore new opportunities and take charge of your situation. However, this independent streak comes with its own set of challenges. When things are moving quickly, it's easier to make mistakes or misjudge situations. But because you've been through tough times before, you know the importance of staying alert and paying attention to what lies ahead. You're like a skilled fighter, ready to face whatever comes your way and make the best decisions possible.

## What you most need to know about the problem?

Here's what's really important for you to understand about your situation: Right now is a crucial time for making big changes in your life. Sometimes, though, you have to pause and take a step back before you can move forward. It's like when you're driving and you have to stop at a red light before you can keep going safely. Similarly, it's important to let go of old ways of thinking and acting that aren't helping you anymore. By doing this, you'll be able to see things from a fresh perspective and notice new opportunities that you might have missed before.

For some people, this might mean that their plans suddenly come to a halt, which can be really frustrating. But it's important not to just keep pushing forward blindly, hoping that things will work out. Instead, embrace the opportunity to pause and take stock of where you are in your journey. Sometimes, you need to

slow down to see what's really taking shape around you. It's like when you're baking a cake – you can't rush it, or it won't turn out right. So, take the time you need to let things develop properly.

## Hidden aspect that you are not aware of

Here's something important you might not realize: all the hard work and effort you've been putting in is actually starting to pay off, and things are about to pick up speed. You're getting closer to achieving your goals, so it's a good idea to start expecting some results. Even if it feels like you're not making progress right now, success is just around the corner. You'll soon start to see the rewards of all your hard work.

On the other hand, this hidden aspect could also mean that you're at a crossroads in your life, where you have to think carefully about your options and make some decisions. It's a crucial time to focus on what you want to achieve and make it happen. This is the perfect moment to turn your ideas, dreams, and goals into reality. So, keep pushing forward and stay focused on your objectives – you're closer to reaching them than you think!

## What you can learn from this?

What you can take away from all of this is a deeper understanding of life's ups and downs. You'll realize just how resilient, flexible, and adaptable you are, able to weather any storm that comes your way. This experience will serve as a reminder that trying to juggle too many things

at once, without focusing on what really matters, can lead to burnout and failure. It's important to take stock of where you're putting your energy and cut out anything that's not essential for your well-being.

You'll also learn the importance of making decisions, even though it can be stressful at times. Making choices is a necessary part of life, and this experience will help you become more comfortable with the process, even if it's challenging. Ultimately, it's about finding a balance and prioritizing what truly matters to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

## How can you fix it?

To fix this situation, reflect on how you've conquered many obstacles in the past and shed any limiting beliefs that held you back. Start by understanding your true self, beyond all the layers and masks. Remember that you're connected to a higher power, filled with pure love and energy, no matter what challenges you face.

You can tackle your current challenges by embracing a new understanding of yourself and the world. Recognize that you possess a calm, balanced energy and that you're ready to heal old wounds. Whatever issues you've faced – whether they're psychological, emotional, physical, or spiritual – you've moved past them and are prepared to embrace whatever comes next. Trust in the universe's plan for you and follow your intuition that assures you everything will work out in the end.

# Transmit Live House Proceedings Through Radio: Speaker Wetang'ula Urges KBC

By: PSCU and MKT Correspondent

National Assembly Speaker, Moses Wetang'ula has asked KBC to consider live broadcasting of National Assembly proceedings via radio to reach more citizens.

Wetang'ula while acknowledging the good work done by the National broadcaster in live streaming proceedings on TV, said that radio was the best target for the rural population.

"Access to TV especially in rural areas by people interested in following House proceedings is limited. Radio is a perfect medium for them and KBC should explore these option too," said the Speaker.

He made the remarks during a meeting with Mr. Tom Mshindi, chairman of the Board of Management (BoM) of the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), who paid him a courtesy visit at his office at Parliament Buildings.

He pointed out that KBC has contributed to raising the visibility of the House and pledged his support to the State owned Media House.

Cognizant of KBC's non-profit status and its dependence on National Treasury funding, the Speaker encouraged that the Board of Management should leverage KBC's substantial assets to generate additional revenue for their programs.

Drawing his personal experience, Wetang'ula recounted his involvement in hosting a radio program at KBC called "Books and Book Men," which reviewed works by various authors.

The Speaker urged Mshindi to utilize his extensive expertise in the media industry to revitalize the national broadcaster and enhance its appeal to both listeners and viewers.

In his response Mshindi noted that they will explore the idea of investing in live transmission of proceeding through the radio.

"This is a noble idea and we will ensure that it will be implemented," said Mshindi as he thanked



National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula greets KBC board member Joseph Mathai as Tom Mshindi, the corporation chairman looks on when they visited Parliament buildings yesterday.

the Speaker for the support they got from both Houses of Parliament.

The chairman pointed out that KBC has intentions of expanding its wings by broadcasting proceedings of

County Assemblies live on TV too.

"Structures for these ambitious plans are ready awaiting implementation," he added.

Wetang'ula welcomed the move but

advised the management to start by transmitting County Assembly proceedings via radio noting that they don't have the capacity to do so through TV.

# NG-CDF Committee To Inspect ICT Hub Projects

By: MKT Reporter @themkenyatimes

The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) committee will commence inspection of the Constituencies ICT hubs across the country during the long recess.

The committee resolved to undertake the exercise during the recess which commences on May 3, to apprise themselves on the status of roll out of the projects.

The MPs will inspect ICT Hubs in Central, Western, Coastal, Nairobi, Nyanza North and South Rift, as well as Upper and Lower Eastern Regions.

During the inspection visits, the committee will also follow up with the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy regarding equipping of the Constitu-

encies ICT Hubs.

Durung a meeting to review the committee's programs, the chairperson Musa Sirma from Eldama Ravine constituency noted that the ICT Hubs project was a critical investment by government and that the committee would endeavour to tour all constituencies hosting the projects.

"That is why it will be important for us to not only note the status of completion of the physical structures, but also the technical infrastructure including any missing hardware," said Sirma.

At the meeting, the MPs also resolved that the NG-CDF Board should release pending funds to the constituencies and that the Authority to Incur Expenditure should include the climate change allocation activities.



Musa Sirma

# Turkana Farmers Trained, Given Seeds To Address Food Security

By: Peter Gitonga  
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The Turkana County Government, in partnership with Veterinaires Sans Frontieres Germany, has embarked on the training and distribution of seeds to farmers in efforts to boost agriculture and contribute to food security in Turkana East Sub-County.

The farmers, drawn from Kangitit and Lokwii village units, were trained by VSF Germany to become trainers of trainees in respect to the application of innovative climate-smart agricultural technology.

Director for Agriculture, Aaron Nanok, while closing the training, emphasized the need for local farmers to venture into sustainable farming, urging those who had been trained to share skills gained with fellow residents.

“The core objective of this training is to harness the potential of local farmers to enhance sustainable food production. It is also in line with the Department of Agriculture’s themat-

ic area; hence, it marks an important milestone in the implementation of the Governor’s food security agenda,” he said.

Director Nanok also said that the Department of Agriculture’s aim of stimulating economic growth and strengthening food security through sustainable farming will be realised through collaboration with stakeholders such as VSF and development partners.

He further challenged the farmers to be agents of change, adding that they have a critical role in transforming the agricultural sector in the county.

VSF Germany Programme Officer Lowasa Lolimo appreciated the county government’s support in implementing the ‘Integrated Life Saving and DRR Initiatives in Kenya’ project in the county.

He said that for Turkana to attain food security, there was a need to invest in local farmers through the provision of quality seeds, farm implements, and extension services.

VSF distributed a variety of assorted seeds (400 pieces) and 1000 pieces of various farm tools and will continue to provide extension services to farm-



ers in the sub-county.

Turkana East Sub-County Administrator Lomeyan Ewoi, Lokori/Kochodin Ward Administrator Shaban

Lotabo, Sub-County Agricultural Officer Emuto Francis, Ward Agriculture Officer Lokori/Kochodin Christine Eyanae, and VSF Finance

Officer Elvis Onyango were in attendance.

# Key Culvert Completed In Subukia

By: Veronica Bosibori  
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Residents of Munanda, Subukia Ward in Nakuru County are thrilled about the completion of a vital access culvert, which has alleviated years of flooding issues.

The road leading to Kamemo Comprehensive School would become inaccessible whenever the seasonal river overflowed, causing difficulties for residents and students.

Resident Engineer Symon Kariuki, along with the area MCA Isabella Makori, expressed their satisfaction with the timely completion of the project. They emphasised that this achievement aligns with the mission of Governor Susan Kihika to ensure the successful completion of ongoing infrastructure developments.

In addition to the culvert project, the MCA said significant progress has been made in the grading, graveling, and murraming of roads within the

ward. Some of the roads that have been rehabilitated include Moro-Bisonga Road, Mililani-Catholic-Wangara Road, Mililani-Akorino Road, and Gitonga-Mureithi Road.

During rainy seasons, the seasonal rivers create a lot of havoc and on many occasions, people, especially schoolchildren, have lost their lives through drowning. But the common culture is not to fix anything until disaster occurs; unfortunately, sometimes all that’s needed is a culvert, like in the case of Munanda.

The jubilant residents congratulated their MCA for heading into an annual problem that has not been solved since independence. However, she said some seasonal rivers are created due to blockage of rivers by careless land sellers, who don’t disclose the reality on the ground. And the new buyers construct perimeter walls, not knowing it’s a path for storm water.

Also present during the celebration were Ward Administrator Reuben Anyango and Project Committee Member Michael Gathura.



# Trade Sector Stakeholders Endorse Kenya-EU Economic Partnership Agreement

By: PSCU

Key stakeholders in the trade sector have voiced their full support for the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Kenya and the European Union.

Speaking before the Committee on Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives chaired by James Gakuya of Embakasi North constituency, stakeholders lauded the agreement as a game changer, noting that it will boost the business industry in the country.

Rebecca Miano, the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Investments, Trade and Industry, briefed the committee, emphasizing the numerous benefits the country stands to gain from the partnership.

The CS while briefing the committee observed that the country stands to reap innumerable benefits from the partnership.

The committee chairman and his



vice-chairperson Marianne Kitany led MPs in scrutinizing the clauses of the agreement that among other goals seek to secure long-term duty-free and quota-free access to Kenyan goods to the EU market.

Of particular interest to the committee were the tangible benefits the country stands to gain from the partnership concerning trade in goods, fisheries, agriculture, and economic and development cooperation.

Miano in response revealed that the EU, comprising 27 countries, represents a €16 trillion market, accounting for 17% of the global GDP. "This offers a significant export opportunity for Kenyan goods," said

CS Miano, noting that the EU is already one of Kenya's largest development partners.

Government officials from the National Treasury, the State Office of the Attorney General, the State Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Tea Board of Kenya provided their submissions before the committee.

From the private sector, representatives from the Kenya Tea Growers Association, New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union, Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya, and Kenya Association of Manufacturers shared their insights on the agreement.

Others were the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The committee is scheduled to continue receiving submissions from stakeholders on the pact today.

# Public Debt And Privatization Committee Examines The Use Of Loans Acquired By The Government To Finance The Uprating Of Olkaria and IV Projects

By: PSCU

The National Assembly Committee on Public Debt and Privatization met with the Managing Director of KenGen Mr. Peter Njenga who appraised it on the use of loans acquired by the National Government to finance the uprating of Olkaria I and IV Geothermal project.

In a session that was chaired by the committee Vice Chairperson and Kitui Central MP, Makali Muli, the MPs heard that the construction of the 280MW Olkaria I additional unit 4 and 5 and Olkaria IV unit 1 and 2 Geothermal Power Stations commenced in December 2011 and the project was commissioned in December 2014.

Mr. Njenga told the Committee that the objective of the project is to uprate the existing turbines to increase



the power output of the turbines and increase the efficiency of the geothermal resources supplying the two stations which will increase the power plants' by an extra 40MW.

The members wanted to know if there will be value for money from

the project estimated to cost EURO 57 million and whether it was necessary to borrow the loan which is set to be paid back in 2027.

"When you look at the additional capacity that will come with the uprating there will be value for money.

The additional 40MW is expected to generate a revenue of Kshs. 400 million every year," Mr. Njenga told the committee.

According to the MD, the KfW Development Bank of Germany expressed interest in financing of

the project upto a tune of EURO 45 Million and the balance of EURO 12 Million is to be financed by KenGen internally generated funds.

On the steps that KenGen is set to take to bring down the cost of electricity, the MD disclosed that a number of projects are in the pipeline and are set for implementation. He said that the Olkaria 1 rehabilitation is ongoing and the plant which initially produced 45MW will produce 63MW and will be commissioned in 2026.

Mr. Njenga also stated that the Gogo hydropower project in Migori will be elevated and it will generate 8MW up from the current 2MW.

The committee is next scheduled to examine the use of the proceeds of loan contracted by the government to finance Horn of Africa- Mendera corridor and Elwak-Rhamu road projects.

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**Sports >>** \*Hours after sealing Bayer Leverkusen's maiden Bundesliga title win, coach Xabi Alonso told thousands of delirious fans "we want more", laying down a marker in pursuit of a remarkable treble.

## Title Breakthrough Has Alonso's Leverkusen Hungry For 'More'



Bayer Leverkusen's Spanish head coach Xabi Alonso celebrates with a mock-up of the Bundesliga trophy with his players after the German first division Bundesliga football match Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Werder Bremen in Leverkusen, western Germany, on April 14, 2024. Bayer Leverkusen were crowned 2023-24 Bundesliga champions for the first time on April 14, 2024. (Photo by INA FASSBENDER / AFP).

Hours after sealing Bayer Leverkusen's maiden Bundesliga title win, coach Xabi Alonso told thousands of delirious fans "we want more", laying down a marker in pursuit of a remarkable treble.

"We want more. We want the (German) Cup, we want Europa League," the 42-year-old said over the stadium PA to thousands of Leverkusen fans after his side 43rd straight match without defeat.

With a German Cup final meeting with second-division Kaiserslautern already booked for May 25, Leverkusen's next task is Thursday's trip to London to face West Ham in their Europa League quarter-final second leg.

Alonso's side hold a 2-0 lead after the first leg, meaning anything other than a stunning loss to David Moyes' men will keep their treble dreams alive.

Sunday's 5-0 win over Werder Bremen not only broke Bayern Munich's 11-year stranglehold on the German top-flight title, it flushed Leverkusen's unwanted 'Neverkusen' tag for good.

With two major titles in the club's history before Sunday, Alonso's side can more than double their tally by completing the treble.

This season, Alonso has repeatedly said the club needed to be patient, even as the Bundesliga title grew more and more likely.

On Sunday, he pushed talk of Thursday's West Ham match away, saying: "Now is the moment to celebrate and enjoy it all."

If overturning a 2-0 deficit seems like a mountain to climb for West Ham, the stats speak even less in their favour.

Alonso's side have only failed to score once in 43 games this

season and have laid on 123 goals at the other end.

West Ham have only kept one clean sheet in their past 18 fixtures -- although that did come against German opposition in their 5-0 drubbing of Freiburg in the last-16 second leg at the London Stadium.

'Still have two more finals'

Alonso's focus on the treble has been widely adopted by Leverkusen's squad, with several players reminding fans that the season was not over on Sunday night.

Nigeria striker Victor Boniface, given a first start of 2024 after missing several months with a groin injury, echoed his coach's statements over the loudspeaker on Sunday.

"We want to say, thank you for your support from the beginning of the season -- and we still

have two more finals to give you guys."

Despite his long absence, Boniface is Leverkusen's top scorer this season, with 18 goals in all competitions.

Leverkusen seem to have all the ingredients not only for more success this season -- but to build an era.

Leverkusen CEO Fernando Carro, who took over the club in 2018 pledging to end the wait for a league title, on Thursday ruled out any big sales.

"The team and the coach have shown that they're greedy, that they want to keep winning and they don't want to stop," he said. "We want to keep going."

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**Sports >>** \*Two-time New York Marathon Champion Geoffrey Kamwaror has withdrawn from Sunday's London Marathon due to a hip flexor injury.

# Clock Ticks To London Marathon But Big Blow To Kenya After Kamwaror Pulls Out



*Two-time New York Marathon Champion Geoffrey Kamwaror*

Two-time New York Marathon Champion Geoffrey Kamwaror has withdrawn from Sunday's London Marathon due to a hip flexor injury.

Kamwaror made the announcement on his X account, noting that his current physical condition has hampered his training and has ultimately led to his withdrawal.

His absence is a huge blow to Team Kenya, as he was among the favourites to win in Sunday's race.

The athlete's management noted that the 2023 world-cross country champion has been experiencing stiffness while on training sessions and opted for a conservative measure to avoid long-term damage.

Kenya's hopes now will be on Alexander Mutiso Munyao, who was the runner-up at the 2023 Valencia Marathon.

Brigid Kosgei and Tigst Assefa from Ethiopia are also expected to offer a spectacle when they clash in the women's race.

The fourth-fastest woman of all time Ruth Chepng'etich, Peres Jepchirchir, the reigning Olympic champion, and Yalemzerf Yehualaw of Ethiopia, the 2022 London Marathon champion, are other top Athletes set to feature in the Sunday marathon.

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## The Charm Of The Uzbek Language



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<b>Uzbek alphabet</b>									
Vv ve [v/w]	Xx xe [x]	Yy ye [j]	Zz ze [z]	O'o' o' [o/ø]	G'g' g'e [ɣ]	Shsh she [ʃ]	Chch che [tʃ]	Ngng nge [ŋ]	' apostrof [ʼ]

Worth Noting:

It is an agglutinative language, meaning that words are formed by adding multiple suffixes and prefixes to a root word. This allows for the creation of long and descriptive words, giving the language a certain poetic quality. For example, the word 'oshpaz' means cook, but when we break it down, we can see that it is made up of three parts: 'osh' (rice), 'pa' (foot), and 'z' (doer). Thus, 'oshpaz' can be translated as the one who cooks rice with their feet, which is an interesting and vivid description.

The Uzbek language is deeply rooted in the history and culture of Uzbekistan. It is the official language of the country, and has been spoken for centuries by its people.

The Uzbek language, also known as Uzbek language, is a beautiful and fascinating language spoken by over 30 million people around the world. Its charm lies not only in its unique phonetics and grammatical structure, but also in its rich history and cultural significance. In this article, we will explore the various aspects that make the Uzbek language so enchanting and why it should be celebrated and preserved.

One of the main attractions of the Uzbek language is its phonetics. Its soft and melodic sounds, influenced by the Central Asian Turkic languages, make it a pleasure to listen to. The use of vowel harmony, where the vowels in a word are in harmony with each other, adds to its musical quality. Words like 'qo'ziq' (ear) and 'yo'lchi' (traveler) roll off the tongue with a rhythm that is pleasing to the ear.

Another aspect that adds to the charm of the Uzbek language is its

grammatical structure. It is an agglutinative language, meaning that words are formed by adding multiple suffixes and prefixes to a root word. This allows for the creation of long and descriptive words, giving the language a certain poetic quality. For example, the word 'oshpaz' means cook, but when we break it down, we can see that it is made up of three parts: 'osh' (rice), 'pa' (foot), and 'z' (doer). Thus, 'oshpaz' can be translated as the one who cooks rice with their feet, which is an interesting and vivid description.

The Uzbek language is deeply rooted in the history and culture of Uzbekistan. It is the official language of the country, and has been spoken for centuries by its people. Its origins can be traced back to the Chagatai language, a Turkic language used by the Chagatai Khanate, which existed from the 13th to 19th century. The language has evolved and absorbed influences from Persian, Arabic, and

Russian, making it a unique blend of different cultures.

The cultural significance of the Uzbek language is also reflected in its literature. Uzbek literature has a long and rich tradition, with poets and writers producing works in various genres such as poetry, epics, and folktales. The works of great writers like Alisher Navoi and Abdulla Qodiriy have been translated into many languages and continue to be celebrated and studied by people all over the world. The language is also used in traditional music, dance, and other forms of art, adding to its cultural richness.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the Uzbek language and its culture. This can be attributed to the efforts of the Uzbek government to promote and preserve its national language. The government has implemented various policies to encourage the use of Uzbek in education, media, and govern-

ment institutions. This has resulted in a resurgence of interest and pride in the language among the younger generation.

In conclusion, the charm of the Uzbek language is undeniable. Its unique phonetics, grammatical structure, and cultural significance make it a truly enchanting language. As the world becomes more interconnected, it is important to preserve and celebrate the diversity of languages. The Uzbek language is a valuable part of this diversity and deserves to be appreciated and promoted. So, let us all take the time to appreciate and learn more about this beautiful language.

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