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Exports Of Goods In The Country Increases By 8.8%

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Worth Noting:

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Exports Of Goods

The country's goods exports rose by 8.8% from 2023 to August primarily due to increased agricultural commodity exports and re-exports.

According to the Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), Exports of tea, and vegetables and fruits increased by 3.9 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively, while re-exports were 73.5 percent higher in the period.

The MPC convened yesterday to review its past decisions and measures aimed at ensuring inflationary expectations and maintaining exchange rate stability.

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Central Bank Governor Kamau Thugge reported a 12.7% increase in remittances to USD 4,645 million from August 2024 to August 2024, and a 16.4% increase in the first eight months of 2024.

He added that CBK foreign exchange reserves, which currently stand at USD 8,247 million (4.24 months of import cover), continue to provide adequate cover and a buffer against any short-term shocks in the foreign exchange market.

The banking sector, he explained has remained stable and resilient, with strong liquidity and capital adequacy ratios and with ratio of gross Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) to gross loans standing at 16.7 percent in August 2024 compared to 16.3 percent in June.

"Increases in non-performing loans (NPLs) have been observed in various

sectors, including transport, communication, personal and household, trade, real estate, and manufacturing, with banks making adequate provisions for these NPLs," Thugge said

Moreover, Growth in commercial bank lending to the private sector, he explained stood at 1.3 percent in August 2024 compared to 3.7 percent in July, partly reflecting exchange rate valuation effects on foreign currency denominated loans following the appreciation of the Shilling, and the lagged effects of monetary policy tightening.

In August, local currency-denominated loans experienced a 5.2% growth, while foreign currency-denominated loans, accounting for 26% of total loans, contracted by 10.6%. Hence, the Committee predicts that the FY2024/25 Supplementary Budget I will reduce the fiscal deficit to 4.3% of GDP from 5.2% in FY2023/24.

The medium-term fiscal consolidation

aims to decrease debt vulnerabilities and increase the present-value-of-debt to GDP ratio towards the target anchor of 55%. According to the MPC, Global inflation has continued to moderate, with central banks in the major economies including the US Federal Reserve, lowering interest rates. International oil

However, prices have moderated, but the risk from the Middle East conflict remains elevated following the recent escalation of tensions though food inflation has risen slightly, mainly driven by higher edible oil prices.

Lastly, the next MPC meeting will take place in December 2024.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



President William Ruto yesterday appointed Munyori Buku, the New Head of the Presidential Communication Service. Mr Buku brings over 26 years experience in Strategic Communication and Media practice within both the Public and Private sectors. He takes the position previously held by David Mugonyi who in January this year was appointed the Communication Authority of Kenya Director General. Prior to the appointment, Buku was Secretary for Public Commu-

nication at State House. In the past, Buku, has served in the Communications departments at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister in Uhuru Kenyatta's reign as well as at the Treasury. In the private sector, Buku served as a senior editor at Nation and Standard Media groups.



The Coast Regional security team has moved to bring calm in Bangale Sub County and Tana North Sub County in Tana River, following inter community conflicts that have left 8 people dead. Speaking to the press at the Bangale Deputy county commissioner's office, the Coast Regional commissioner Rhoda Onyancha said that security officers have been stationed at the troubled areas to keep watch around the clock. Onyancha, who was joined by her security team and the county security team said that it was unfortunate that lives were lost from a conflict between two communities who have lived together in peace for many years. "We have tried to look at the root cause of the conflict and we have found that there was a small disagreement at a water point in Anole where one community perceived that the other community was preventing them from accessing water," Onyancha said.



Small-scale traders at Kisumu's Jubilee Market have decried the rising transport costs for goods and commodities which threatens to push them out of business. This coupled with the high cost of living has seen the number of customers drop as local vendors struggle to get a share of the cake. Daisy Achieng, a vegetable vendor at the market said the cost of transporting goods to the market has soared in recent months, a burden that has hit local farmers and artisans. Most of the traders at the market, she said were finding it difficult to sustain their businesses, as profit margins shrink amidst rising expenses.



The National Government Development Regional/County Implementation Coordination and Management Committee (NGD-RICMC) members, led by Nairobi County Commissioner David Wanyonyi (c), visit the Green Park Terminus Pedestrian Underpass Network along the Uhu-ru Highway-Haile Selassie intersection roundabout in Nairobi, which is under construction last Monday. The government is constructing the government at a cost of Ksh2,017,116,059.



Narok County Government has commissioned projects worth Sh100 million in Narok Town Ward that were implemented in the 2022/2023 financial year. The projects include construction of: classrooms, water projects, dispensaries, slaughter house livestock markets, and renovation of roads in various parts of the county. Speaking when launching a water project and Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) at Emayian Primary School, the governor Patrick Ntutu said the implementation of the projects commenced shortly after he took office in the year 2022.



Fish farmers in Uasin Gishu County have been advised to form cooperative societies, which will provide them with essential bargaining power and significantly enhance the efficiency of their farming activities. Speaking during the distribution of fish feed to several fish farmers, Livestock and Fisheries Chief Officer Nixon Cheplong emphasised the importance of cooperatives if farmers were to fully realise the potential of fish farming in the region. "The only reason why fish farmers are struggling is that they have not joined hands through cooperatives to reap maximum benefit from the fishing sector and I urge them to do so, as it will enable them to leverage resources and enhance their profitability," Cheplong said. The chief officer noted that the County Government has actively distributed fingerlings to ensure that fish farmers have access to quality stock.



PROJECT CATALOG

Malindi Phase 7	MALINDI	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.139,000	Kithimani Springs	MACHAKOS	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.1.50M
Great Oasis Gardens	NANYUKI	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.399,000	Ocean View Ridge	VIPINGO	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.1.995M
Wema Gardens	NARO MORU	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.439,000	Vuyanzi Gardens	KITALE	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.1.995M
Love Gardens	KAJIADO	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.950,000	Achievers Paradise Phase 2	NGONG	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.1.995M
Ushindi Gardens	NAKURU	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.1.095M	Vipingo Prime	VIPINGO	FROM AS LOW AS Kes.2.795M
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Three African Projects Make PMI's Most Influential List, Advancing Sustainable Development Goals



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Worth Noting:

- Africa's Largest Kitchen, spearheaded by Food4Education, tackles food insecurity in Kenya by providing nutritious meals to schoolchildren. This initiative aligns directly with SDG 2: Zero Hunger. By ensuring that over 100,000 children receive meals daily, the project addresses both the short-term nutritional needs and the long-term educational outcomes of students who are better able to focus on their studies.
- Life-Changing Cash Transfers, an initiative by GiveDirectly, empowers vulnerable communities by providing direct cash transfers. This project allows recipients to meet essential needs such as food, healthcare, and education.

The Project Management Institute (PMI) has announced its 2024 Most Influential Projects, celebrating groundbreaking efforts across various industries. Among the 20 global honorees, three remarkable projects from Sub-Saharan Africa have been highlighted for their impact, contributing significantly to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The African projects recognized—Africa's Largest Kitchen, Life-Changing Cash Transfers, and the Energy Subscription Program—demonstrate the continent's commitment to addressing critical social and environmental challenges. Each project has not only achieved notable milestones in the past 18 months but also reflects the power of project management to drive transformative social change.

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Life-Changing Cash Transfers, an initiative by GiveDirectly, empowers vulnerable communities by providing direct cash transfers. This project allows recipients to meet essential needs such as food, healthcare, and education. It supports SDG 1: No Poverty by fostering economic resilience and autonomy in underserved areas. As recipients are given the freedom to allocate resources as needed, the initiative has sparked conversations about sus-



Staff serving at Food4Education Githunguri Constituency, with a capacity of 10,000 meals a day. Photo source: Food4Education IG.

tainable, dignified forms of aid.

The third project, the Energy Subscription Program under the Beyond The Grid Fund for Africa, advances SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy. The program expands access to renewable energy in underserved communities, providing households and businesses with affordable energy solutions. By improving energy access, the project also contributes to economic development, creating new opportunities for growth in these areas.

In a statement, George Asamani, PMI's Managing Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, praised the innovative approaches of these projects. "Through innovation, collaboration, and a shared commitment to sustain-

able development, we are seeing real progress in addressing some of Africa's most pressing challenges," said Asamani. "This year's Most Influential Projects demonstrate the tremendous potential of project management to not only meet strategic goals but also to drive meaningful social change."

Since the introduction of the SDGs in 2015, efforts to address global issues such as poverty, inequality, and climate change have accelerated. However, according to the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024, only 17% of SDG targets are currently on track. PMI's research highlights the role of project management in reversing this trend, noting that projects incorporating social benefits are more

likely to succeed.

Beyond the African projects, PMI's list also includes innovative global initiatives, such as The 1 Billion Tree Project from Mongolia and the Wolbachia Mosquitoes Release Program, addressing climate change and public health challenges, respectively. These projects serve as a testament to the global impact of well-managed projects that align with the SDGs.

In addition to the top honorees, several other African projects received honorable mentions, including The Samburu Project, which enhances access to clean water in Kenya, and the Vision Impact Project, improving eye care across underserved region.

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Chuka Court To Decide Fate Of Governor Njuki’s Petition Against Former Chief Officer Over Social Media Posts

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A case involving former Tharaka Nithi County Youths and Sports Chief Officer Wilberforce Ntwiga, who seeks to have a petition filed against him by Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki dismissed by the Chuka court and heard by another forum, is set for hearing on Monday next week.

Governor Njuki through Saluny Advocates LLP, filed a petition before Justice Lucy Gitari, the presiding judge at the Chuka High Court, seeking orders to restrain Wilberforce, the defendant, from publicizing, publishing, writing, posting, or commenting on the governor’s character, person, or performance of his duties as the elected governor of Tharaka Nithi County.

The petition includes a request to prohibit Wilberforce, his agents, and assigns from making such statements. Additionally, the petition seeks to compel Wilberforce to remove all posts made on various online platforms between August 31 and Sep-



Governor Njuki

tember 2024, which the governor claims are defamatory.

Governor Njuki through his advocate, argues that Wilberforce’s posts contain false and defamatory allegations, including accusations of abuse of office, gross misconduct, and corruption, which the governor denies.

In response, Wilberforce through Mwiti Partners Advocates LLP, filed a preliminary objection, arguing that the court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case.

He asserts that Njuki did not exhaust the statutory dispute resolution mechanism under the Media Council Act, No 46 of 2013 and the suit was prematurely filed in blatant disregard of Article 159(2) (C) of the Kenyan constitution.

Wilberforce contends that the Media Complaints Commission has jurisdiction over issues touching on human dignity, a right protected under the Act.

Governor Njuki’s legal team, how-



Former Sports and Youths Chief Officer Wilberforce Ntwiga

ever argues that the Media Council Act applies only to media enterprises, journalists, media practitioners, foreign journalists, and consumers of media services, as per Section 4 of the Act.

They assert that Wilberforce, acting in his personal capacity on social media, does not fall within this scope.

The governor’s lawyer argue that the dispute is between two individuals, neither of whom are journalists or media enterprises, and therefore, the case does not fall under the jurisdic-

tion of the Media Complaints Commission.

Wilberforce has recently become a fierce critic of his former boss after losing his job, a move that has not been well received by Governor Njuki.

The court will on Monday hear the arguments of the two sides, to decide whether the Civil Case HCCC/E002/2024 will proceed at the Chuka court or be dismissed.

KUCO Calls For Public Participation In New Health Scheme

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The Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) wants the Ministry of Health to institute proper public participation exercise on the Social Health Authority (SHA) rollout.

Speaking in Nairobi, KUCO Chairman Peterson Wachira reiterated health workers’ stand that the health benefits package availed in the social health insurance fund does not match expectations arising from the amount that Kenyans are expected to contribute monthly.

The clinicians who held a peaceful demonstration at Ministry of Health and SHAH building in Nairobi, accused the Social Health Authority (SHA) for locking out facilities accredited by the Clinical Officers Council from offering healthcare ser-

vices under the new scheme.

KUCO lamented most Kenyans could contribute huge sums of money with no guarantee of excellent medical services, while most hospitals don’t know how to identify patients seeking medication under the SHA.

The Union has called for the government to halt the implementation of SHA and immediately hold public participation forums on its viability.

It also demanded comprehensive medical insurance for all its members and interns.



KUCO Chairman Peterson Wachira

High Court Consolidates Over 20 Petitions Seeking To Stop Gachagua Ouster

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DP's lead defense team by Senior Counsel Paul Muite and Elisha Ongoya put up a spirited fight urging Justice Lawrence Mugambi to consider the self-evident urgency of the matter and forward the file to Chief Justice Martha Koome to constitute a 3-7 Judge bench.

The court was also told the case falls under a presidential system of governance and the sovereignty of the people in the process is key.

They also poked holes into how public participation was conducted, citing a lack of substantive legislation on the procedure and whether parliament should play an active role.

The respondents through counsels Paul Nyamodi and Peter Wanyama argued that the narrative that the Deputy President is elected by the people lacks merit.

The court was also urged to disregard the petitioners' call for empanelment of a bench citing the matter can be heard by a single Judge.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

Senate Travel Ban In Effect As Kingi Prioritizes Upcoming Business

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Senate Speaker Amason Kingi has announced a suspension of travel for Senators and Senate staff outside the country until Saturday, October 19, 2024.

In a statement, Kingi emphasized the importance of the upcoming business in the House, urging all members to remain within the country during this critical period.

Effective Tuesday, October 8, Kingi directed all House Committees to halt activities outside Nairobi. He explained that this measure is designed to ensure that Senators can fully prioritize their participation in essential proceedings without any distractions or disruptions.

During a special Senate session on Wednesday, Kingi outlined the significant matters that the Senate will

address, including an investigation into 11 charges against Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

This hearing is scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2024.

Should at least two-thirds of the Senate vote to uphold the impeachment motion, Gachagua will be dismissed from office.

Additionally, the Senate is set to engage in another impeachment motion against Kericho Governor Erick Mutai, with hearings slated for October 14 and 15, 2024. Kingi confirmed that the Senate will proceed with this motion despite an existing court order blocking the hearing of the matter.

The Speaker's directives aim to reinforce the Senate's commitment to handling these critical issues effectively, ensuring that all Senators are available to contribute to the discussions and decisions that lie ahead.



Senate Speaker Amason Kingi

Kenya Calls For A Bold Vision At AfCFTA Forum In Kigali

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Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry, Hon. Salim Mvurya, has urged African leaders to transform the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) into a robust driver of economic growth and industrialization. Speaking on behalf of President William Ruto at the AfCFTA Guided Trade Initiative Forum in Kigali, Hon. Mvurya emphasized that Africa must “dare to invent the future” by creating industries, enhancing value chains, and tapping into the vast potential of the continent.

Addressing an audience of African leaders, including Rwanda’s President Paul Kagame and Ghana’s President Nana Akufo-Addo, Mvurya highlighted Kenya’s commitment to regional integration. He praised the second phase of the Guided Trade Initiative, which will incorporate the services sector, calling it a “vital step” towards increasing intra-African trade. Kenya was among the first nations to export

goods under the initial phase of the Initiative.

Mvurya painted a vision of a self-sustaining Africa where resources are no longer exported as raw materials but are processed and manufactured within the continent. He noted that while only 17% of Africa’s exports are traded within the continent, the AfCFTA presents an opportunity to close the gap with regions like Asia and Europe, where intra-regional trade stands at 59% and 69% respectively.

“We must imagine a continent that produces what it consumes and consumes what it produces,” Mvurya said. He pointed to the development of industries such as textile mills, automotive plants, agribusiness hubs, and tech ecosystems as pivotal to this transformation.

For the AfCFTA to achieve its full potential, Mvurya stressed that Africa must invest in infrastructure. He called for improvements in roads, railways, and ports, alongside robust energy solutions that can support industries. Furthermore, digital infrastructure is crucial to connect every corner of Africa in the modern age, he said.



Salim Mvurya alongside African leaders, including Rwanda’s President Paul Kagame and Ghana’s President Nana Akufo-Addo

The forum also highlighted the urgent need for climate adaptation, with Mvurya acknowledging Africa’s vulnerability to climate change despite its minimal contribution to the global crisis. He emphasized that trade could be part of the solution, fostering environmental initiatives that align with economic growth. “Africa can lead the world in green technology, renewable energy, and climate-smart agri-

culture,” he remarked.

Kenya, according to Mvurya, has already begun aligning trade policies with climate goals. He shared that the country is developing a “Green Supplement” to its AfCFTA Implementation Strategy, which will guide efforts in promoting sustainable, green intra-African trade, particularly in sectors like tea and coffee.

In his closing remarks, Mvurya

called for unity and strategic coordination among African nations. He urged leaders to eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers and to build value chains that foster economic growth across the continent. “The AfCFTA is our generation’s defining challenge,” he said, rallying the delegates to seize the moment and build a prosperous Africa for future generations.



I Saw The Impeachment Of Gachagua Coming



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Worth Noting:

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- Some of the grounds cited were; gross violation of the constitution and other laws of the land, abuse of office, gross misconduct and violation of international laws.
- My prediction came to pass when the MPs finally cast the ballots. 281 members voted to impeach the DP while 44 voted against the motion. One member abstained.

One of the key roles of parliament is oversight of the state officers in terms of how they were performing their constitutional mandates.

The Deputy President (DP) is a principal assistant to the President. The holder of this office was therefore required to perform duties assigned to him by the President.

In light of this, the motion touching on impeachment of Deputy President falls in this category.

When I started hearing that plans were underway to impeach Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, two questions came to mind. Did the MPs who have initiated the process stood a chance of marshalling enough numbers in parliament? Did the grounds of impeachment met the requisite threshold?

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With this, the spotlight now turns to the Senate where the DP will also be put on trial.

After this, the Senators will vote and many Kenyans believe they will reaffirm the resolution of the National Assembly. Out of 67, 47 senators will be required to support the ouster.

If the Senate impeaches him, Gachagua will be left with one option. Seek legal redress. He has since assembled a team of top notch lawyers. A friend of mine told me that his chances of winning were nil.

Reason? The courts' decisions and determinations will be based on the interpretation of constitutional imperatives and other laws of the land.

Articles 145 and 150 of constitution stipulate the process of removing the DP from office.

The National Assembly had followed these provisions to the letter and spirit and many Kenyans are waiting a concurrence of the senate. I have been listening to the remarks



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

attributed to Gachagua's supporters. They were yet to drop this warped mentality that President William Ruto was behind his woes.

As we know, the President has never commented about this matter touching on impeachment of DP.

He always steered clear even when pressed to make a comment on the matter.

The President once told a journalist during a live TV interview. Gachagua is still my deputy. If you think we are not reading the same script, please look for him and ask him to respond.

Constitutionally speaking, the President has no power to interfere, influence or coerce members of parliament to vote in certain way or how to their job.

The President is not a member and hence he has no vote.

Parliament is an independent organ just like the executive which is headed by the President.

Yes, the law allows the President as the leader of ruling party/coalition to chair a meeting of the party parliamentary group. This is ahead of critical debates and this would give the MPs a free hand to build a consensus/common position.

The President is however not compelled to chair these meetings. He can delegate someone else to do that.

In respect to Gachagua's motion of impeachment, he never chaired the PG meeting.

This is because the MPs brought this matter at a time when he was having a busy/tight schedule.

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Kiambu County Government To Release KSh100 Million For Bursary

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Worth Noting:

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Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi (right) joined by John Njiru Deputy Speaker, Geoffrey Muceke Majority leader, Emily Nkoroi Chief Officer Education and Lawrence Mwaura MCA Ting'anga poses for a photo with a dummy bursary cheque.

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi has released the third tranche of bursary forms worth Sh 100 million meant to assist needy students in the county.

Kiambu county set aside Sh500 million for bursaries for this financial year to help needy students with school fees with Wamatangi announcing that he intends to raise the bursary kitty to Sh750 million so as to reach many more needy students with school fees.

Speaking in Kiambu town at the county government headquarters during the distribution of bursary forms to the county bursary committees drawn from 60 wards that comprises the county, Wamatangi said that the minimum allocation of the beneficiary is Sh 5,000.

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He said that there are still problems due to the hard economic times and more parents are coming in to apply while the bursary forms are not enough.

“We understand and realize that we are in hard economic times and more parents are coming in to seek for bursary forms whereas the forms are not enough. Some parents may think that the bursary committee members are refusing to issue bursary forms which can create enmity since they know each other as they come from the same area,” he said.

He called on the bursary committee members to be on the look out for some rogue members who are out to tarnish the name of others by doing evil over issuance of bursary forms.

“In my government I want to show Kiambu people that work can be done right, fairly and truthfully and happens and be good work,” he said.

He said that despite the recommended allowances for the bursary committee set by Salaries and Remuneration Committee (SRC) the county government has seen the hard work that the bursary committees are doing of vetting and identifying the needy cases and will consider awarding them with hardship allowances going forward in the next financial year.

“We know the hard work that you are

doing and we will consider adding a hardship allowance. People should know that the bursary committee work is a service one is offering and it is not a full time job with a salary that can fend for families,” he said.

He said that the education department is the most vibrant and successful department in the country as facts dictate.

He added that the department has built 109 ECDE centers which is a school establishment on its own targeting to build an ECDE center in every public school within the county.

“We are building two PP1 classrooms, two PP2 classrooms, an ablution block for both girls and boys, an administration room, a play center and a kitchen. The ECDE centers are equipped with furniture, playing equipment, electricity and will also put up technological gadgets such as pupil tablets. This is a whole school establishment,” he said.

He said by 2025 the county government is expected to have built 524 ECDE centers within the county which is a record to have been done by any other county.

He said in the ECDE centers the pupils are being fed with eggs three days in a week, Fortified porridge five days of the week and every Thursdays they are being fed with their favourite flavoured yoghurt milk.

Rosemary Kirika deputy governor

said that encouraged the bursary committee members to ensure they apply the highest standards of accountability to ensure that they prioritize the most vulnerable cases.

“This will help us to avoid dropouts which can have long term effects in our society,” she said.

Lawrence Mwaura Tinganga ward MCA and chairperson education committee in Kiambu county assembly said that as a committee they have ensured that they have upheld the Governor’s promise to Kiambu people of not leaving any child behind.

“We have ensured that we legislate and pass a budget that will ensure no child is left behind in terms of education. The actions of the governor has shown that he has gone beyond being and executive but also as a parent to the children of kiambu by providing bursaries and ensuring they stay in school through having a robust feeding program for ECDE pupils,” Mwaura said.

John Njiru MCA hospital ward Thika and deputy speaker Kiambu county assembly took issue with public primary schools which have been adamant for the county government to build ECDE centers saying that they are denying children right to education.

Permaculture Boosting Food Security And Nutrition In Schools

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- Barasa who was speaking during a one-day media training at a Machakos, said that they target both public and private primary schools and colleges because they are mostly left out in development projects while some drop out of school due to hunger resulting in poor performance in schools.
- “We advocate for food security by designing school grounds and transforming barren landscape into food forests by implementing permaculture and providing nutritional needs for learners,” said Barasa.
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Permaculture farming system was introduced in Machakos and Makueni counties to boost food security and nutritional value to the feeding program under the Schools and Colleges Permaculture Program (SCOPE)

The SCOPE which also promotes ecological agriculture was introduced in several schools to sharing their knowledge and technical support with an aim to transform school grounds into food baskets through sustainable land use thus offering nutritional needs and food security to learners.

According to Joseph Barasa a trainer at SCOPE Kenya, food insecurity in Machakos and Makueni areas has affected performance and enrollment in schools which is one of the major reasons they embarked on the permaculture sustainable farming by guiding them on techniques such as mulching and composting.

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“We involve the parents, Education officers, community members and the teachers to participate in permaculture so that there is enough food to eat in school and at home and encourage other schools to practice in permaculture,” added Barasa.

Barasa noted that permaculture farming is self-sustaining and requires minimal external input with the use of various techniques such as composting, crop rotation and natural pest control.

Additionally, he outlined several schools in Machakos where permaculture has worked and has been accepted in the community as well such as Kimua Comprehensive School, Katheka kai Secondary and Miwani Comprehensive School.

Head teacher Eliud Mutungi of Kivai Pimary and Junior secondary school in Makueni reiterated that the permaculture farming was positively welcomed in his school by the learners, teachers and parents and the frequent and nutritious vegetables have boosted the morale in school.

Mutungi disclosed that Kivai School which is at the border of Machakos and Makueni had a population of 64 students and after the introduction of permaculture farming and the feeding program, the enrollment has gone up to 122 students which has also elevated their performance.

“A learner who is hungry cannot

learn and permaculture has ensured children are well fed and pay attention in class which has improved their grades,” said Mutungi.

He hails the program as financially sustainable because there is no need for costly fertilizers and pesticides and has also reduced seed expenses as the parents and the community buy the vegetables when schools close and the money is used to buy more seeds

Mutungi added they are CBC compliant and they assign each learner with a portion of vegetables to manage and ensure its well-watered to generate a steady supply of nutritious

food in school and also create a sense of responsibility among the learners and appreciation of the environment.

On her part Deputy Head teacher Kivai Primary School, Gloria Mwendwa, disclosed that when she reported to the school in 2023, most of the learners were transferring from Kivai to other schools because of the needy conditions, poor performance and unwelcoming environment.

Mwendwa says SCOPE team interviewed them in July on the needs of the school and what the school needed for them to improve their performance and enrollment and that’s when they began working together on the farms and in August, they learnt how to intercrop vegetables and have already harvested and are enjoying the nutritious well balanced food.

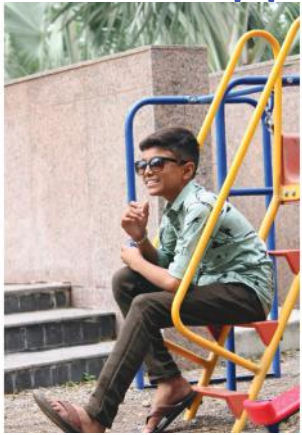
She hails SCOPE Kenya for transforming their lives since introducing permaculture program, they assisted them in getting water from the river to the school for farming, guiding them in digging trenches for harvesting rain water, helped them in fencing of the farms, ensured there is enough food for everyone and the learners are now excited to go to school.

Mwendwa adds that Permaculture has elevated CBC subjects which are done practically in the farms and the learners can now make their own nursery beds and are capable of managing them without supervision.

She notes that permaculture farming has nurtured the learners to have knowledge and skills to utilize resources to grow nutritious foods especially in their school where they have planted Spinach, Kale, Managu, terere, sweet potatoes, sugarcane, bananas, mango trees and arrow roots.



Imperfections Are Opportunities



See..., Our fault, our mistake, it will remain in our life for the rest of our life and these faults and mistakes that will create an option for us to go ahead and improve in life.

It is okay to proceed with a certain standard but it only gives birth to machines and neither humanity nor man.

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These mistakes or faults that inform the subject of effort, good karma and the true religion of man in our life. These faults, errors, mistakes and imperfections should be respected because they help us to shape our life.

-Barad vanshit

As humans, we always have a desire that we become complete. For that we always strive in life so that there is no incompleteness in our life, no fault, no mistake, but when human beings start doing this, He concentrates all his attention on it. Its development gradually stops.

It also raises another question, "What's wrong with it? It seems good."

Love



stopped.. and he looks at me and slowly smiles... he is standing a little in this position, slowly walking towards me. He came to me and handed me a bunch of red roses. what i do
I became numb without knowing it, my heart stopped beating for a while, and then it started beating again gone... the whole universe seems to make my heart beat with excitement and fear: as if listening. He was hot to me and I was hot to him... There are big crimson thorns in the middle there was a bunch of roses.

Uzbekistan -Sitorakxon Buriyeva

Everything is silent...but footsteps are heard in the distance... These sounds touch my heart as if he was angry, no, no, on the contrary, he was excited. My heart was beating like it was coming out of its sheath. Suddenly the footsteps

The Sad Fate Of Our Wives In The Last Century (In The Interpretation Of The Works Of Cholpon And Qadiri)



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Abstract: The painful life of our women during the past centuries is not a secret to all of us. Who is to blame for their humiliation and oppression? This article talks about the miserable life of these oppressed people.

Key words: polygamy, sad fate, lack of place for women in society, trampled honor

Enter: We know that in the last century the situation of our women in our society was not enviable. They had no place in the life of the society, and moreover, in their own families. The life of these oppressed people is worthless, and their reputation and career will become a waste.

The main part

Historically, our women have been simple, shy and loyal to their families. If we take a look at the last century, we can see how sad times our women went through. Our young girls have experienced a bitter fate before reaching the age of eighteen. Girls like Flowers were treated like a commodity by khans, thousand-bashis, eshans, officials and generals, and lost their lives. So, who do you think is the reason for such a bitter fate of women?

Of course, they suffered from polygamy and cohabitation not by foreign hands, but by the ignorance of their father, brother or relatives. Cholpon's novel "Night and Day" is well known to all of us. Cholpon laughs at women, makes fun of them; she does not show the image of a hard-working, brave, hard-working woman with a strong hatred against oppression, humiliation, and oppression. Zebi became a victim of his father's thoughtless decision, polygamy, which spread like a plague in the society, also took Zebi to its torture. Razzaq Sufi was not the kind of person to sit back and watch his daughter's pleasure. He considers it stupid for him to consult even with his wife. I can't tell Zebi's friends that my father gave me to this old man: if he didn't give it to me, who would he give it to? Would he give it to my lover?

We can see how many girls like Zebi, whose dreams were shattered, were given as third or fourth wives to old men who were not equal to them, and the hearts of young girls were broken.

There is no folk hero who fights for freedom for the sake of truth and happiness. In addition, Cholpon's story "Lola in the bosom of snow" describes the marriage of an innocent 17-year-old girl to a man who is the same age as her grandfather. The content of the play is revealed through the crying sentence of Mamot the guard, "What are you saying guys, the world is an upside down world.. It snowed on Lola". Naturally, when snow falls on a tulip, it wilts. Cholpon also wanted to light up as many tulips as were left in the snow through Sharofatkhon. I think. Yehud Let's take the novel "Scorpion from the Altar".

The reader's heart will shake after reading chapters of the novel such as Haram, Kyrgyz and Nozik. Hundreds of sixteen- and seventeen-year-old girls brought to Khan's harem are dying like flowers. These girls, who deserve the favor of the Khan only once or twice, are brought to the harem under the name of maid. They are sent to the Khan as a gift by beggars from all over the country. Nozik's sentence that Gulshan was touched by a dog seems to open the pain of these girls, whose honor has been ruined, and withered flowers.

Summary

In conclusion, I think that ignorance is the main factor behind the loss of women's dignity in society. Because during this period, immorality and uncivilization rose to the surface in the society. Instead of the welfare of the country, the Khan-u Mingbashis had taken austerity and polygamy as their professions. Due to ignorance and lack of real religious concepts, fathers fell under the pressure of the elders and sacrificed their daughters' lives. That's probably why many young tulips remained in the snow during this period. True, in the work "Scorpion from the Altar" there is also a character who was able to fight against oppression and injustice and was able to keep himself free. This image is the image of Rana. The work describes the inner experiences of two different women, opposite to each other. I think that Qadiri has put girls like Nozik, who is oppressed and deprived of her will, who silently observes what is written in her fate, opposite to the brave Rana who fought for her freedom. Qadiri tried to depict strong women rather than weak women in his works. Qadiri's characters are knowledgeable and strive for freedom. After all, Qadiri wants Uzbek women to be like this. Cholpan's works show more oppression and oppression of women. Through these two works, we can witness how oppressed women were during the time when Cholpan and Qadiri lived, their inner experiences, and the tragedy of those who were deprived of their free will.

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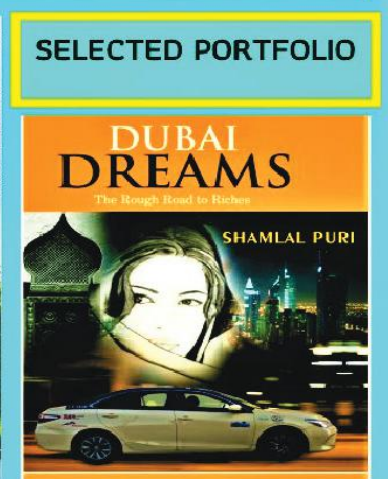
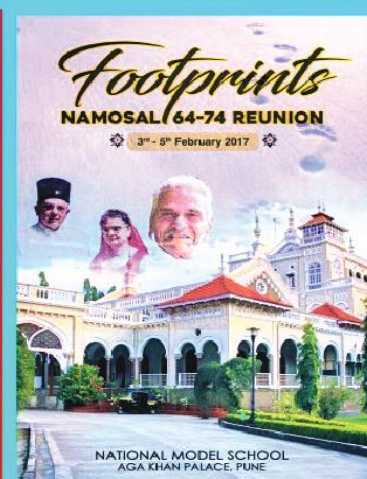
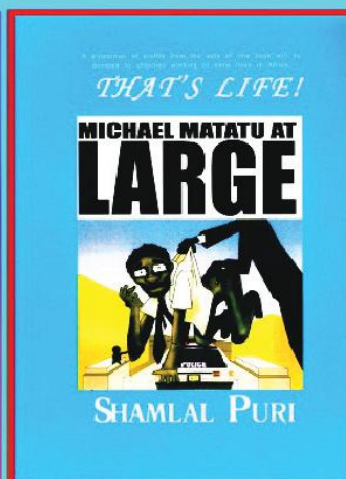
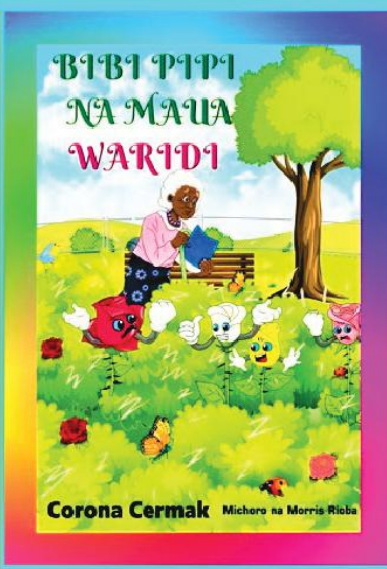
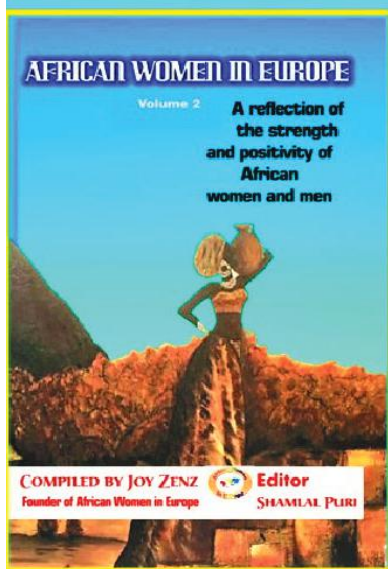
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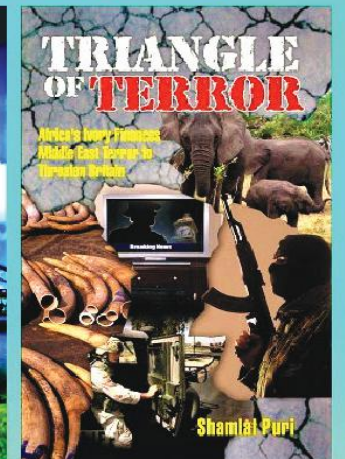
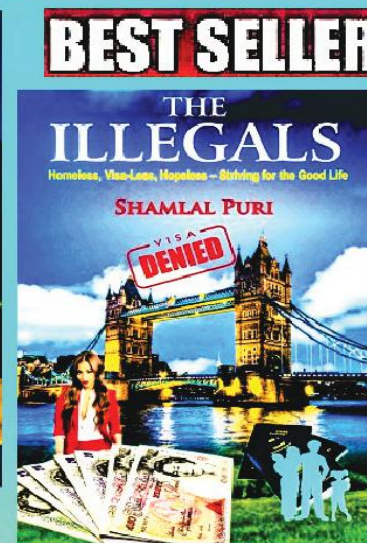
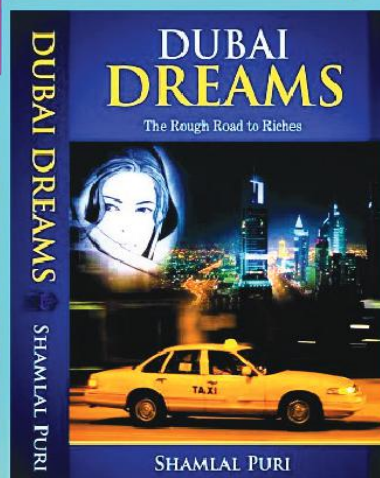
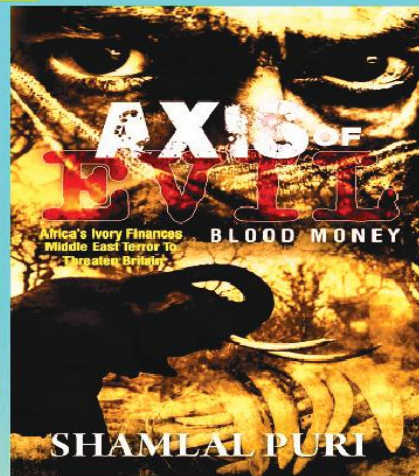
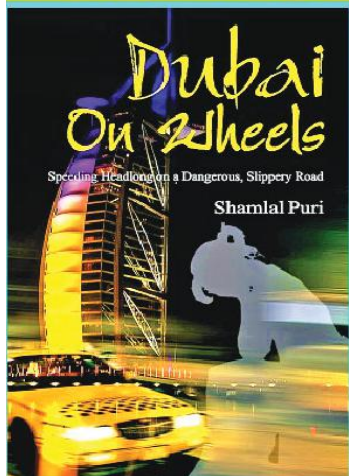
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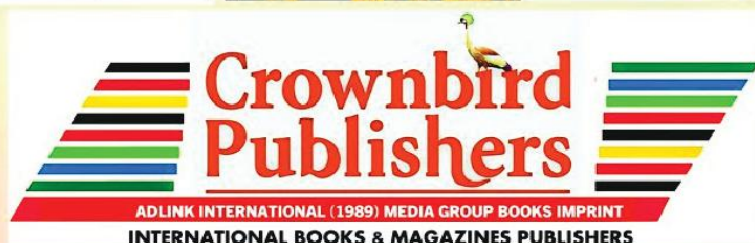
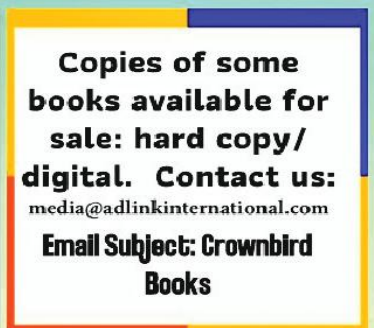
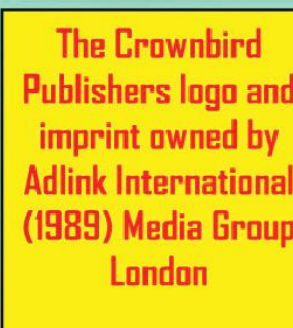
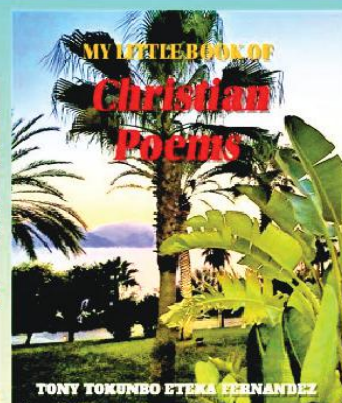
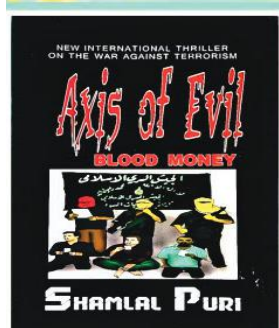
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Agitech Expo 2024 Set To Drive Innovation In Kirinyaga's Agricultural Sector

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Worth Noting:

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The agricultural powerhouse of Mwea, Kirinyaga County, is set to host the much-anticipated 2024 Agitech Expo tomorrow and Friday.

This landmark event will bring together stakeholders from across the agricultural value chain, including industry leaders, researchers, farmers, and innovators.

It is expected to be officially opened by Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Andrew Karanja. The expo aims to showcase the latest technological advancements designed to transform Kenya's agricultural sector.

Themed "The Use of Smart Technologies in Scaling up Agricultural Value Chains from Seed to Market," the event will focus on how emerging technologies can revolutionize farming practices, from production through to distribution. Participants will have the chance to explore how innovations can improve efficiency, boost yields, and enhance farmers' profitability, while addressing long-standing challenges in the sector. With thousands of farmers, agribusiness professionals, exhibitors, and technology providers expected to attend, the Agitech Expo promises to be one of the most significant agricultural events of the year.

The 2024 Agitech Expo will feature a diverse array of participants, including:

Agitech Seedlings: Based in central Kenya, this independent seedling propagation unit specializes in the production of vegetable, herb, fruit, and tree seedlings. Serving farmers ranging from large-scale producers to those maintaining kitchen gardens, Agitech Seedlings also distributes agro-inputs and provides technical expertise, helping farmers make informed decisions to boost their productivity.

Yara East Africa: With over 30 years of experience in agricultural development across Kenya and Uganda, Yara East Africa will be a key

exhibitor at the expo. As a leader in crop nutrition, Yara offers sustainable solutions that improve crop quality, increase yields, and promote profitability.

Their participation underscores a commitment to supporting local farmers by promoting knowledge transfer and access to high-quality inputs that foster sustainable farming practices.

Kirinyaga County, renowned for its agricultural productivity, offers an ideal setting for the Agitech Expo. As a region well-known for its rice and horticultural production, Mwea provides a fitting backdrop for an event focused on sharing knowledge, technologies, and ideas that can revolutionize farming.

The presence of key players like Yara East Africa and Agitech Seedlings further emphasizes the region's critical role in Kenya's agricultural value chain, with a special focus on innovations that can be scaled for both small- and large-scale farmers.

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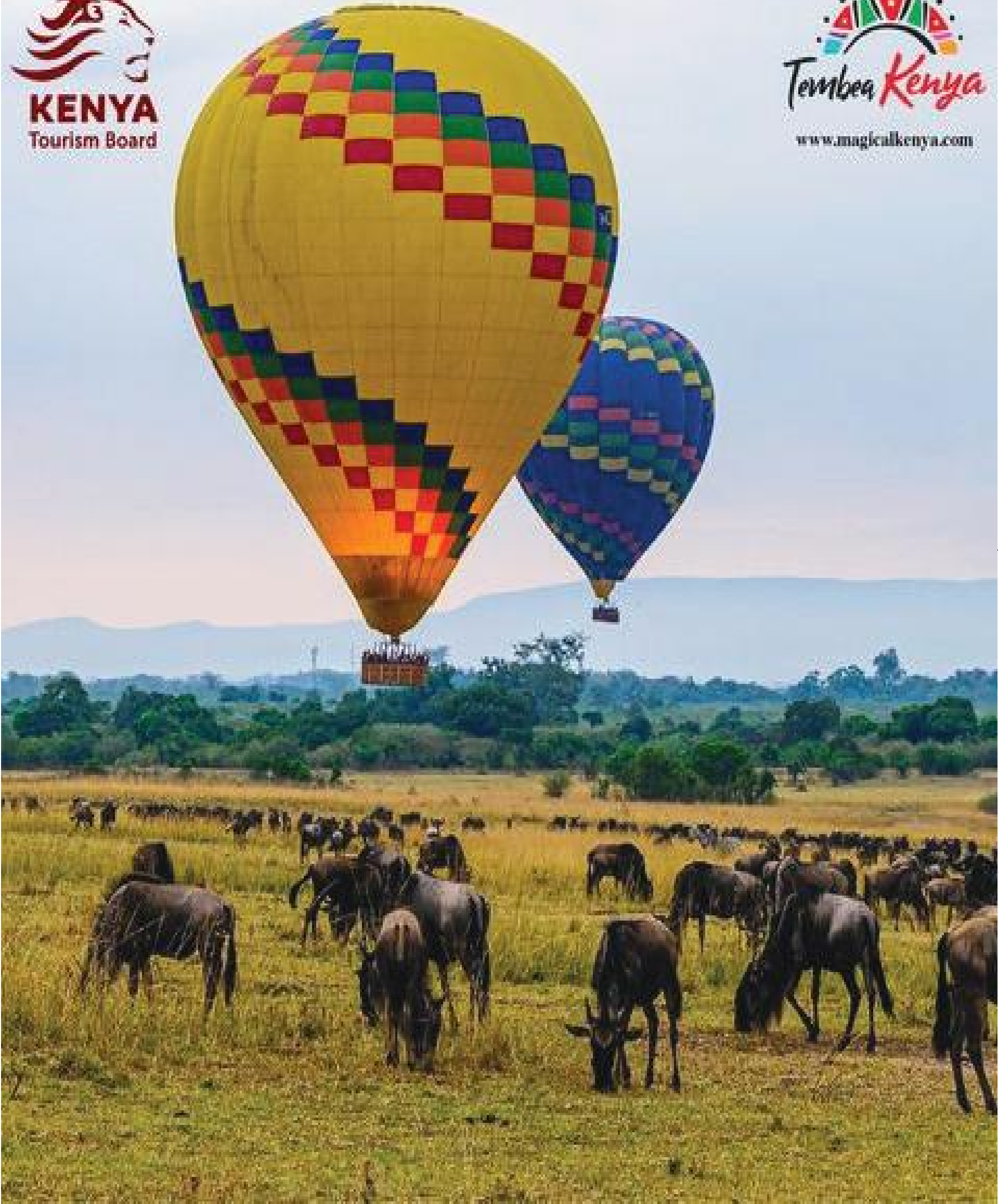
Building on the success of the previous expos in 2022 and 2023, the 2024 Agitech Expo promises to deliver even more impactful sessions, increased participation, and more advanced

technological solutions that will benefit Kenya's agricultural sector. This year's event will focus on promoting innovation and collaboration, ensuring that participants leave equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to thrive in the evolving agricultural landscape.

Farmers, agribusiness professionals, and other sector stakeholders are strongly encouraged to attend this invaluable event. The Agitech Expo 2024 provides a unique opportunity to explore the latest advancements in agricultural technology that will shape the future of farming in Kenya and beyond. More

than just a learning platform, this expo will contribute to building resilience in Kenya's agricultural sector by equipping farmers with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the challenges posed by climate change and food security.

Attendees will leave the expo better prepared to adopt innovative farming practices that enhance productivity, promote sustainability, and unlock the economic potential within the agricultural value chain, securing a prosperous future for Kenya's agriculture.



A Flight Of Fancy: Navigating The Turbulent Skies Of International Travel And Geopolitical Complexities



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Worth Noting:

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The case of Linda Nelly Chepkorir v. Qatar Airways, heard before the National Civil Aviation Administrative Review Tribunal of Kenya, presents a fascinating intersection of aviation law, international relations, and consumer rights. At its core, this case revolves around the fundamental principles of contract law in the context of international air travel, as enshrined in the Warsaw Convention and the Montreal Convention. These international treaties establish uniform rules for international carriage by air, including the rights and liabilities of both passengers and air carriers.

The facts of the case are straightforward yet nuanced. The complainant, Linda Nelly Chepkorir, purchased tickets from Qatar Airways for a journey from Nairobi to Cyprus via Doha and Ankara, with the ultimate destination being Ercan International Airport. The purpose of her travel was to attend her daughter’s graduation. However, her journey was abruptly terminated in Doha, with Qatar Airways citing her lack of a valid visa for Cyprus as the reason for denying her further travel and repatriating her to Kenya.

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The tribunal’s decision to award the complainant a refund for the unused portion of her ticket aligns with the principles of restitution in contract law. However, the rejection of additional claims for special and general damages highlights the stringent requirements for proving such damages in contractual disputes. This approach reflects a balanced consideration of both the airline’s responsibilities and

the limits of its liability.

One of the most intriguing aspects of this case is the tribunal’s handling of the geopolitical complexity surrounding Cyprus. By taking judicial notice of the international non-recognition of “Northern Cyprus,” the tribunal demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of how international relations can impact private law disputes. This approach is particularly commendable in an increasingly globalized world where legal practitioners must be aware of the broader context in which commercial transactions occur.

The tribunal’s skepticism towards the reliability of information provided by the Republic of Cyprus Embassy regarding travel to “Northern Cyprus” is a noteworthy example of critical thinking in legal analysis. It underscores the importance of verifying information sources in international travel disputes and highlights the challenges faced by both travelers and airlines in navigating complex geopolitical situations.

From an aviation law perspective, this case raises important questions about the extent of an airline’s duty to verify visa requirements and the level of diligence expected in handling passenger inquiries. The tribunal’s criticism of Qatar Airways’ continued uncertainty about visa requirements for Kenyan nationals traveling to Cy-

prus suggests that airlines may need to improve their systems for staying updated on international travel regulations.

The modest award of costs and interest at court rates reflects a conservative approach to damages in such cases. This decision may serve as a guide for future disputes, encouraging parties to seek resolution without the expectation of significant financial gain beyond actual losses incurred.

In conclusion, this case serves as a compelling reminder of the intricate interplay between private international law, aviation regulations, and geopolitical realities. It highlights the need for airlines to maintain up-to-date knowledge of international travel requirements and for passengers to be diligent in verifying their travel documents. Moreover, it underscores the importance of tribunals and courts in navigating these complex issues with nuance and attention to broader contextual factors. As international travel continues to grow in complexity, cases like this will undoubtedly play a crucial role in shaping the landscape of aviation law and consumer rights in the global arena.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fight For Sustainability, It's Mazingira Day



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It's Mazingira Day! it is important to highlight a pressing issue that underpins the climate crisis: the fight for environmental justice. While the world focuses on climate action, the voices of the marginalized often remain unheard, despite the fact that these communities face the greatest environmental burdens. Environmental justice seeks to bridge this gap by ensuring that everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic status, can enjoy a safe, clean, and sustainable environment.

Environmental injustice is rooted in the unequal distribution of environmental harms and benefits. In many regions, particularly in developing countries, vulnerable communities suffer the consequences of environmental degradation, often caused by industrial activities that prioritize profit over people. For example, poor communities are often forced to live in areas with polluted air, contaminated water, and unsafe housing conditions, leading to a myriad of health and economic challenges.

Indigenous communities, who have traditionally acted as stewards of the environment, often find their lands threatened by deforestation, mining, and large-scale agricultural projects. These activities not only degrade the environment but also erode the cultural heritage and livelihoods of these communities. Environmental justice demands that we protect these communities and ensure that they are actively involved in decision-making processes that affect their land and resources.

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uity by addressing the needs of those most affected.

One of the key aspects of environmental justice is ensuring that marginalized communities have the power and resources to defend their rights and protect their environments. This can only be achieved through inclusive policies that promote participation and representation at all levels of decision-making.

At the heart of this movement is the need to shift the balance of power. Governments and organizations must support grassroots movements and invest in community-driven solutions that promote sustainability. By empowering local communities to take control of their environments, we can create more resilient ecosystems and societies that are better equipped to deal with the impacts of climate change.

The global push for sustainable development must also account for environmental justice. It is not enough to focus on technological innovations or policy changes at the national level. Instead, development initiatives must directly benefit those who are often left out of the conversation.

Green energy solutions, for instance, have the potential to transform rural and low-income communities by providing affordable, clean power and creating jobs. However, these solutions must be accessible and affordable to the most vulnerable populations, ensuring that the benefits of green technologies are felt by all, not just the wealthy.

Achieving environmental justice requires collective responsibility. Governments, corporations, and individuals all have a role to play in ensuring that climate action is fair and equitable. Governments, must enact and enforce laws that protect vulnerable communities from environmental harms. Corporations, must prioritize sustainable practices over profit and reduce their environmental impact, especially in communities where they operate. Individuals, must advocate for policies that promote justice and sustainability and hold both governments and corporations accountable.

As we celebrate Mazingira Day, it is important to remember that the fight for environmental justice is a fight for human dignity. Addressing climate change without addressing environ-

mental injustice will only widen the gap between the rich and the poor, leaving the most vulnerable communities to suffer. Let us take this day to reflect on our shared responsibility to ensure that climate action is not only effective but also just.

Mazingira Day should not just be about environmental awareness; it must also be a day of action towards environmental justice. As we push for greater climate action, we must ensure that the solutions we implement are inclusive, equitable, and sustainable. Only by addressing the deep-rooted inequalities in our societies can we hope to build a world where everyone has the opportunity to live in a clean, safe, and healthy environment.

The time for environmental justice is now. Together, we can ensure that the fight against climate change benefits everyone, leaving no one behind.

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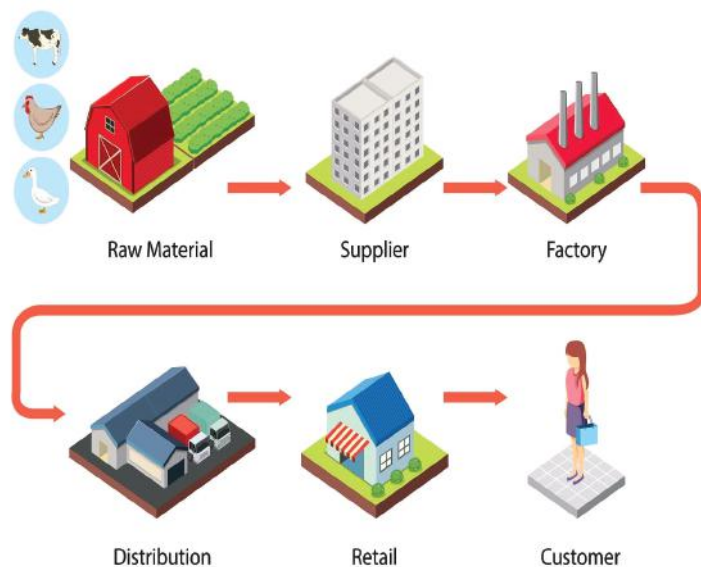
Sustainable Trade In A World Of Twisted Supply Chains

Imperative of rethinking trade practices in Kenya for a sustainable future in the wake of the pandemic



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Supply Chain



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- Yet, in the shadow of the world's insatiable appetite for coffee, he often receives a mere pittance for his labor, a cruel twist of fate. Herein lies the crux of the matter: how can we ensure that the fruits of his labor yield benefits not only for international markets but also for local communities? The answer lies in rethinking our supply chains—transforming them from mere conduits of profit into networks of empowerment.

In the post-pandemic world, where the echoes of lockdowns still linger and the weight of economic uncertainty presses heavily on our collective conscience, we find ourselves at a crossroads of possibility and peril, a juncture where sustainable trade can either flourish or falter. Picture this: a vast marketplace bustling with the vibrancy of Kenyan goods, from the vibrant hues of Maasai beadwork to the rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee, yet shadowed by the looming specter of climate change and social injustice.

As we navigate the complex labyrinth of global supply chains, we must confront the stark reality that our choices reverberate across continents, and that the trade we engage in today will shape the world we inherit tomorrow. Can we, as global citizens, pivot towards a sustainable future, or will we remain ensnared in the sticky web of exploitation and environmental degradation? This article seeks to unravel the intricate tapestry of sustainable trade, focusing on the Kenyan context, as we strive for the elusive balance between profit and planet.

In a country where the sun blazes fiercely, yet the shadows of inequality loom large, Kenya stands as a testament to the paradox of potential and predicament. The nation is a kaleidoscope of resources—tea, coffee, horticultural products—each item a thread in the rich fabric of its economy. Yet, as the world tilts toward sustainability, the question arises: Are we leveraging our bountiful resources for the greater good, or merely feeding the insatiable beast of consumerism? With an economy that relies heavily on exports, the need for a sustainable

trade framework becomes not just an ideal but an imperative.

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By adopting fair trade practices and ensuring that a more significant share of the profits trickles down to the farmers, we can foster a sense of equity that nourishes both the land and its people.

As we delve deeper into the Kenyan context, we encounter the vibrant world of sustainable trade, where innovation meets tradition in a dance as old as time. Take, for instance, the burgeoning textile industry, where artisans weave magic with their hands, creating products that embody the spirit of Kenya. Yet, in a world where fast fashion reigns supreme, the threat of mass-produced imports looms large. How can we counter this tidal wave of cheap textiles? By championing local artisans and embracing the slow fashion movement, we can transform the

narrative from one of consumption to one of connection, celebrating the stories behind each piece while protecting the environment.

However, this journey towards sustainable trade is not without its challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the fragility of global supply chains, exposing vulnerabilities that can no longer be ignored. The irony is palpable: in our quest for efficiency, we have created a system that is, paradoxically, both interconnected and precarious. As countries shuttered their borders and industries ground to a halt, the global economy shivered, revealing the cracks in our reliance on distant suppliers.

In Kenya, this disruption has had devastating effects, particularly on the agricultural sector, where farmers faced losses due to disrupted supply chains and dwindling markets. But as the old adage goes, "Every cloud has a silver lining." This tumultuous period has provided us with an opportunity to rethink our approach to trade.

Rather than reverting to the status quo, we must seize the moment to build resilient and sustainable supply chains that prioritize local production and consumption. Imagine a future where Kenyan farmers supply local markets first, reducing dependency on international trade and ensuring food security for their communities.

By fostering a culture of local consumption, we not only bolster our economy but also nurture our environment, reducing the carbon footprint associated with transporting goods across the globe. To navigate this path, we must engage in a dialogue that transcends borders, incorporating diverse perspectives and experiences. By embracing a collaborative approach, we can foster a culture of sustainability that resonates from the grassroots to the global stage.

Here, Kenya can lead the way, serving as a beacon of hope for other nations grappling with similar challenges. With initiatives such as the Kenya National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the groundwork for a sustainable future is being laid. Yet, the question remains: will we rise to the occasion, or will we allow complacency to guide our actions? The call for action is urgent, and the stakes are high.

As we consider the future of sustainable trade, we must confront the

uncomfortable truths that lie beneath the surface. The statistics are sobering: according to the World Bank, Kenya's agricultural sector accounts for 33% of its GDP, yet it employs nearly 75% of the population.

The irony is that while this sector is the backbone of the economy, it remains vulnerable to the whims of global markets and climate change. To address this disparity, we must prioritize investments in sustainable practices, promoting agroecology and regenerative farming methods that nourish both the land and its people.

Moreover, we must champion education and capacity-building initiatives that empower communities to embrace sustainable practices.

As we reflect on the power of knowledge, let us remember the words of the late Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." By equipping our farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs with the tools they need to thrive, we can catalyze a movement towards sustainability that echoes far beyond our borders.

As we conclude this exploration of sustainable trade in a post-pandemic world, let us remember the stories that connect us. From the farmer in Meru to the artisan in Nairobi, each individual plays a vital role in the intricate web of our economy. In the end, the success of sustainable trade will not be measured solely by profits but by the impact it has on the lives of those who produce, consume, and cherish our shared resources. As we embark on this journey, let us commit to a future where trade is not just about transactions but about transformation—a future where the promise of sustainability becomes a reality, not just a lofty ideal.

In this world of twists and turns, where greed often masks itself as progress, let us champion a new narrative—one that celebrates the power of community, the beauty of sustainability, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow. So, as we tread this path, let us ask ourselves: Are we willing to challenge the status quo, to rethink our trade practices, and to forge a future where sustainability reigns supreme? The choice is ours to make, and the time is now.

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Drummer James: Nairobi’s Dapper PSV Driver - cum - Drummist

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Partially raised in the countryside and Kenya’s capital, James Owiti, known as Drummer James, had a deep desire to become a sensational heavy-duty engine driver. Life in the village allowed James to admire the large buses ferrying people from the city and fostered his ambition to be in charge of the wheels one day. “My desire to drive PSV vehicles started back home, where, as a child, I would go to our local shopping center and watch those big buses from Nairobi drop off passengers heading to Busia,” Owiti recounts, adding that he made a solemn promise to one day operate those buses. After high school, he immediately enrolled in a driving course, completing B1 and C1, which cover small trucks and saloon cars. He later advanced to D1 for a 14-seater matatu before enrolling in D2 and D3 for 33-seater minibuses and 52 to 66-seater buses, respectively. Currently, James is a PSV driver at Nairobi’s most reputable fleet firm, Super Metro, and he aspires to join

giant companies like Ena Coach and Buscar, hoping to drive 52 to 66-seater buses that operate both locally and across East Africa. “I’m looking forward to bigger challenges in this amazing industry. I want to transport long-distance travelers countrywide and across East African countries with companies like Buscar. That’s where my goal in PSV lies,” he said, expressing his ambition to drive the large Scania buses operated by companies like Tahmeed, Ena Coach, and Buscar. In an exclusive interview, James shared insights on what it takes to be a young PSV driver in one of Africa’s busiest cities. “Being a PSV driver, especially in the Nairobi area, is not for the faint-hearted, particularly when driving a 33-seater bus. It can be quite challenging, especially as a young man,” Owiti explains. The youthful driver, one of the most respected fleet drivers in Nairobi, notes that society has high expectations for the younger generation, presenting a challenge to set standards that uplift the community. “I cherish the job I’m doing; it’s my office, and like any other office, I go in properly groomed. As a young man, I believe we have been given



James Owiti, known as Drummer James

opportunities by God to set standards aligned with our national values,” James stated. Often, PSV drivers in Nairobi have been stereotyped as rough and unrefined, which James attributes to the pressure of meeting strict timelines and targets. “Yes, there are a few rogue PSV drivers in the city, but the majority are simply in a rush to meet their targets. I hope the government will ad-

dress the issue of high traffic congestion, especially during rush hours,” he said. Owiti lives in two worlds; when he’s not driving, he is in charge of the drums at Chrisco Donholm, where he worships. He acknowledges that balancing the roles of a driver and a church instrumentalist is challenging but emphasizes that nothing can stop him from serving the Lord.

“It’s not easy to balance both, but because I dearly love these activities, I manage my time between work and serving the Lord,” Owiti explains. On a few occasions, he has missed band practice due to fatigue. “Driving requires a lot of concentration, and we work long hours, so by the time I leave work, I am fatigued and unable to handle practice,” he admits.

SCYGA Takes the Lead in Empowering Youths Across Siaya County

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The Siaya County Young Generation Alliance (SCYGA) is at the forefront of empowering local youths through a diverse array of community-focused initiatives. Established to support mid-aged adults and younger generations alike, SCYGA is committed to transforming Siaya into a hub of social and economic development. Central to their mission is the goal of equipping young individuals with vital skills in entrepreneurship and financial management. Through workshops and training sessions, SCYGA aims to build a network of knowledgeable and resourceful youths capable of leading initiatives that address community challenges. The organization believes that by

fostering these skills, they can inspire a new wave of leaders dedicated to improving their communities. SCYGA’s commitment extends beyond economic empowerment; they are also passionate about environmental conservation. The alliance actively engages in tree planting exercises and advocacy campaigns to promote a greener and more sustainable Siaya. These efforts not only beautify the region but also contribute to the overall health of the environment, showcasing the interconnectedness of youth empowerment and ecological responsibility. Moreover, SCYGA emphasizes community engagement in all its projects, ensuring that initiatives are tailored to meet the most pressing needs of the youth in Siaya County. This grassroots approach guarantees that the voices of local youths are heard and their contributions valued. SCYGA’s leadership includes a ded-

icated Board of Directors and key secretariat members. The Board is chaired by Hon. Advocate George Mugoye Mbeya, a governor aspirant, alongside Hon. Advocate Sospeter Aminga, an MP aspirant, and Hon. Madam Pamela Oyugi, the patron. The secretariat features Kevin Onyango Owino as the Director, Jack Ochieng Ohito as the Program Manager, and Steven Charles as the Welfare Manager. This structured hierarchy ensures effective governance and the successful implementation of SCYGA’s initiatives. For those interested in getting involved, SCYGA makes it easy to become a volunteer. Potential members can find selected opportunities on their website, fill out the necessary forms, and await contact for further engagement. By fostering an inclusive environment, SCYGA encourages everyone to participate in their mission to educate, empower, and promote the well-being of the youth



Scyga members meeting with PRESIDENT AWARDS KENYA in their Office at AYOFO House, Siaya town. Photo courtesy

in Siaya. As SCYGA continues to expand its reach, the alliance envisions a future where empowered youths play a leading role in shaping the development of Siaya County, ultimately creating a model organization that leaves a

lasting impact on the community. Through dedication and collaboration, SCYGA is paving the way for a brighter future for the youth of Siaya.

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The match is set to be played this Friday and will be televised Live on KBC Channel 1 and broadcast across six KBC radio stations from 7pm east African time.

Head coach Engin Firat is expected to name his travelling team from the 28 man provisional squad that has been in a two

weeks training camp with their sights set on upsetting the hosts who are ranked second in the group.

"We are on a level where all these details will decide I don't believe that it will be easy for Cameroon even if they don't have no player missing but this time I am happy I have near all the squad fit. I have the possibility of playing with the same team. Everybody is forgetting that we have never played at home which physically and mentally is hard for us. For me these two matches will signal if we go for AFCON what we can do" Firat

remarked

Kenya will be out to extend their impressive run in the qualifiers that has seen them bag four points out of a possible six and sit top of the standings.

"All the players you know are capable we saw in the first two games we had players who had not played before and they came and did their best we can now say that we have a squad that can compete we know the task ahead, Cameroon are a strong opponent, but also us we have equal points with them and is a game of 6 points so we are determined" Michael Olunga spoke

during the training.

Bradford City's Adam Wilson who is out to earn his first cap for the Stars remained optimistic of Kenya edging their opponents.

"I am looking forward to playing a big part in the team's search for a positive result I feel like it will come down to whether we blend and play as a team" Wilson said.

Kenya will play Cameroon on Friday in Douala then host the reverse fixture four days later in Kampala behind closed doors.

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Former Liverpool Boss Klopp Takes Red Bull Role



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Former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has been appointed global head of soccer at Red Bull. The 57-year-old German will begin the role on 1 January 2025. “A few months ago I said I don’t see myself on the sidelines any more and that is still the case,” Klopp said on Instagram. “But I still love football, I still love working and Red Bull gives me the perfect platform for that.” Energy drinks brand Red Bull owns RB Leipzig in Germany’s Bundesliga, Austrian side Red

Bull Salzburg and Major League Soccer side New York Red Bulls, as well as Brazilian side Red Bull Bragantino. It also took a minority stake in Championship side Leeds and became the club’s front-of-shirt sponsor earlier this year. Red Bull says Klopp will not be involved in day-to-day operations but will advise teams on playing philosophy, transfer strategy and coaching development. “I want to share the experiences I have collected over the years,”

said Klopp. “We all know there are more successful managers out there but in my career I have fought for promotion, fought for titles and I have fought for trophies. “Sometimes we failed, sometimes we succeeded and dealing with that is not easy, but it is possible. “Then I want to learn again. Because when you are in the job and you have to play every three days you barely have the time. “I want to see, feel and figure out

what is useful for football, developing football a little bit as well.” Oliver Mintzlaff, the company’s CEO of corporate projects and investments, said: “Jurgen Klopp is one of the greatest and most influential figures in world soccer, with extraordinary skills and charisma. “In his role as head of soccer, he will be a game-changer for our involvement in international soccer and its continued development.”

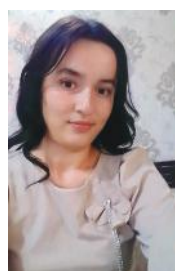
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Use Of Innovative Technologies In Preschool Educational Organizations



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Using Technology to Enhance Early Childhood Education

Worth Noting:

- The 21st century is the century of techniques and technologies. In this age, without innovation, without research, without creativity, a person cannot have his place in life as an independent individual. The 21st century is the century of techniques and technologies. Today, in every family, technical devices - for example, mobile phones, television, computer, tablet, etc. are widely used in daily consumption. It is noteworthy that young children use these devices quickly and easily compared to adults.
- However, the level of goal orientation is very simple. In this sense, pre-school education organizations are being provided with complete technologies. This will expand the possibility of using visual aids in education based on modern technologies.

Annotation: In this article, the real essence of modern pre-school education that meets the new requirements is the cooperative activity of the child and the teacher, the tools and methods of organizing educational activities, the problems arising in education and finding solutions to them are discussed.

Key words: preschool educational organization, modern approach, innovation, educator and educator, modern educational technologies, pedagogical technologies.

Creation of conditions for all-round intellectual, moral, aesthetic and physical development of pupils, improvement of the quality of pre-school education, radical improvement of quality preparation of pupils for school in preschool educational organizations, modern educational programs widely used in the world practice for the educational process and technology introduction, training of pedagogical personnel and ensuring the improvement of their skills was adopted. The globalization of education, the introduction of innovative technologies, and the flow of large-scale information require regular updating and improvement of the educational content.

One of the important tasks is to implement the state policy in the field of education, to improve the educational process based on the requirements of the unified state in personnel training, to provide educational

literature, and to provide continuous methodical service to pedagogues.

Today's rapidly changing economic, social and spiritual life requires the wide use of new pedagogical interactive methods to form the worldview of children and young people. The stronger the knowledge, the more the child's worldview and intellectual potential will develop and mature.

Development of training methodical complexes, formation of knowledge and skills related to the field of modern management and pedagogical technologies among leaders and experts of pre-school education organizations based on advanced foreign experience are included among the current issues. Preschool education is the main link of continuous education.

Previously, this system served only to create conditions for the social activities of parents working in various sectors of the national economy, but now the requirements for the work content of kindergartens have also been changed.

One of the main tasks is to prepare children to study at the school level. 12 new programs have been developed, tested and implemented, which are closer to the school curricula in the education of kindergarten students. Positive results were achieved by using these programs in the educational process in kindergartens.

In accordance with the state requirements for preschool education,

which is the first link of the continuous education system, preschool educational organizations should increase the efficiency of the educational process, and implement the latest achievements of science.

To bring up a well-rounded child who is creative, socially active, highly spiritual, professional, loyal to the Motherland, who respects national and universal values, who can think creatively and independently, who feels his duty and responsibility before the state, society and family, the implementation of important tasks such as instilling the idea of national independence into their minds and hearts is envisaged.

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In particular, it is advisable to use educational types of game programs for children in pre-school education institutions. In education, innovative technologies are used based on the use of certain approaches in teaching, i.e. principles that include the requirements and goals that are the basis for the development of new technologies.

All innovations in the pedagogical field are based on strict compliance with the current stage of social and economic development of society. Currently, they should be focused on the development of students' independence, the formation of self-learning and self-development skills, and the conscious assimilation of educational programs, not

mechanically.

Almost all preschool education organizations in our country are equipped with modern computer and telecommunication technologies. This, in turn, requires educators to have a new approach to their work. The introduction of new technologies into the educational process does not suppress the educator by technical means, but changes his task and role through a new approach, turning the educational activity into a profession based on a more vibrant, creative and creative approach.

This cooperation will serve a bright perspective only if we do not neglect to create programs based on continuity and coherence, which are aimed at correct and conscious use, raising our spirituality. Reforms in the system of pre-school education are developing rapidly with the development of society and the country. Therefore, there will be a need for pre-school education organizations in the future next to workshops and factories with a large number of permanent jobs. In this regard, organizing separate buses to bring children who live far away, thinking about the work procedures and programs of such institutions are considered to be special problems.

Summary. In short, by organizing innovative education in the pre-school education system, we will achieve the following:

- educating children intellectually and morally based on the rich national, cultural and historical heritage of our people and universal values;
- formation of national pride and patriotism in children;
- forming the need for education in children of preschool age, the desire to study, preparing them regularly for the educational process;
- to develop the thinking of children, to form the skills of intelligent and free expression of one's opinion
- ensuring physical and mental health of children.