



Corporate Tax Implications In Kenya For Transferring Or Acquiring Intellectual Property Rights
In Kenya, the landscape of corporate taxation regarding the transfer or acquisition of intellectual property (IP) rights is multifaceted and governed by various tax regulations. As businesses increasingly engage in transactions involving IP rights—such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights—understanding the tax implications becomes crucial.

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Justices Eric Ogola, Anthony Mrema and Dr. Freda Mugambi dismissed the application with costs after faulting lawyers representing the ousted Deputy President for "playing to the gallery". /Judiciary Media Service

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Pension Firms Call For New Policies That Are Gen-Z Friendly

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

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Pension companies have asked the government to review policies governing the scheme to align with technology and the saving habits of the Gen-Zs.

Speaking to the media in Mombasa during the 15th Pension Convention by the Zamara Group, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sandeep Raichura said that there has been unprecedented transformation that has far reaching implications on financial sustainability and relevance of the pension structure.

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He said it is now time for the regulator to come up with modern pension systems since there is a lot of change and transformation in the world when it comes to saving plans.

"We need to ask ourselves these questions like how can we make sure our pension systems remain relevant, resilient in the future, and more inclusive. There is a need to look at how we can leverage on innovation so that pension savings can be cheaper, and spend less in managing retirement benefits," he said.

"The pension infrastructure that we have in Kenya is solid hence if we can accommodate wider savings priority to our pension systems, this would be a good step in making our system more appealing to the people looking for something different," added Raichura.

He said that the Finance Bill 2024 that was withdrawn had a lot of changes in the pension system whereby there was a significant change that was made in tax deductible limit on pension contribution, which for the last 20 years, the ceiling on tax deductible contributions was Sh20, 000, but with the finance bill 2024 it was raised by 50 percent that is Sh30, 000. "This would have significantly intensified pension saving in the country," he



Zamara Group, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sandeep Raichura addressing the media

noted.

Additionally, he highlighted that the organization is working on helping the people to see the power of each interest or the accumulation of small amounts of money and how it could make a significant impact in their future.

Themed "Building innovative and resilient pension systems for a changing world," the three-day forum saw over 200 delegates coming together to look into solutions and transformation in the pension systems.

Raichura further called on the government to reduce the extent of profit and funds in the country thus more of the benefit should be paid in the form of a regular income in retirement.

He noted that according to research, most of the people tend to spend all their money in a very short span citing a span of three years' maximum hence leaving them stranded.

"For people who are retiring or exiting

from Zamara database, we encourage for people to look at different options such as taking an annuity from an insurance company or looking at an income draw-down which is a phased withdrawal of their benefit from a scheme so that they are not taking everything at once," urged Raichura.

Zamara Pension Manager Antony Kilavi said that the Pension Convention 2024 is aimed at building initiative and resilient pension systems.

He said they were focusing on the younger segment of the population in the country, working with them in order to empower them financially.



Some of the stakeholders during the forum



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya and her Principal Secretary Patrick Mariru yesterday joined senior Military officers, led by Chief of Defence Forces General Charles Kahariri on an official visit to the Defence Forces Memorial Hospital (DFMH) in Mbagathi, Nairobi. They were briefed on the hospital's capacity to serve the medical needs of our military personnel and toured both the facility and the Defence College of Health Sciences, which trains medical professionals for the military. They noted that providing top-quality medical care to the soldiers and their families is top priority and that the ministry is committed to modernizing, equipping, and staffing DFMH and other military health facilities to ensure they can effectively support the soldiers. Army Commander Lieutenant General David Tarus, Director of Medical Services Major General (Dr.) George Ng'ang'a, and DFMH Commandant Brigadier John Khaoya, along with other senior officials, were also present.



Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) yesterday held strategic engagements with Water Service Providers in order to ensure efficiency in water supply management for residents of Nairobi, Kitengela, Mavoko, Ongata Rongai, Utawala and surrounding areas. The collaborations are essential for ensuring the effective distribution of water from the Northern Collector Tunnel and the Karimenu II Dam Bulk Water Systems following licensing from the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB). AWWDA's partnership with the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) aims to optimize the delivery of 103 million liters of water per day to residents of Nairobi, and further distribute to Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company 5 million liters daily, enhancing water access in the region, including the Athi River Export Processing Zone which is expected to receive 7 million litres daily. The bulk system is also expected to benefit Oloilaiser Water and Sewerage Company with an additional 5 million litres daily serving Ongata Rongai, Kiserian, Ngong and Matasia/Solange areas.



Yesterday marked the official launch of the Tea Industry Centenary Celebrations at Kilimo House, led by Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Andrew Karanja. The event was honoured to have Mr. Jacob Kahiu, Chairman of the Tea Board of Kenya, and Chier Executive Officer (CEO) Mr. Willy Mutai, along with key industry stakeholders: Mr. George Omuga (CEO, EATTA), Ms. Linda Oluoch (CEO, KTGA), and Mr. Ndiga Kithae from KTDA. The board invited all Kenyans to join them in celebrating 100 years of excellence in the tea industry.



Former President Uhuru Kenyatta is attending the 15th High-Level Retreat on the Promotion of Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa to be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The retreat will focus on the impact and sustainability of AU Preventive Diplomacy and Mediation in addressing conflicts across the continent.

Nyeri's Good Shepherd Academy pupils entertaining guests, parents, teachers, and colleagues during their graduation ceremony at the institution's grounds yesterday. The school, situated in King'ong'o area near Nyeri town, is one of the best performing schools in the region. It also has one of the best Junior Secondary School infrastructures.

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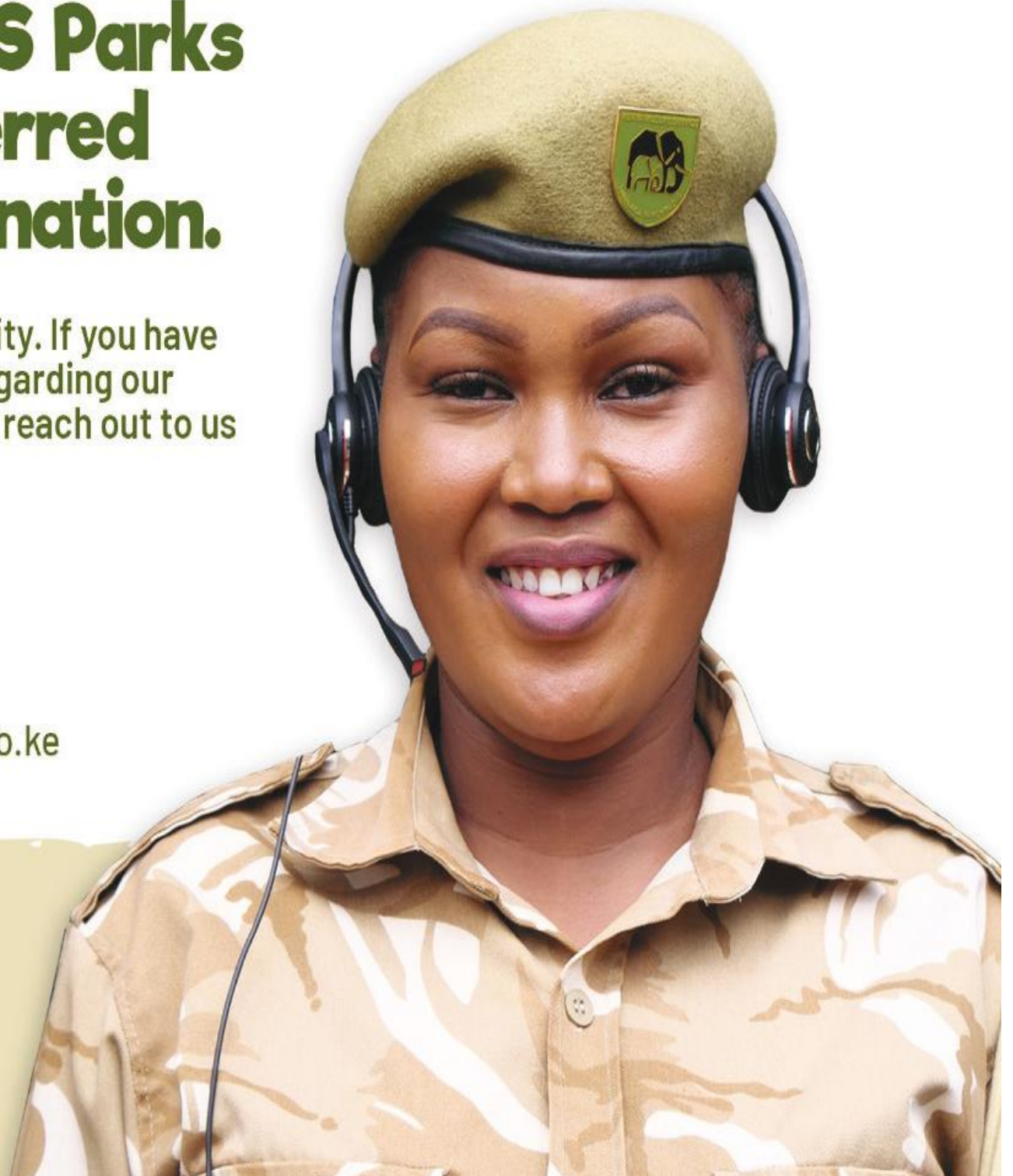
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Kenol Law Court Members Trained On Alternative Justice System

By: Florence Kinyua
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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the training, Senior Principal Magistrate Joan Irura underscored the importance of integrating traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, as outlined in Article 159(2)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.
- “Justice should not always be confined to the courtrooms but should extend to local communities, respecting their customs and traditions while safeguarding human rights,” she noted, adding, “As CUC members, your role is to promote the AJS forum as the court of first instance on local cases as well as assist AJS in categorising the cases that go before the AJS forum.”



The members outside the Law Courts.

Members of the Kenol Law Court user’s committee (CUC) in Murang’a have undergone training on the Alternative Justice System (AJS).

The members, who include the police, probation and the children’s departments, LSK, religious leaders, NGAO, and business community representatives, were urged to be champions of AJS, which was introduced in the country in 2012 through a pilot program in Isiolo County. The programme became fully operational in 2020.

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The magistrate observed that AJS bridges the gap between formal justice systems and community-based solutions, ensuring peace, reducing litigation, and promoting cooperative, harmonious relationships as it is a form of restorative justice unlike the adversarial system in the court of law.

“Promote AJS as it ensures social inclusion as it is participatory in nature, is affordable with minimum formalities and technicalities, and above all



From left, Joan Irura, Jackinda Renna, and Resident Magistrate Sheila Nyaga during the CUC training. Photo/Florence Kinyua

has proved to be an effective mechanism for the reduction of cases backlog and decongestion of the courts,” she stated.

The Magistrate painted a picture of what normally happens when a dispute arises in the communities through the river of justice, whereby a percentage of the disputes are resolved personally, other disputes go to religious institutions to have their dispute resolved, others take the administration route, while others seek social dialogue and arbitration mechanisms.

“Statistics show that only 21 per cent of disputes are resolved in courts, as now more than ever people are resulting in multi-door alternatives like AJS,” she observed.

According to the Justice Needs and Satisfaction Survey, 79 per cent of all

disputes in Kenya are resolved outside courts.

Further, the CUC members were urged to promote AJS as it reflects the realities of Kenyan people and increases access to justice for many in Kenya, as outlined in Article 47 of the Constitution of Kenya.

In attendance were partners like Delmonte Kenya Limited and Kakuzi PLC, who can use restorative justice in the AJS model to address community concerns such as land use or employment disputes as opposed to protracted legal disputes that may strain future relations with the communities.

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Italian Confederation Of Professionals Winds Up Business Tour, Promises Collaboration With Kenya

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Officials of a confederation representing the liberal professionals in Italy has been in the country for the last week where they have actively engaged various stakeholders.

The Italian Confederation of Liberal Professionals, commonly known as Conprofessioni started consultative meetings on Friday last week with the engagements ending yesterday.

The team, led by their President Gaetano Stella started the business tour in Nairobi where they had a Networking Dinner that was graced by among others, Italian Ambassador to Kenya Roberto Natalie.

They team has been having Round Table forums with various groups and individuals in the capital city and also in tourism destinations in Amboseli Serena Lodge where they had a team building under the stars.

The Founder and Chief Executive Officer or Nairobi based Jahari PR firm Mr Hez Gikang'a was among the people who led some of the panel



The Conprofessioni team with Kenyan government officials yesterday.

discussions.

As part of the winding up activity, yesterday, a team from Conprofessioni paid a courtesy call to Mr Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development.

They had a consultative meeting where they discussed various issues of mutual partnership.

The meeting focused on exploring opportunities for collaboration aimed

at significantly enhancing skills mobility and creating additional job opportunities for Kenyans.

Both sides noted that these partnerships are not merely theoretical; they signify a concrete commitment to unlocking new avenues for professional growth and facilitating international labour mobility.

By joining forces, the PS observed, Kenya seeks to make a meaningful impact on its talented workforce,



The team during the consultative meeting with Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime yesterday..

ensuring that individuals are well-equipped to thrive in an increasingly globalized job market.

He further expressed optimism about the potential outcomes of this collaboration, highlighting the positive changes it could bring to communities and the economy at large. "Together, we can build a brighter future for all Kenyans," he stated, underscoring the importance of collective efforts in fostering professional development and economic growth.

As these discussions progress, the commitment to enhancing skills mobility and job creation remains a priority, promising a brighter outlook for Kenya's workforce in the global arena.

Conprofessioni's mission is to promote and affirm Professional work and the culture of skills in society and the economy, fostering the development and welfare of the country through inclusivity and sustainability in the areas of work and economy, law and justice, health and health-care, the environment, territory and Italian cultural heritage.

Conprofessioni which was founded in 1966 is a member of the UMPL, the World Union of Liberal Professionals and is recognised by the United Nations Global Compact.

Human Rights Defender Opposes Plan To Extend Presidential Term Limit

By: MKT Correspondent
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A Kericho human rights defender has opposed the extension of terms of office of the President and other elected leaders from five to seven years citing the law if enacted will weaken the country's democracy that it had strived to achieve over the years.

This follows a proposed Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill 2024 tabled by Nandi Senator Samson Cheragei.

The Bill has been undergoing public participation since October 2, 2024 before the Justice and Legal Affairs committee which will hold a public hearing today in the senate chamber at Parliament Buildings, Nairobi where members of the public are invited to participate in the forum.

In an interview with journalists, Kericho Center for Human Rights

(KCHR) Executive Officer Robert Ngeno noted that Kenya is a democratic county where it provides an environment that respects human rights and fundamental freedoms and in which the will of the people is fully expressed and extension of term limits will be a threat to this constitutional provision.

"We need to respect the Constitution of the land. We oppose the extension of terms of office of the President and other elected leaders from five to seven years. Extension of term limits will erode democratic gains made in this country. Extension of term limits in the Constitution protects against abuse of power," noted Ngeno.

He added that Kenya's term limit was introduced before the 1992 elections and retained in the country's 2010 Constitution.

Ngeno observed that the purpose of the term limits is to minimize corruption and abuse of office and open the government to new people and ideas and infuse new innovative ideas geared towards solving problems of

the electorate.

He noted the Kenyan constitution spells out disciplinary measures for elected leaders who fail to deliver on their election pledges and extension of their terms in office will create an avenue for leaders not to deliver on their mandate effectively.

Currently the Constitution limit the term of the President to maximum of two terms of five years each.

The Bill proposes to amend Article 136 of the Constitution which provides for the election of the President to increase the term limit from five years to seven years. It will also seek to amend article 101, 177 and 180 of the Constitution to extend the terms of MPs, senators, MCAs and Governors to seven years.



Kericho Center for Human Rights (KCHR) Executive Officer Robert Ngeno

Gachagua Seeks Disqualification Of Judges In Impeachment Case

By: EDITORIAL DESK

A three-judge bench is set to rule today on an application to recuse themselves from hearing a petition by impeached Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua challenging his ouster.

Gachagua’s legal team has called for the recusal of the Justice Eric Ogola-led bench from overseeing the proceedings, in which Gachagua is contesting the Senate process that led to his impeachment.

Justice Ogola is on the bench with Justices Anthony Mrima and Freda Mugambi, all of whom Gachagua wants out of his consolidated petitions.

As for Justice Mrima, the lawyers claim he has a close personal connection to Senate Speaker Amason Kingi who presided over the vote that sent Gachagua home.

In a case that has garnered significant attention, Gachagua’s lawyer, Kibe Mungai, contends that Justice Mrima’s friendship with Kingi presents a conflict of interest that undermines the integrity of the judicial process.

The argument is supported by a widely circulated screenshot of a Facebook post from October 2021, in which Kingi congratulated Justice Mrima on the renewal of his marriage vows, referring to him as a “longtime friend.”

“There is a very close relationship between Justice Mrima and Senate Speaker Amason Kingi, which should have been disclosed but wasn’t. The petitioners believe it would be improper for him to continue in this matter,” Mungai asserted.

Gachagua’s lawyers have raised concerns about potential bias among the judges, linking one to President William Ruto and another to Deputy President nominee Kithure Kindiki.

“Senate Speaker Kingi attended Justice Mrima’s wedding,” Mungai noted, highlighting the intertwined relationships at play.

Advocate Ndegwa Njiru elaborated, pointing out that “Justice Ogola’s wife holds a position at the Water Towers Agency. President Ruto, who made the appointment, is an interested party in this case.” John Khaminwa stressed, “If anyone is uncomfortable with you, please walk out. You are not the only judges who can preside over this matter.”

Despite the tensions, the three-judge



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

bench has refused to expunge parts of an affidavit linking Justice Mrima to Kindiki, insisting that such personal ties do not inherently disqualify judges from hearing the case. The Gachagua legal team has argued that the close relationships warrant scrutiny, asserting that “material non-disclosure” could compromise the proceedings.

In the face of these allegations, law-

yers representing the Attorney General, National Assembly, and Senate defended the judges’ right to engage with the public. Khaminwa argued that the judges deserve protection from unwarranted claims, stating, “We are not here to destroy professions; we must protect the judges.”

The three-judge bench is set to deliver its ruling on the recusal petition on Friday. Earlier, they consolidated

all petitions challenging Gachagua’s impeachment, with the judges planning to hear the recusal applications at 2:30 PM.

In a previous session, Justices Ogola, Mrima, and Mugambi dismissed challenges to their appointments, asserting that they found no fault in the Deputy Chief Justice’s assignment of the cases before the court.

Kenya, Tanzania To Lead Africa’s Medical Oxygen Revolution With New Facilities

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UK-Funded Unitaid and partners have launched a groundbreaking initiative to boost access to medical oxygen in sub-Saharan Africa through the first-ever regional manufacturing program.

This week, the UK-funded global health agency announced a US\$22 million investment to support three oxygen manufacturers in Kenya and Tanzania.

The program, which will focus on East and Southern Africa, aims to increase medical oxygen production by 300 per cent and lower costs by up to 27 per cent, making this vital resource more affordable for healthcare systems across the region.

The new production facilities in Kenya and Tanzania will enable treatment for thousands of additional

patients each month.

The initiative is a significant step towards addressing the oxygen shortages that have long plagued many health facilities in Africa, particularly during times of critical need such as respiratory pandemics.

Harry Kimtai, Kenya’s Principal Secretary of Health, expressed the Ministry’s enthusiasm, noting that the program would significantly enhance Kenya’s drive toward universal health coverage.

“Kenya’s healthcare system relies on uninterrupted access to products like medical oxygen,” he said, highlighting the importance of this initiative in ensuring nationwide availability.

Dr. Philippe Duneton, Executive Director of Unitaid, emphasized the broader impact of the initiative, calling it a transformative step for oxygen access in Africa.

“Oxygen is essential for saving lives, yet many facilities struggle to provide it. With this effort, we are



turning oxygen from a luxury into a basic right,” he said.

Eduarda Mendonca-Gray, the UK’s Deputy Development Director, praised the collaborative efforts, underlining the life-saving importance of medical oxygen in surgeries, maternal care, and critical emergencies.

She pledged continued UK support to ensure broader accessibility.

The initiative, led by Unitaid in col-

laboration with the Governments of Kenya and Tanzania, includes partners like the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and PATH.

It is expected to save up to 154,000 lives in the next decade by addressing conditions such as pneumonia, preterm birth complications, and surgical emergencies.

The scalable model is seen as a blueprint for expanding oxygen access

across Africa, while also enhancing the region’s preparedness for future pandemics.

The project aligns with broader efforts, including the Africa CDC’s initiatives to boost local production of essential health products, aiming to strengthen health security across the continent.

Not One Of All The Promises Of God Fails



By: Eric Musa
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It is a wonderful thing to be assured of the close intimate and loving relationship you have with your creator, the Almighty Father. I must confess, I sense it daily, and the spirit within me attest to this truth, as the Holy Spirit convicts and seals this love. What a wonderful, faithful, ever loving God we serve. The Scripture clear states in Isaiah, “ The mountains may be shaken, and the hills removed, both the perfect faithfulness of God will never be shaken, nor the love of God be ever removed.”

The Psalmist King David was fond of this, early in the morning he would proclaim of GOD’S GREAT LOVE, “ Let the morning bring word of YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, for I have put my trust in YOU. Show me

the way I should go,..(Plasm 143:8).” HALELUJAH. God is just amazing and works in mysterious ways! When the enemy/ wicked desires something for you, the good Lord does the opposite, reaffirming His faithfulness and love, shaming them, and exalting His name in the proper time, clearly fulfilling His Word, “ When the time is right, I, THE LORD, GOD will DO it (Isaiah 60:22).” Oh, My God!

In my life, and the blessings; victory/ overcoming HE continuously gives me, I give Him all the glory. Recently in this month of October He has in particularly exceedingly blessed me, and this Word He has given me, deeply convicted, by the name of and by the blood of Christ Jesus :

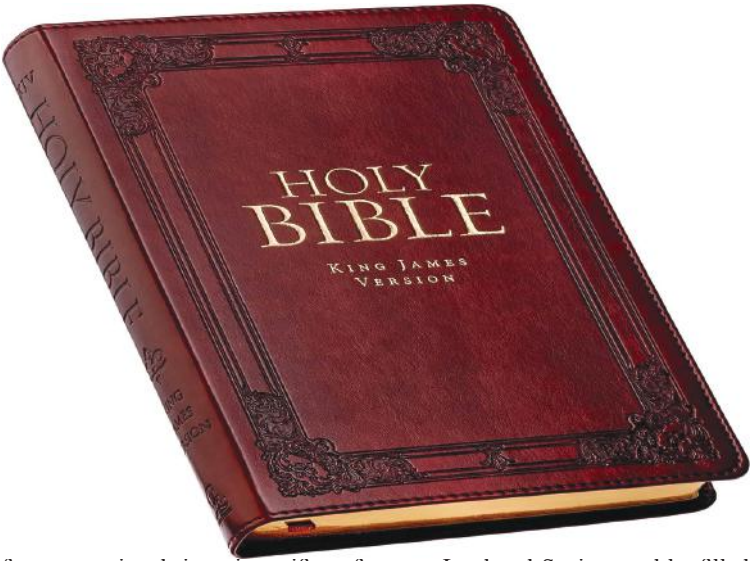
Mungu Asema hivi: “The Nation(*Lineage*) is like a mighty lion, no one dares wake it. Whoever blesses Israel(*Ev. Musa*) will be blessed. And whoever curses Israel (Ev. Musa) shall be cursed (Numbers 24:9).”

...*MUNGU UAMINIFU WAKO UMEJULIKANA* ...RECEIVE ALL THE GLORY & HONOR MIGHTY FATHER☐☐: This is the

song in my heart, sang by the renowned singer Lt. Angela Chibalonza. Let us always be assured and convicted of the faithfulness of God, even when things in the human eyes, don’t seem to go as expected, or may be, they’ve taken time to be fulfilled. Be assured it will come to pass. Let us be encouraged by these two scripture of the affirmation of God’s promises, and know that the promises in the Word of God in His Holy book are ours also, through inheritance by the blood of our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus; in fact, better, because His, is the Perfect sacrifice, not through the blood of bulls, doves, sheep etc(and whatever was used in the old testament, but through the precious blood of the only begotten son of God; Christ Jesus:

1st, the leader Joshua reached a point and proclaimed, “ NOT one of ALL THE LORD’S PROMISES to Israel(Ev.Musa/ put yourself there) failed; every one was FULFILLED (Joshua 21:45).

2nd is the proclamation of Habakkuk : “ For the Vision (Ev. Musa/ SamWest BlackBoots F.C/ you) is



for an appointed time; it testifies of the end and does NOT lie. Though it lingers, wait for it, since it will surely come and will not tarry (Habakkuk 2:3).”

AMEN, AMEN, GLORY , HONOR, POWER BE UNTO THE LORD, GOD ALMIGHTY IN JESUS CHRIST MIGHTY NAME.

Evangelist Eric Musa:
(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as

your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God LOVES ❤️❤️❤️ you unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM



Digital Taxi Hailing App Rolls Out Security Features To Protect Drivers And Passengers

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Worth Noting:

- “With the back end tracking we are able to monitor for any abnormalities on the trip. If for example the route changes suddenly or there is a long stoppage we automatically call the passenger and also speak to the driver. In case of a security issue we are then able to send a security team to attend to the situation,” he said.
- The new feature, he added, was a reprieve to digital taxi drivers, many of whom have been victims of rising violence and harassment with the recent killing of a Mombasa based driver Victoria Muloki spreading fear across the industry.

A digital taxi hailing app has introduced enhanced security features to safeguard drivers and passengers using the service.

YEGO mobility Kenya, a new player in the digital transportation space, has incorporated the features in response to increasing concerns about attacks on digital taxi drivers and riders across the country.

While launching the service in Kisumu, YEGO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Karanvir Singh said the security measures include real-time back-end trip tracking, an SOS alert button for emergencies and driver background checks to guarantee safety for both the driver and passengers during a trip.

The back-end tracking which supports both the drivers and passengers, he added, comes with a 24hrs customer service for swift response in the event of an emergency.

Karanvir said the real time tracking feature also allows users to automatically share their location and trip details with up to five family members and friends further enhancing their safety.

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With the app now live in Nairobi, Mombasa, Diani, Kilifi, Watamu, Eldoret, Nakuru and Kisumu, Karanvir said YEGO was positioning itself as a leader in safety in the competitive taxi-hailing space setting standards for other players in the industry to follow.

Besides the security measures, the CEO said the drivers stand to reap more benefits through YEGO which will pay 82% per trip making it the best paying in the region.

“We remain cognizant of the fact that the cost of living has gone up. This rate was agreed upon by the drivers after also factoring in the customers’ ability to pay,” he said.

So far YEGO, he said, has enlisted over 25,000 drivers with plans to expand the network to other major towns in the country.

Speaking during the same occasion, Kenya Digital Taxi Drivers Association Kisumu County Chairman Imran Omoth lauded the innovation saying it will go a long way in securing drivers who continue to face security threats in the line of duty.

Cases of digital taxi drivers being attacked in Kisumu, he added, were on the rise with five drivers attacked and injured over the last three months.



YEGO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Karanvir Singh briefing journalists.

He attributed the increase to drivers opting for offline trips, making it difficult to trace or rescue them especially at night when attacked by criminals who pose as passengers.

Most of the available digital taxi hailing apps are overcharging us. As a result, most drivers opt for offline trips and in the process end up being attacked by people who pose as passengers,” he said.

With YEGO offering up to 82% per

trip, he said most of the listed drivers will now be able to take all trips online and in the process benefit from the in-built security features to protect them while on duty.

KDTA Secretary General Paul Omolo said by incorporating the views of drivers with a clear intent to offer solutions to problems affecting the sector, YEGO was on course to facilitating sustainable growth in the sector.

Through the app, he added drivers

were able to withdraw money for corporate trips as they wait for the clients to pay.

“Some of the clients, especially corporates, take time to pay but the drivers have no reason to worry since they are able to access their 82% on the app even when the payment has not been done,” he said.



YEGO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Karanvir Singh briefing journalists.

Kenya To Have Universal Access To Clean Cooking Solutions By 2028

By: KNA

Worth Noting:

- “In this respect therefore, we wish to urge Development Partners and private sector who have an interest in clean cooking to come forward and identify opportunities for contributing to the national goal of Universal access to Clean Cooking. We further urge the counties to actively engage in resource mobilization with a view to successful implementation of the clean cooking targets set in their County Energy Plans,” said the PS.
- “We look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new ones. Our aim is to attract investment in clean cooking so as to enable the smooth implementation of the strategies. Let us join hands to reduce the negative impacts of cooking with unsustainable forms of energy,” he added.

The government is keen to ensure that all Kenyans have access to clean cooking solutions by the year 2028.

To help the government achieve universal clean cooking, the State Department for Energy has launched The Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (2024), the Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy (2024) and the Knowledge Management Strategy in Kajiado during the 5th edition of the clean cooking week 2024 expo.

These three key strategies will drive the cooking sector with respect to defining the roadmap for clean cooking, linking the electrification and cooking policies and streamlining the data management and tracking progress in the cooking sector among other benefits.

In his address during the launch in Kajiado, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Energy Alex Wachira, said that clean cooking energy would be a national priority and it would form part of the ongoing review of the energy policy to give prominence to the uptake of clean cooking solutions and sustainable and clean biomass.

“We target to have 50% of the population using Liquefied Petroleum gas(LPG), 30% bioethanol and 10%electric cooking, 3% biogas and 7% sustainable biomass by 2028,” said the PS.

He remarked that to achieve this, the government needs to mobilize US\$435 million spread over five years to implement Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy and US\$57 million to implement the Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy.

This could be in the form of Government funding, Equity Debt, Grants, Result based Financing, Carbon financing and crowd funding.

“In this respect therefore, we wish to urge Development Partners and private sector who have an interest in clean cooking to come forward and identify opportunities for contributing to the national goal of Universal access to Clean Cooking. We further urge the counties to actively engage in resource mobilization with a view to successful implementation of the clean cooking targets set in their County Energy Plans,” said the PS.

“We look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new ones. Our aim is to attract investment in clean cooking so as to enable the smooth implementation of the strategies. Let us join hands to reduce the negative impacts of cooking with unsustainable forms of energy,”



Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira admiring some of wares exhibited during the forum

he added.

The PS acknowledged various development partner agencies such as Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK Partnerships for Accelerating Climate Transitions, GIZ, Green Climate Fund, Energizing Development, Modern Energy Cooking Services, AFD and Loughborough.

The PS pointed out that clean cooking has major contributions to the avoidance of unsustainable wood harvests, reducing mortality associated with household air pollution and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases thereby contributing to the national climate change goals.

He noted that exposure to household air pollution related to cooking with solid biomass fuels using inefficient technologies leads to 3.8 million deaths annually across the globe and 23,000 deaths annually in Kenya.

He added that the household pollution problem is pertinent in the rural areas and informal settlements where access to clean cooking fuels such as LPG, bioethanol and electricity are limited.

“We also have numerous educational, health and correctional institutions in Kenya consuming 1.3 million tonnes of firewood and 46,200 tonnes of charcoal annually contributing to continued degradation of the environment through loss of tree cover,” said Wachira.

He revealed that the State Department of Petroleum has adopted

Ngong forest and they are fast tracking the implementation of the afforestation drive so as to increase forest cover.

The Chairperson of the Clean Cooking Association of Kenya Daniel Wanjohi said that with the launch of the strategies, more resources coming from development partners would be flowing to the sector now that the country has the blueprint to be able to execute what they believed were interventions required to drive and

accelerate the adoption of clean cooking solutions.

Clean Cooking Week is an annual event that brings together stakeholders from the clean energy and clean cooking sectors to explore innovative solutions, partnerships, and investments aimed at advancing access to clean cooking technologies.

This year’s theme is “Strategy to Action: Partner, Invest, and Implement.”



Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira.

How AI Is Changing Homework For Good



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As a teacher, one is always excited about the new opportunity and the chance to bring perspective into the classroom, shape minds and influence futures.

But some practices, like assigning homework, have been so ingrained in the education system that they go unquestioned—until now.

The integration of AI in assisting children with homework is becoming increasingly relevant in educational systems worldwide.

The use of AI to generate high-quality assignments fundamentally undermines the educational value of

homework, as it has traditionally been conceived.

Students could easily submit AI-generated work that did not represent their learning, or skills. This is not to say that students shouldn't use AI; rather, it highlights the importance of guiding students on how to use AI responsibly and effectively for research at home.

AI is a powerful tool, much like a hammer. In the right context, it can build and create. Misused, it can cause harm. In education, AI should be leveraged to complement and enhance learning, not substitute for the student's intellectual effort. Teachers can promote more in-class assignments to effectively assess each student's understanding and abilities.

Over time, familiarity with students' writing styles and skills helps teachers identify when AI might have been used in assignments. Personal connection and familiarity are key to effective teaching and assessment.

Guided Use of AI for research and brainstorming should be encouraged while doing assignments with critical evaluation and editing of the generated content. This helps learners develop analytical skills and maintain their voice in their work. Teachers



should not shy away from using AI to streamline administrative tasks, generate lesson plans, or even create tests. This can free up more time for personalized instruction and student engagement.

The evolving role of AI in education is a topic of global debate. There is the necessity of integrating AI into teaching while maintaining a critical perspective. When used appropriately, AI can enhance educational outcomes, however, over-reliance might undermine the development of es-

sential skills in students. In time, will AI replace teachers? Absolutely not! Teachers who will not adopt the use of AI will be replaced by those who will be using AI.

The landscape of education is changing and teachers should be flexible enough to adapt to advancements in technology. AI has made it easier than ever for students to outsource their learning, which can be detrimental if not managed properly.

By focusing on in-class assignments and guided use of AI, educators can

foster a learning environment that values authentic student effort and promotes critical thinking. This approach not only respects the integrity of education but also prepares students to navigate a world where AI is increasingly prevalent.

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Hospital Launches Initiative To Enhance Fight Against Cancer

By: Kenya News Agency

St Theresa Kiirua Mission Hospital in Meru County has launched an initiative dubbed 'Hope against Cancer Initiative' that will enhance the fight against the scourge.

Speaking during the initiative at Kinoru stadium after a 14-kilometer walk, the Hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sister Mary Agnes Nkatha said the idea to have such an initiative came up after realising the number of patients seeking treatment at the facility and their status in terms of financing their treatment.

"We contemplated having this initiative after considering the journey we have had with our patients since August 2022 when the number of cancer patients at the facility started soaring as well as those who we lost through the menace," said Sister

Nkatha.

She said that their aim was to do things differently in terms of the care given to the patients as well as sensitisation to those who were not suffering from the disease.

"The huge numbers were a clear indicator that we needed to take a dignified action and as the hospital's management, we came up with the idea of having this initiative," said Sister Nkatha.

She added that the facility's 2023-2027 strategic plan also envisioned the possibility of starting a robust training programme for caregivers charged with the responsibility of taking care of cancer patients even after we treat them.

She said at the moment the hospital has been receiving many cases especially after their team camped in villages sensitising and screening residents, and 70 percent of these are at an advanced stage.

"All these brought us to this thought



because we needed to create a strong fund that will help patients who at some point exhaust money from their medical covers and who we have been losing along the way," said Sister Nkatha.

She added that all these misfortunes started becoming a concern to them,

and that is why they have come up with a clear implementation plan so that we can make a difference in the community.

She added: "Since 2022, we have enrolled about 700 patients in this programme and we are also set to continue going out there to carry out

more screening exercises".

She said they would also seek to strengthen social-cultural structures for patients' psychological support, especially by members of their community or family members.

Abandoned



A father's promise, lost in the wind,
 Leaving children in shadows, life growing dim.
 A mother stands tall, but her heart aches,
 With every tear, another piece breaks.
 The kids watch the door, waiting for his
 Face,
 But all they find is an empty space.

One heart beats for a love now cold,
 Left alone, the story untold.
 Betrayed by a whisper, a lie, a vow,
 All that was shared seems distant now.
 The nights grow longer, the days seem gray,
 But still, that heart finds strength to stay.

Classrooms empty, voices fall still,
 Learners wonder, who will fulfill
 The promise of knowledge, of dreams to
 ignite,
 When the hands meant to guide have
 vanished from sight?
 But even in silence, seeds can grow,
 In hearts that yearn for what they know.

Hospitals filled, with whispers of pain,
 Patients waiting, in hope, in vain.
 No medicine comes, no cure to ease,
 Yet still they pray for their bodies' peace.
 In sickness, in sorrow, they hold on tight,
 Through the longest of days, and darkest
 of night.

But even in the darkest skies,
 A spark of hope begins to rise.
 For mothers fight on, and hearts mend slow,
 Teachers return, and medicines flow.
 Abandoned no more, we rise, we stand,
 Together we'll build, hand in hand.

(Evans Asikaya, the poet)

The Beauty Of Nature: Our Protector, Nurturer And Responsibility



Nature, our mother, is both our guardian and nurturer. Whenever I look at you, the thought crosses my mind—where would we be without you? How would we get air, water, fire, and the other elements essential for life? You are the foundation of our existence, and it is our responsibility to care for you.

Trees provide us with shade, fruits, and leaves. We must protect them from unnecessary deforestation. Fire helps us prepare our food, and air gives us the breath of life. Recognizing and honoring your beauty and generosity is the true duty of humanity. Nature's beauty brings us mental peace and alleviates stress. Breathing the fresh morning air keeps many illnesses at bay, and the warmth of the morning sun fills us with energy, reminding us of life's simplicity and elegance.

Nature blesses us with mountains, rivers, forests, oceans, and the sky, all of which are vital to our existence. It is our duty to care for them, to preserve the beauty that surrounds us. We must avoid excessive deforestation and refrain from polluting our rivers, for water is life itself. Protecting the environment should be a priority

for everyone. Yet today, forests are being stripped bare, leaving animals to suffer, and rainfall to dwindle. Rivers are being polluted, which harms not only us but the creatures that depend on them. God has provided us with everything, entrusting us to protect the natural beauty He has created. Nature influences human life deeply, infusing it with positivity, which is essential for guiding our lives in the right direction. Spending time in nature soothes our minds and helps us live free from stress. Meditating in harmony with Mother Nature brings physical and mental well-being.

Throughout art, literature, and music, the beauty of nature has always been a source of inspiration for humanity. It has fueled the creativity of countless artists and writers. There are not enough words to capture the entirety of nature's grandeur, yet we must continually strive to appreciate, respect, and cherish it. Just as we love and care for those dear to us, without causing them harm, so too should we treat Mother Nature with love and care. A mother, with her endless love, never harms her children. Similarly, caring for nature is our duty.

When we make mistakes, our mothers sometimes get upset, and in the same way, when we harm or disrespect Mother Nature, she responds with challenges and hardships, hoping to teach us valuable lessons. But, often blinded by our intelligence, we fail to grasp these lessons.

There is no difference between Mother Nature and the one who gave us life. Both deserve our care, our service, and our love. The debt we owe to both is profound, and it is our sacred duty to honor and nurture them.

Pramodini Mohapatra

Global Problems



The world is currently facing many global challenges alongside its development. Air pollution, water pollution, extinction of biodiversity, lack of fresh water and so many other problems. We should know that the main reason of these problems is the improper use of natural resources by human. For example, if we did not throw the rubbish in the water there would not be water pollution. Even the waste from factories is being discharged into water which leads to the water pollution.

Lack of water is another global problem. According to the statistics

about 25 of world's population is suffering from water scarcity and this numbers are growing. If we do not use the water wisely in the near future we will have severe problems with water. When it comes to air pollution it is also worldwide problem. Especially, in highly developed cities people have to put on masks because the air is so polluted with gases from the factories and cars.

Overall, every nation should take steps together to solve these problems to prevent harsh global problems in the future. Everyone is responsible for tackling worldwide issues. Because global problems not only effect one person or one nation but also its effects to biodiversity, animals and plants.

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Best Friend



By: Orzigul Sherova

If I do something wrong,
 He corrects it when it is find.
 With him I am always strong,
 I have a best friend, really kind.

I am his and he is mine,
 He is my soul, he is my home.
 When I see him, I will be fine,
 I have a friend, who is handsome.

I love him and he loves me forever,
 His words are food for my mood.
 He is kind when I have fewer,
 I have a friend who is good.

He is my wing, he is my king,
 He is the best in my mind.
 He brings me almost everything,
 I have a friend who is kind.

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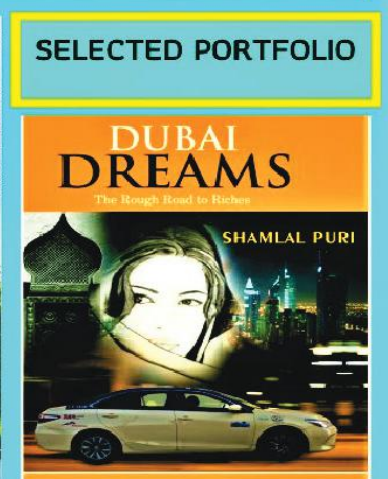
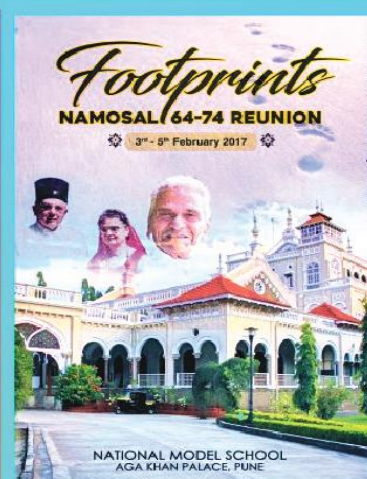
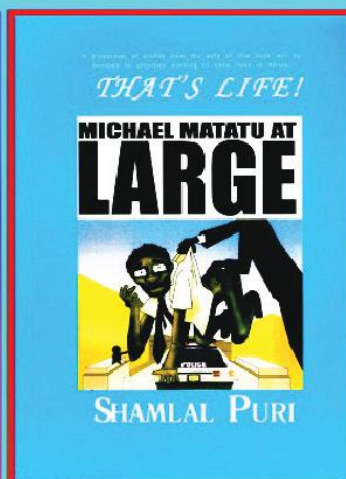
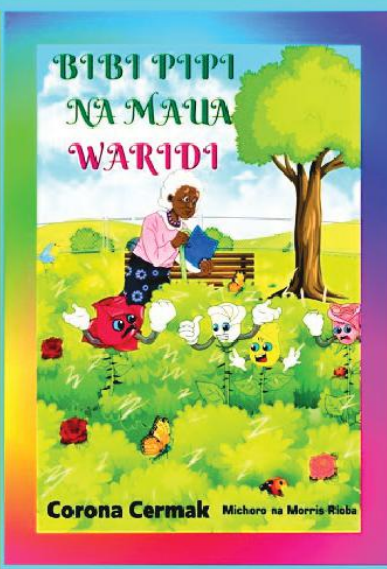
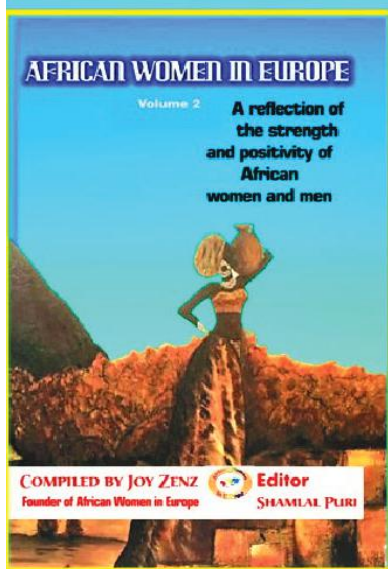
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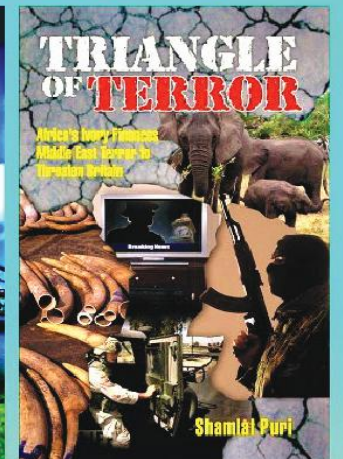
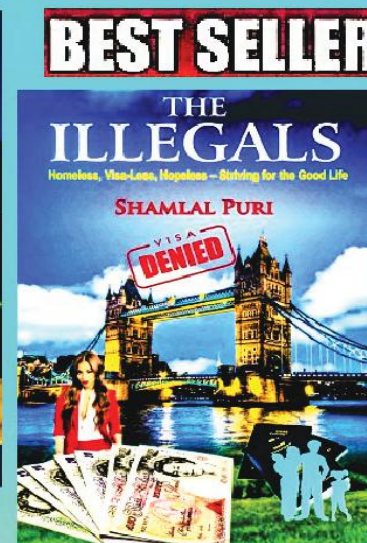
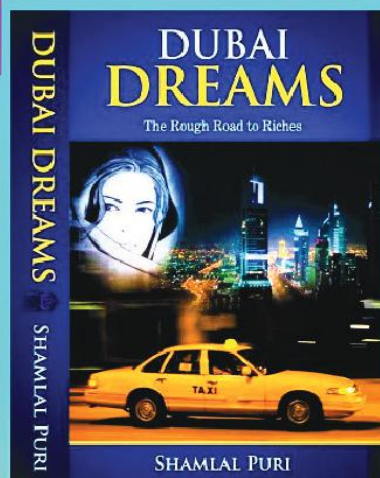
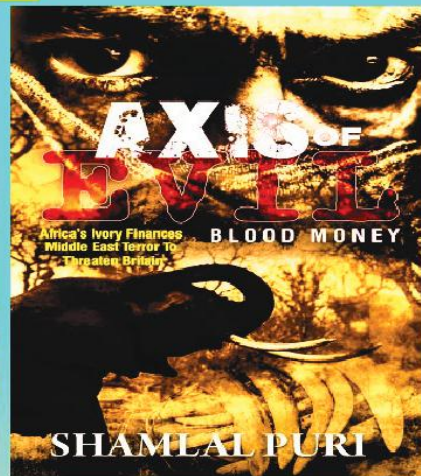
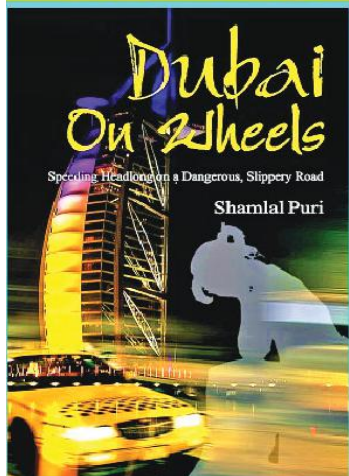
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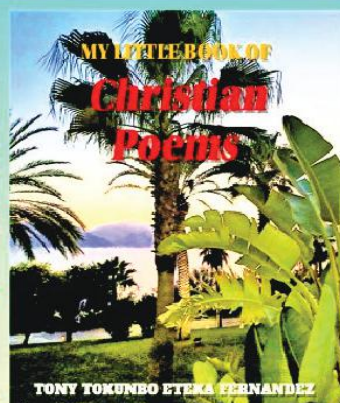
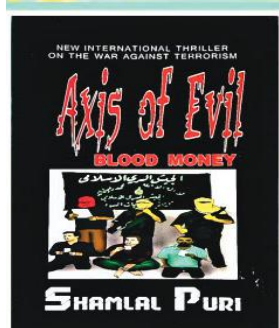
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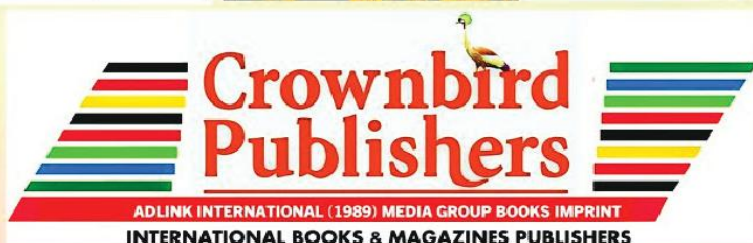


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Former President Uhuru Kenyatta Attends AU Peace Retreat In Abidjan

By: KBC Digital

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Former President Uhuru Kenyatta is in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire attending the 15th High-Level Retreat on the Promotion of Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa.

The retreat, which brings together key stakeholders in African diplomacy will focus on the Impact and Sustainability of AU Preventive Diplomacy and Mediation in addressing conflicts across the continent.

Leaders at the retreat will explore how the AU can improve its conflict resolution efforts and ensure greater inclusion of women and youth, with support from initiatives like FemWise-Africa and the WiseYouth Network.

Experts and diplomats will also

share insights on strengthening the AU's peace efforts ahead of a leadership transition in the commission.

The Retreat brings together the AU Commission leadership, High/Special Representatives, Envoys, Permanent Representatives, and the Panel of the Wise, as well as Heads of Regional Economic Communities and Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), Special Representatives and Special Envoys of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSGs and SESGs).

Special Envoys working in Africa, including from the European Union, League of Arab States, La Francophonie, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, representatives of the AU's bilateral partners, mediation practitioners and experts, as well as academics and researchers, will also participate.



Journey To Washington Accord: The Board Conducts A Mock Evaluation

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Engineering Board of Kenya yesterday held a mock evaluation exercise at Moi University whose aim was to assess the preparedness of the university's engineering programme and to simulate the accreditation process under the Washington Accord framework.

Speaking on behalf of EBK chairman, Prof. Sylvester Abuodha stressed the Board's vision to raise Kenya's engineering programs to global standards.

He highlighted the need for collaborative frameworks to harmonize differing positions regarding the recognition of accredited academic programs by professional bodies.

"Let's seize this opportunity to elevate our engineering education standards, ensuring that our graduate engineering programs are internationally recognized," he urged.

The Registrar, Eng. Margaret Ogai

noted that since the Board has been working towards acceding to the Washington Accord, it had undergone mentorship by the Board of Engineers Malaysia and the Pakistan Engineering Council to align Kenya's programs with global engineering education standards.

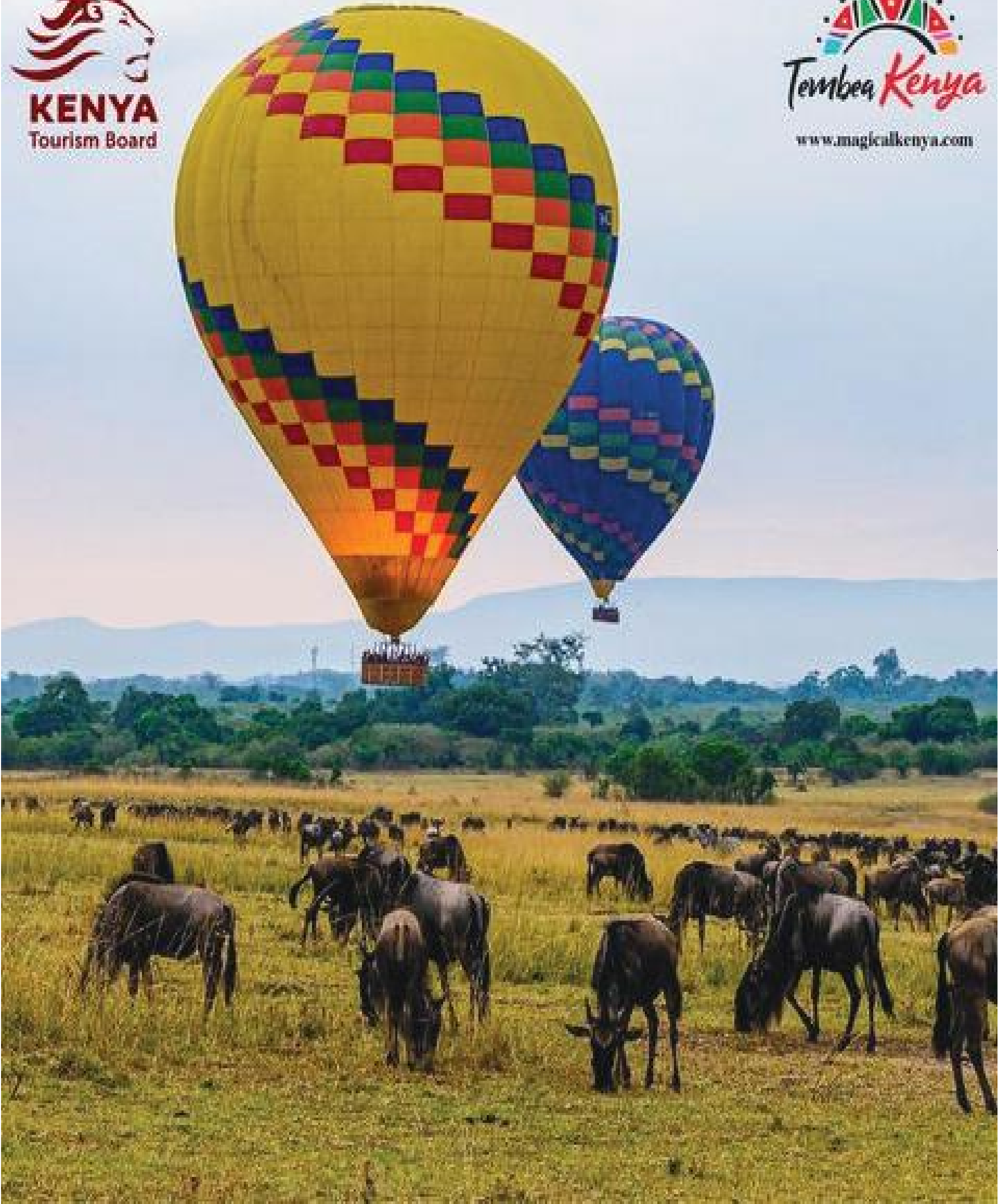
She further observed that similar assessments have been conducted at three universities so far.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics, Research, Extension, and Student Affairs at the University, Prof. Isaac Njuguna Kimengi, commended the Board for its efforts as he applauded the growth of the institution's School of Engineering since its founding in 1986, calling it vibrant and active.

He committed to working with the Board to ensure the elevation of the institution's recognition globally.



Engineers Board of Kenya and Moi University officials after conducting the mock evaluation exercise.



Corporate Tax Implications In Kenya For Transferring Or Acquiring Intellectual Property Rights



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Worth Noting:

- Another critical aspect is the Value Added Tax (VAT) implications. When a Kenyan entity transfers IP rights to another entity, it may be considered a taxable supply under VAT regulations. If the transaction involves a non-resident entity, this could qualify as an exported service, which carries specific VAT treatment. Businesses must carefully evaluate whether VAT applies and ensure compliance with registration and remittance requirements.
- Additionally, withholding tax may apply to payments made for licensing fees associated with IP rights. According to the Income Tax Act, payments made to non-residents for royalties—such as licensing fees—are subject to withholding tax. The applicable rate depends on whether the recipient is a resident or non-resident and whether they have a permanent establishment in Kenya.



In Kenya, the landscape of corporate taxation regarding the transfer or acquisition of intellectual property (IP) rights is multifaceted and governed by various tax regulations. As businesses increasingly engage in transactions involving IP rights—such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights—understanding the tax implications becomes crucial. This article explores the key aspects of corporate tax in Kenya related to these transactions, highlighting the relevant tax considerations and regulatory frameworks.

When a company transfers or acquires IP rights within Kenya, several tax implications come into play. One of the primary considerations is capital gains tax (CGT). Under Kenyan law, CGT applies to gains arising from the transfer of property, including IP rights. The recent amendments to the Income Tax Act have expanded the scope of CGT to include partnerships and foreign entities holding significant interests in Kenyan companies. Therefore, when a company sells or transfers its IP rights, it must assess whether any capital gains tax liabilities arise from that transaction.

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a Kenyan entity transfers IP rights to another entity, it may be considered a taxable supply under VAT regulations. If the transaction involves a non-resident entity, this could qualify as an exported service, which carries specific VAT treatment. Businesses must carefully evaluate whether VAT applies and ensure compliance with registration and remittance requirements.

Additionally, withholding tax may apply to payments made for licensing fees associated with IP rights. According to the Income Tax Act, payments made to non-residents for royalties—such as licensing fees—are subject to withholding tax. The applicable rate depends on whether the recipient is a resident or non-resident and whether they have a permanent establishment in Kenya. Companies must ensure they withhold the correct amount and remit it to the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) within stipulated timelines.

The Double Tax Treaty (DTT) framework also plays a significant role in determining tax liabilities when transferring or acquiring IP rights between entities in different jurisdictions. Kenya has entered into DTTs with several countries to prevent dou-

ble taxation on income derived from cross-border transactions. Companies engaging in IP transactions should review these treaties to understand their implications on withholding taxes and other tax obligations.

Moreover, companies should be aware of stamp duty considerations when transferring IP rights. Depending on how the transfer is structured—whether through deeds of assignment or licensing agreements—stamp duty may be applicable. For instance, if an IP transfer occurs via a deed of assignment, nominal stamp duty could be levied on the transaction. However, certain instruments under the Movable Property Security Rights Act are exempt from stamp duty.

In addition to these considerations, companies must also navigate compliance requirements associated with recordation of intellectual property rights. The Anti-Counterfeit Authority requires entities seeking to import goods related to their IPRs to record these rights formally. This recordation process adds an additional layer of compliance that businesses must manage when transferring or acquiring IP rights.

Furthermore, businesses should consider establishing an IP holding com-

pany within their corporate structure. This strategy can help ring-fence IP assets from operational risks while providing a clearer framework for managing tax obligations associated with IP transactions. By isolating IP assets, companies can better control their tax exposure and optimize their overall tax strategy.

In conclusion, navigating corporate tax implications in Kenya when transferring or acquiring intellectual property rights requires careful consideration of various factors, including capital gains tax, VAT, withholding tax, double taxation treaties, stamp duty, and compliance with recordation requirements. As businesses engage in these transactions, understanding the regulatory landscape and seeking professional advice can help ensure compliance while optimizing tax outcomes. By proactively addressing these issues, companies can effectively manage their intellectual property assets and contribute positively to Kenya's economic growth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Artificial Intelligence: A Focus Of The Global Mil Week 2024

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a rapidly advancing field that has the potential to transform many aspects of our lives. However, as AI becomes more integrated into our daily lives, it is important to consider the ethical implications of its use. This is why the theme of the Global MIL Week 2024, "The new digital frontiers of information: Media and Information Literacy for public-interest information," is so relevant. The use of AI raises important questions about the impact of technology on society, and it is important to have a dialogue about these issues.

One side of the debate argues that AI is a transformative technology that has the potential to improve many aspects of our lives. AI can be used to improve healthcare, education, and transportation, among other areas. For example, AI can be used to develop personalized treatment plans for patients with

cancer, or to develop new and more efficient transportation systems. These are all important goals that can help to improve the lives of people around the world.

On the other hand, there are concerns about the potential negative impacts of AI. One of the main concerns is that AI could be used to automate jobs, leading to widespread unemployment. This could have a significant impact on the economy and on society as a whole. Additionally, there are concerns about the potential for AI to be used for nefarious purposes, such as surveillance or cyber attacks. These are all important issues that need to be addressed as AI continues to develop.

What's your opinion about AI, and this brings us to the importance of Global MIL Week 2024. The week provides a forum for experts and stakeholders to come together and discuss the impact

of AI on society. This can help to raise awareness about the potential risks and benefits of AI, and to develop strategies for addressing these issues.

One of the key areas of discussion at the Global MIL Week 2024 is the ethical implications of AI. It is important to consider how AI can be used in a way that is ethical and that benefits society as a whole. This includes considering issues such as privacy, bias, and transparency. For example, it is important to ensure that AI systems are transparent in their decision-making processes, and that they are not biased against certain groups of people.

Another important area of discussion is the impact of AI on employment. As AI becomes more advanced, it is likely that it will be able to perform many jobs that are currently done by humans. This could lead to widespread unemployment, which could have a signif-



icant impact on the economy and on society as a whole. It is important to consider how AI can be used to create new jobs and to support workers who may be displaced by Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In conclusion, the use of AI raises important questions about the impact of technology on society. It is important to have a dialogue about these issues, and this is why the Global MIL Week 2024 is so important. The week provides a

forum for experts and stakeholders to come together and discuss the potential risks and benefits of AI, and to develop strategies for addressing these issues. It is important to consider the ethical implications of AI, and to consider how AI can be used in a way that benefits society.

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Breaking The Silence: Addressing Male Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all genders, yet the experiences of male survivors often remain shrouded in silence. Societal norms and stereotypes about masculinity contribute to this silence, making it difficult for men to come forward and share their stories. It is time to break this silence and acknowledge the reality of male sexual assault.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone no matter your age, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Men and boys who have been sexually assaulted or abused have many of the same feelings and reactions as other survivors of sexual assault but they may also face some additional feelings because of social attitudes and stereotypes about men and masculinity.

culinity.

Men who experience sexual assault face unique challenges. The societal expectation that men should always be strong and stoic can prevent them from speaking out. This stigma not only silences survivors but also perpetuates the myth that men cannot be victims of sexual violence. By sharing personal stories and testimonies, we can humanize this issue and encourage more men to seek help and support.

Research indicates that a significant number of men experience sexual coercion and assault, yet these incidents are vastly underreported. According to studies, approximately one in six men have experienced abusive sexual experiences before age 18. The psychological and emotional impact

on male survivors can be profound, leading to issues such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is crucial to recognize that the trauma experienced by male survivors is just as valid and severe as that experienced by female survivors.

There are many misconceptions about male sexual assault that need to be addressed. One common myth is that men cannot be victims of sexual assault, or that if they are, the perpetrators are always other men. In reality, perpetrators can be of any gender. Another harmful belief is that male survivors should have been able to fight off their attackers, which ignores the complex dynamics of power and control involved in sexual violence. Challenging these myths is

essential to creating a more supportive environment for all survivors.

Support systems for male survivors are often lacking, but they are crucial for recovery. Counseling services, hotlines, and support groups specifically for men can provide much-needed assistance. It is also important for communities to advocate for better resources and to raise awareness about the availability of these services. By promoting a culture of support, we can help male survivors feel less isolated and more empowered.

Legal protections for male survivors must be strengthened to ensure they receive the same level of support and justice as female survivors. This includes addressing gaps in the legal system that may prevent male

survivors from coming forward or receiving adequate protection. Policy changes should also focus on providing comprehensive support services and ensuring that all survivors, regardless of gender, have access to the resources they need.

We must encourage open dialogue about male sexual assault and support survivors in our communities. Educational programs that address sexual violence against all genders are essential in changing societal attitudes and reducing stigma. By raising awareness and advocating for change, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all survivors of sexual assault.

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The Risks Of Longer Presidential Terms

The debate over presidential term lengths is crucial for democracy and accountability. While longer terms may seem to offer stability, they carry significant risks that can lead to authoritarianism.

One major risk is the concentration of power. When leaders stay in office for extended periods, they can accumulate too much authority, undermining democratic institutions.

For instance, in Venezuela, Hugo Chávez was able to consolidate power by reducing the influence of opposition parties and changing the constitution to extend his rule.

Longer terms can also reduce accountability. Regular elections allow voters to express their approval or disapproval, but extended terms can

create a disconnect between leaders and the public, leading to unresponsiveness and dissatisfaction. This can erode public trust and result in civil unrest.

Additionally, prolonged presidencies can weaken democratic norms. Leaders may prioritize their interests over the common good, suppress dissent, and manipulate electoral pro-

cesses. Once a country becomes accustomed to longer terms, it becomes harder to revert to shorter ones, setting a dangerous precedent for future leaders.

While some argue that longer terms provide stability, the risks of power consolidation, diminished accountability, and weakened democratic values are significant threats to de-

mocracy. As nations evaluate their governance structures, they must prioritize mechanisms that uphold democratic principles and ensure leaders are accountable to their citizens. Ultimately, democracy thrives not just on term length, but on the ability of citizens to participate freely in elections.

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The Elusive Equity Of Economic Empowerment In A Broken Land System

Kenya's land crisis as a reflection of deep-rooted inefficiencies, systemic failures, and a convoluted title deed process that has left millions without security or justice



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If you think you're tired of Kenya's endless cycles of mismanagement and broken systems, you haven't heard the half of it. Land—arguably the most precious resource for any Kenyan—is at the heart of an unspoken crisis that cuts deeper than corruption. It's a national issue built on the back of systemic inefficiencies, historical missteps, and an opaque title deed registration process. It is easy to point fingers, blame politicians, or dynasties, but the truth is far more complicated.

The land problem in Kenya is about more than who owns what; it is about how land is owned, managed, and transferred in a system that has failed its citizens for generations. The problem stretches back to the colonial period when land was forcibly taken from indigenous communities and given to settlers. When independence came in 1963, the dream was to right the wrongs of the colonial era, but instead of proper land redistribution, we inherited a system that was still fragmented, with vast tracts of land either owned by a few or left unregistered.

For ordinary Kenyans, access to land was a promise rarely fulfilled, a promise that has since turned into a nightmare of bureaucratic chaos and exploitation.

Today, Kenya's land ownership is riddled with disputes, misinformation, and a title deed system that is so broken that it often leads to multiple titles being issued for the same piece of land. This has fueled land conflicts, especially in urban areas where the demand for land has skyrocketed.

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Several developers, backed by legitimate-looking documents, have been caught up in endless battles over land they thought was rightfully theirs, only for the government to revoke their titles claiming irregular allocations. And this is not an isolated incident; the story repeats itself across the country. What is truly at the heart of this issue? A broken land administration system.

In Kenya, acquiring a title deed is a notoriously difficult process that involves a long list of hurdles. Even when citizens fulfill all the legal requirements, they often wait years before the title deed is issued. Some even bribe officials to fast-track the process.

The result is a system where only those with the right connections or enough money can secure their ownership rights while ordinary Kenyans are left vulnerable to fraud and exploitation. The Ministry of Lands has long been accused of being one of the most corrupt institutions in the country, with rogue officials at every level who manipulate land registries for personal gain. It is this dysfunctional bureaucracy, not just the elites, that continues to exacerbate the crisis.

Beyond the bureaucratic inefficiencies, Kenya's land problem is also deeply tied to socio-economic factors. Rapid urbanization has put immense pressure on available land, especially in major cities like Nairobi, Kisumu, and Mombasa. With increasing demand, land prices have skyrocketed, making it nearly

impossible for ordinary Kenyans to buy land.

But even in rural areas, where land should be more accessible, disputes are common. In areas like the Rift Valley and the Coast, unresolved historical grievances have sparked tensions over who has the right to land. Here, it is not just about title deeds or bureaucratic mismanagement—it is about historical justice. After independence, the government promised land reform to address the injustices of colonialism, but these reforms have been slow and ineffective. Land that was once promised to displaced communities, such as the Maasai, remains largely in the hands of private entities or remains unallocated by the government.

Even where land is allocated, the process is often tainted by favoritism and backroom deals. The Maasai, for instance, still struggle to reclaim land lost during the British colonial period, and their frustrations are not unique. Throughout the country, marginalized communities continue to face displacement or have been resettled in areas that lack basic infrastructure and support. But it's not all doom and gloom. Some positive steps have been made, particularly in the realm of digitization.

The government's effort to clean up the land registry through NLIMS and the Lands Ministry's ArdhiSasa platform—launched in 2021—aims to simplify the title deed registration process and eliminate the middlemen who have long profited from the chaotic system. While still in its early stages, these efforts represent

a glimmer of hope that Kenya may one day solve its land administration issues.

However, even with digitization, the underlying problem persists: Kenya lacks a comprehensive land policy that is both inclusive and transparent. The 2010 Constitution attempted to address this by establishing the National Land Commission (NLC), an independent body meant to oversee land administration and ensure that land laws are applied fairly.

But the NLC, like many other institutions, has been hampered by political interference and resource constraints. Its ability to resolve disputes and regulate land use has been limited by conflicts with other government bodies, particularly the Ministry of Lands. And then there are the environmental considerations. Kenya's forests, wetlands, and conservation areas are increasingly under threat from land grabbers, some of whom obtain fake title deeds to develop or exploit the land. The Mau Forest, for example, has been a flashpoint of land-related controversy for decades.

Encroachment by settlers and businesses has severely degraded the forest's ecosystem, yet attempts to evict these settlers have been met with fierce resistance, both from the settlers and from politicians who see an opportunity to score political

Naivas Wood Avenue Opens 24/7, Powered By Myspace Properties Visionary Leadership

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In a significant expansion of Kenya's retail sector, Naivas Supermarket has launched its newest branch on Wood Avenue, now open 24 hours a day. This marks another milestone in the thriving partnership between Naivas and Myspace Properties, a real estate firm renowned for its innovative retail space solutions. The latest development also spotlights Mwenda Thurania, CEO of Myspace Properties, whose strategic leadership has played a pivotal role in the supermarket's rapid growth across Kenya.

Thuranira's approach to real estate development has transformed Myspace Properties into a key player in the provision of retail spaces. By understanding market needs and aligning with the goals of major retailers like Naivas, Thuranira has fostered a strong relationship between the two companies. Under his stewardship, Myspace Properties has not only expanded its footprint in the retail

sector but has also revolutionized the concept of commercial real estate in Kenya. Naivas, now one of the country's largest supermarket chains, has found a trusted partner in Myspace Properties to provide spaces that reflect their commitment to customer experience and growth.

"We at Myspace Properties are proud to be associated with Naivas Supermarket and to have provided spaces for many of their branches across Kenya," Thuranira said, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in expanding the retail market. His vision has been to create spaces that not only meet the operational needs of retailers but also enhance the shopping experience for consumers. Thuranira's influence can be seen in the design and location of Naivas branches, which are often strategically situated to serve high-traffic areas and offer convenience to customers.

The new 24/7 Naivas branch at Wood Avenue is a testament to the success of this partnership. This store offers great discounts, exceptional service, and a modern shopping experience, catering to the dynamic needs of

Nairobi's residents. As urban living becomes more fast-paced, having a retail outlet that operates around the clock is seen as a game-changer, offering consumers unmatched convenience.

Thuranira's foresight in developing such retail spaces reflects his broader vision of urban growth and community-centered developments. He has previously highlighted the need for real estate that adapts to changing lifestyles, especially in rapidly growing urban centers like Nairobi. His leadership at Myspace Properties has seen the company rise to meet these demands, offering real estate solutions that are not only functional but also forward-thinking.

The Wood Avenue branch, strategically located in a bustling commercial area, is expected to attract shoppers throughout the day and night. Thuranira's focus on creating accessible, aesthetically pleasing, and functional spaces has made Myspace Properties a go-to partner for major retail brands. As Naivas continues to grow, Myspace Properties' contributions to their expansion are increasingly visi-



Mwenda Thurania, the CEO of Myspace Properties opening the new Naivas branch at wood avenue in Kilimani area.

ble, with branches across the country reflecting the synergy between these two industry leaders.

As Naivas opens its doors 24/7, Myspace Properties, under the leadership of Thuranira, continues to shape the retail landscape. The company's commitment to providing top-tier retail spaces has not only supported Naivas' growth but has also cement-

ed its reputation as a trailblazer in commercial real estate. For Nairobi residents, this partnership means better access to retail services, with Naivas now available at any hour, and for Myspace Properties, it's another success story in their expanding portfolio.

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points. These environmental land grabs not only threaten Kenya's biodiversity but also its water sources and climate resilience. Forests like the Mau are critical for water catchment, yet they continue to be carved up and sold illegally, with little regard for future generations.

So, where does this leave us? The truth is, Kenya's land crisis cannot be solved overnight, and it cannot be blamed solely on a few bad actors. It is a structural problem—one that requires a complete overhaul of the land administration system.

This means not only speeding up the digitization process but also ensuring that land reforms are implemented at every level, from rural areas to urban centers. It means empowering

the National Land Commission and other institutions to act independently and transparently, without fear of political interference or bribery.

It means ensuring that every Kenyan has access to secure land ownership, not just the wealthy or well-connected. Ultimately, Kenya's land is not just a commodity—it is a symbol of identity, culture, and survival. Until the day comes when every Kenyan, regardless of background or income, can claim ownership of their land with confidence, the crisis will continue to cast a long shadow over our nation's future.

The land issue is not merely a political or economic problem; it is a matter of justice, equity, and the right to belong. If we fail to address it, we will fail not just as a nation but as a people.

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Firat Names Harambee Stars Squad For CHAN Qualifiers



Harambee Stars head coach Engin Firat provides instructions during a training session. (PHOTO/FKF Media)

Head coach Engin Firat yesterday named his 23-member final squad for the Harambee Stars’ upcoming African Nations Championship (CHAN) CECAFA qualifiers fixture against South Sudan.

While Kenya has already secured automatic qualification for the 2025 CHAN tournament, which will be co-hosted by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania from February 1-28, next year, the national team is determined to make a strong statement in the qualifiers.

The Harambee Stars will face South Sudan in the first leg on October 27, this year at Juba International Stadium, with kick-off set for 3 PM. The return leg is scheduled for November 3 at

4 PM at Mandela National Stadium in Uganda.

Should Kenya triumph over South Sudan, they will advance to the final phase of the qualifiers, where they will meet the winner of the Djibouti vs Rwanda tie. The final phase is slated for December 20-27, 2024.

For the first time, CAF has granted three nations the opportunity to co-host the prestigious CHAN tournament, and with Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania securing automatic qualification, CECAFA is set to enjoy increased representation in the competition.

The region has been awarded an additional spot, meaning one more CECAFA team will qualify for the tournament.

Kenya’s squad is expected to travel to Juba on Friday, October 25, 2024, ahead of the crucial first leg tie.

Final Squad

Goalkeepers
Byrne Odhiambo (Bandari), Farouk Shikalo (KCB), Ibrahim Wanzala (Kakamega Homeboyz)

Defenders
Musa Mohammed (Kenya Police FC), Sylvester Owino (Gor Mahia), Alphonse Omija (Gor Mahia), Geoffrey Ochieng (Gor Mahia), Bernard Ondiek (Posta Rangers), Brian Eshihanda (Kakamega Homeboyz), Daniel Sakari (Kenya Police FC)

Midfielders
Vincent Owino (Nairobi City Stars), Marvin Nabwire (Kenya Police FC), Kenneth Muguna (Kenya Police FC), Ronney Onyango (Gor Mahia), Austine Odhiambo (Gor Mahia), Issa Lumumba (Ulinzi Stars), Boniface Muchiri (Ulinzi Stars), Chrispine Erambo (Tusker FC), Matthias Isogol (Mara Sugar), Andreas Odhiambo (Kariobangi Sharks)

Forwards
Victor Omune (AFC Leopards), Sydney Lokale (AFC Leopards), Mathew Tegisi (Shabana), Patrick Otieno (KCB)

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Kenya's Sports Future: Hussein Mohammed Reveals Strategic Global Collaborations



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During a conference in Nairobi, Mohammed outlined plans to collaborate with global firms to develop world-class sports facilities, positioning Kenya as a regional hub.

Several notable figures attended the event, including Jan Jenca, CEO of Venue Era Group, and Georgio Chanturia, the group's coordinator.

Also present were Ioseb Akhalkatsi, General Director of Inter-Sports, and FIFA-licensed agent David Akhalkatsi, who highlighted the role these partnerships will

play in shaping the future of Kenyan football.

Venue Era Group, a global leader in sports infrastructure, brings extensive experience from projects like Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah Sports City, Budapest's Puskas Arena, and Washington's Capital One Arena.

Their expertise will be critical in developing advanced facilities in Kenya, including centres for sports nutrition, medicine, and injury rehabilitation.

Mohammed emphasized that these developments are part of a broader vision to elevate Kenyan football and expand opportunities for young athletes.

"We are committed to building a future where our young athletes have access to the best facilities

right here in Kenya," Mohammed said.

"Our collaboration with international partners will equip our athletes to compete on the global stage."

Jan Jenca reaffirmed Venue Era's commitment to introducing cutting-edge technology and infrastructure in Kenya, essential for fostering a professional sports environment.

Meanwhile, David Akhalkatsi discussed initiatives to promote Kenyan players internationally, providing young footballers with exposure to global markets.

This announcement is a key milestone in Mohammed's vision to position Kenya as a leader in sports development, with innovation and collaboration at the

core of transforming the country's sports landscape.

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Sports As A Catalyst For Social Innovation: Africa Football Business Summit 2024 Focuses On Youth Potential

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The 2024 Africa Football Business Summit, themed “Unlocking Africa’s Youth Potential – Sports and Social Innovation at Play,” has spotlighted the transformative power of sports and social innovation as key drivers of youth empowerment and socioeconomic development across the continent. The event brought together top speakers and leaders from Africa and beyond, exploring how football can be leveraged to foster youth engagement, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development.

One of the key highlights of the Summit was the participation of SPORTS20, a leading sports development organization. SPORTS20 delivered a workshop titled “Delivering a Sustainable Legacy for AFCON 2027,” underscoring the increasing emphasis on sustainability in African

football.

The workshop focused on creating long-lasting impacts through initiatives that promote environmental responsibility, community development, and youth engagement in preparation for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2027.

“AFCON can boost smaller local football events, fostering social growth and youth development. This bottom-up approach is key for the sports business perspective.” Said Kamila Swart, Associate Professor, Master of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management, Hamad bin Khalifa.

SPORTS20 is also partnering with FFA to harness the power of sports and advocate for a just, sustainable future, aiming to change the African football narrative.

The Summit showcased Africa’s potential to use football not just as a sport but as a platform for social change, providing youth with opportunities for personal growth, leadership, and economic participation. Speakers at



Kamila Swart, Associate Professor, Master of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management, Hamad bin Khalifa, speaking during the Africa Football Business Summit.

the event emphasized the role of football in uniting communities, inspiring young people, and driving innovation in various sectors.

This year’s summit highlighted how, through sports, Africa can unlock its greatest resource, its youth by harnessing their potential to contribute to the continent’s socioeconomic transformation.



Brian Wesaala, Founder and CEO The Football Foundation for Africa (centre) and SPORTS20 members affirming partnering with FFA to harness the power of sports and advocate for a sustainable future..

Kenya Unveils New Strategy To Eradicate Tsetse Flies And Trypanosomiasis By 2027

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, in collaboration with the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC), launched the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan aimed at eradicating tsetse flies and trypanosomiasis in Kenya.

Speaking at the launch, Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Andrew Karanja, emphasized the significance of the plan in improving livestock productivity and food security across the country. He also highlighted the economic and health burden posed by tsetse flies and trypanosomiasis, commonly known as sleeping sickness, particularly in pastoralist regions.

“This strategic plan aligns with our broader goal of transforming Ken-

ya’s agricultural sector. By eliminating tsetse flies, we will safeguard the health of millions of livestock and people, boost the agricultural economy, and contribute to national development.” Said Dr. Karanja.

Cs Karanja further explained the key pillars of the plan, including the deployment of innovative vector control methods, community sensitization, and collaboration with regional bodies to address cross-border challenges stating that the plan also seeks to mobilize resources from government and international partners to ensure successful implementation.

KENTTEC CEO Dr. Seth Onyango echoed these sentiments, stating that the strategic plan represents a comprehensive approach to tackling the persistent threat of trypanosomiasis. “This disease has been a major challenge in our livestock sector, affecting both the health of animals and

their productivity. With the launch of this plan, we are confident that we can significantly reduce, and eventually eradicate, the tsetse fly menace by 2027.” He remarked

He also stressed the importance of collaboration between different stakeholders, including county governments, research institutions, and local communities.

“We need concerted efforts to make this a reality. The involvement of communities in monitoring and reporting, alongside scientific innovations, will be key in ensuring the success of this strategy.” Added Dr. Onyango

The KENTTEC plan, emphasizes public-private partnerships, international collaboration, and leveraging technology to develop innovative approaches to tsetse fly eradication. Its strategy, sets clear milestones to eliminate the tsetse fly vector and reduce the transmission of trypanoso-



The launch of Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council KENTTEC strategic Plan

miasis, aiming to improve the health and economic well-being of affected communities.

With the launch of this strategic plan, Kenya moves closer to achieving its long-term goal of eliminating

tsetse flies and combating trypanosomiasis, boosting the country’s agricultural productivity and rural development.