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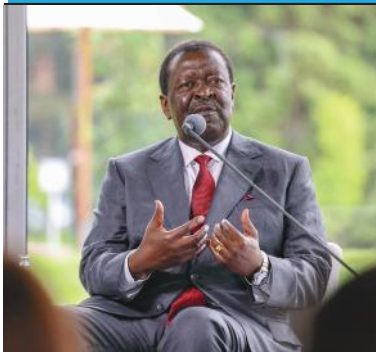
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President William Ruto

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President Ruto Graces Second Kenya Urban Forum in Naivasha, Nakuru County

By: MKT Reporter
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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

President William Ruto yesterday attended the second Kenya Urban Forum in Naivasha, Nakuru County. The president noted that the country is rapidly urbanising, with an annual growth rate of 4.3 per cent. By 2050, half of our population will reside in towns and cities. As a result, he added, his administration is implementing bold and strategic measures to shape this urban future, ensuring that every Kenyan has access to planned, dignified and decent housing. The Affordable Housing Programme, with a pipeline of more than 700,000 units, is at the heart of the transformation. Through the programme, he observed, the country is not only delivering homes but also eradicating slums.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Medical Services Principal Secretary Dr. Ouma Oluga has called for stronger, sustainable partnerships and collaboration to improve maternal and neonatal health services across the country, citing the need to reduce preventable deaths. Speaking during the official launch of a three-day co-creation workshop on maternal and neonatal health in Nairobi, Dr. Oluga noted that despite significant efforts by the government, maternal mortality in Kenya remains unacceptably high. According to the 2024 USAID report on Preventing Child and Maternal Deaths, Kenya's maternal mortality rate stands at 594 deaths per 100,000 live births — far from the SDG target of 70 per 100,000 by 2030. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to achieving this target and emphasized the urgency of coordinated action among partners. The co-creation workshop has brought together key stakeholders from the Ministry of Health, Amref Health Africa, UNTAID, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative to explore innovative approaches to strengthening maternal and neonatal care in Kenya.



The Ministry of Health, through the Division of RMNCAH, is developing PROMPTS — an AI-enabled digital health platform that delivers timely, stage-based information to new and expectant mothers via SMS. Yesterday, Dr. Bashir Issak Head of Family Health, Ministry of Health officially opened a validation workshop for the PROMPTS ANC/PNC campaign messages, emphasizing the importance of ensuring the content is responsive to mothers' needs and tailored to their level of understanding. He highlighted the critical role of youth involvement in content development, the strategic use of technology to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes, and the need for ongoing monitoring and validation to ensure relevance and impact. The Ministry appreciates the support of Jacaranda Health in facilitating this important workshop.



A technical meeting on livestock market infrastructure chaired by Mr. Bishar Fille, Director of Livestock Production, on behalf of PS Jonathan Mueke met members from the State Department for Housing, as they presented generic designs aimed at modernizing livestock markets across the country, complete with offloading bays, species-specific pens, security installations, and cold chain facilities. Key proposals included: Capacity building for traders and pastoralists; Integration of financial service stalls; Inclusion of poultry and camel sections; Stakeholder involvement for ownership and Sustainable features like tree planting. Once implemented, these markets will not only enhance livestock trade but also empower communities, strengthen value chains, and promote structured, secure transactions.



The Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation Mr. Julius Korir, accompanied by the Water Secretary Eng. Samuel Alima yesterday officially kicked off a capacity building workshop for the Ministry and Water Sector Agencies staff, aligning with Circular No. 16/2019 on Public Investment Management (PIM) Guidelines for National Government Entities. The workshop, conducted by the National Treasury, aims to enhance the management of public investments through a standardized approach to the Project Management Cycle. Participants will gain critical skills in project concept development, pre-feasibility and feasibility appraisals all in accordance with the Public Investment Management Regulations, 2022. This initiative reflects the Ministry's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and ensuring that public investment projects in the sector are well-conceived, efficient, and impactful. Agencies represented include Water Resources Authority, Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency, Northern Water Works Development Agency, Athi Water Works Development Agency, Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency, Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency, Tana Water Works Development Agency, Water Sector Trust Fund - WSTF, North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency, Coast Water Works Development Agency, Wasreb Kenya, Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training & Research



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen on Monday represented President William Ruto at the Eastern and Southern Africa Commission on Drugs (ESACD) Fourth high-level consultation meeting and flagship report launch in Nairobi. The report by the Commission, chaired by former South African President Kgalema Motlanthe, shows that the availability of drugs in our region has increased, accompanied by a concerning rise in their potency. This underscores the urgency of a coordinated, comprehensive, all-government and all-society approach to an evolving and complex challenge. It noted that stakeholders must move beyond traditional approaches rooted in criminalization, stigma, and exclusion, and pursue a more balanced, health-centered, and human rights-based approach that addresses the underlying social and economic drivers of drug use. Sustainable solutions lie in reframing drug policy as both a public health and a development priority. Also in the meeting were ESACD Commissioners former Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, former Mauritius President Cassam Uteem, Ondrej Simek, the Deputy Head of the European Union delegation in Kenya, Dr Mark Shaw, the Director Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime and Kenya's former Chief Justice Dr. Willy Mutunga, among others.

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Ruto Enacts Reforms To Combat Illicit Financial Flows And Terrorism Financing

By: PCS



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These legal reforms reaffirm Kenya's standing as a leader in financial integrity and enhance the country's credibility in the global regulatory regime.

Initially passed on April 16, 2025, the Bill was returned to Parliament by

President Ruto with reservations.

It was passed a second time by the National Assembly on June 3, 2025, with amendments that fully addressed the President's concerns.

Ten Acts of Parliament have been amended to address technical compliance deficiencies flagged by the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

The amended laws are: The Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act (Cap. 59A); the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Cap. 59B); the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act (Cap. 131); the Retirement Benefits Act (Cap. 197); the Mining Act (Cap. 306); the Sacco Societies Act (Cap. 490B); the Accountants Act (Cap. 531); the Estate Agents Act (Cap. 533); the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya Act (Cap. 534); and the Public Benefits Organizations Act (No. 18 of 2013).

The introduction of enhanced regulatory clarity and oversight in sectors such as real estate and mining is ex-

pected to significantly boost investor confidence and attract foreign direct investment.

Additionally, stronger regulation will help broaden the tax base and support domestic revenue mobilisation by formalising more players in the economy. On its part, the Insurance Professionals Bill establishes a comprehensive legal framework to regulate the insurance industry.

It aims to improve service standards, strengthen accountability, and address professional misconduct in the sector. This legislation introduces a bottom-up registration regime for insurance professionals, heralding a new era in insurance regulation.

The law mandates the formation of a Registration Committee responsible for receiving applications, issuing practising certificates, monitoring compliance with quality assurance standards, and recommending disciplinary enquiries when necessary.

It also establishes the Insurance Institute of Kenya, governed by a council as the lead professional organisation

overseeing the conduct and standards of insurance practitioners.

Furthermore, the Insurance Professionals Examinations Board will be responsible for administering professional examinations.

The legislation clearly outlines acts constituting professional misconduct and creates a Disciplinary Committee to deal with related cases.

Overall, the law enhances standards in the profession, encourages continuous professional development, improves public trust, addresses consumer grievances, protects policyholders from malpractice, and reinforces the sector's credibility in the financial services industry.

At the signing were National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah, Solicitor-General Shadrack Mose, and Finance and National Planning Committee Chairperson Kuria Kimani, among other leaders.

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China Focus: From books to labs, “Silk Road” of education bridges China, Central Asia

By: Xinhua, Editor: huaxia

BEIJING, (Xinhua) -- Kalibek Erbosyn, a 23-year-old student from Kazakhstan, finds his unique rhythm as he immerses himself in studying *The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine*, an esteemed Chinese traditional medical text dating back over 2,000 years.

“Initially, the ancient Chinese terminology was incomprehensible to me,” Erbosyn told Xinhua. “Now, however, I have come to understand terms equivalent to ‘weak’ or ‘happy’ in modern languages, thanks to the help of my teachers and classmates.”

Fluent in Chinese, Erbosyn is among the approximately 200 students from the five Central Asian countries -- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. They are currently enrolled at Xinjiang Medical University (XMU) in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, accounting for nearly 30 percent of all enrolled overseas students in the school.

Since the turn of the millennium, and particularly following the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China has experienced a significant increase in student enrollment from this region, a core section of the ancient Silk Road connecting China with Europe.

These countries are now key participants in the modern-day educational exchanges with China.

COOPERATION AT A NEW LEVEL

Official data reveals that the annual number of Central Asian students studying in China grew at an average rate of 12.33 percent from 2010 to 2018, with the current tally exceeding 18,000.

These students typically favor major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Xi'an, as well as Xinjiang, which is adjacent to their home countries. They engage in a broad spectrum of academic disciplines, ranging from literature, history, and social science to natural science, medicine, and agriculture.

On the other hand, alongside traditional destinations like developed countries, BRI partner countries have emerged as significant overseas education hubs for Chinese students.

Sayasat Nurbek, Kazakhstan's minister of science and higher education, spoke highly of the education cooperation with China. “Young people are increasingly interested in studying in each other's countries,” Nurbek noted.

In 2023, this modern-day “Silk Road” of education was elevated to



a new level at the first China-Central Asia Summit, when China pledged to continue providing government scholarships to Central Asian countries and support Central Asian universities in joining the University Alliance of the Silk Road.

Bordering three Central Asian countries, Xinjiang serves as a natural tie for deepening cooperation on higher education between China and the heartland of Asia.

XMU, for example, has partnered with medical universities in Uzbekistan to offer traditional Chinese medicine courses, training over 5,000 local teachers and students in total. Xinjiang Normal University has trained over 1,100 teachers for Central Asian countries.

Beyond campus, youth exchange events take the form of tea drinking, paper cutting, Chinese calligraphy writing, or language contests, serving as a people-to-people bridge connecting the two important parts of the Asian continent.

Ma Bin, a researcher on Central Asia at Shanghai-based Fudan University, emphasized the importance of education exchanges as a key foundation for bilateral cooperation, which helps expand understanding.

“It is also a lubricant and catalyst for

relations between China and Central Asian countries, ensuring their sustainable and healthy development,” Ma added.

FROM BOOKS TO LABS, WORKSHOPS

From textbooks to laboratories and workshops, talent cooperation between China and the Central Asian nations is expanding its reach for even more pragmatic outcomes.

In the past two years, Xinjiang has signed dozens of agreements and cooperation projects with the countries in fields such as science, engineering, agriculture, and medicine.

In May, universities from both sides signed multiple agreements at a conference held in Xinjiang, focusing on the integration of research, development, and manufacturing. Prioritized sectors included water resources, saline-alkali soil management, and teacher training.

A research institute was also launched at the meeting by China's Ministry of Education to collaborate with counterparts in Central Asia to establish a network of joint research institutes and schools focused on integrating industry and education.

Huai Jinpeng, Chinese minister of education, said at the meeting that

China stands ready to work with Central Asian countries to explore new models and paths for collaborative innovation in industry, education, research, and application.

Kongratbay Sharipov, Uzbekistan's minister of higher education, science and innovation, expressed the interest in expanding bilateral and multilateral research projects involving Chinese academic institutions, citing the establishment of joint laboratories as an example.

Chinese university staff have observed positive feedback on the employment prospects of their Central Asian students, saying that most of them can find jobs closely aligned with their field of study.

Ayken Tohay, who oversees international education at XMU, said that upon returning to their home countries, many of the foreign students at the university work for public hospitals, healthcare departments, or open their own clinics.

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Mudavadi: Africa Should Not Be Seen As A Geopolitical Playground By The West

The Prime Cabinet Secretary Says Time Has Come For A New Partnership Based On Mutual Respect

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Africa is not a passive recipient of aid or a battleground for influence but a continent at the threshold of intra-Africa trade and economic independence, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said.

According to Mudavadi, at the heart of Africa's journey is the principle of "African solutions to African problems," a concept championed by the African Union (AU) and rooted in the belief that Africans are best positioned to address their own challenges.

He said this principle is not a mere slogan but a call to action.

This he said is reflected in initiatives like African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), which, since January 2025, has supported Somali forces in combating Al-Shabaab and transitioning security responsibilities.

"The AU's peace missions, from AMISOM to AUSSOM, demonstrate Africa's commitment to fostering stability, yet too often, the heavy lifting done by African troops and mediators is overshadowed by external actors claiming credit," he said.

Much as international support is valuable, he said it should amplify, not eclipse, African leadership.

Mudavadi said Africa is making efforts to drive its own resilience against debilitating global shocks and the narrative about Africa must shift from fragility to potential and from victim to a positive contributor to global governance.

He said the continent is playing a significant role in spheres like global climate action, including green energy and critical minerals needed for the global clean energy transition.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary noted that strategic investments in youth, education, and technology are also positioning Africa as a future global growth engine.

"Africa's international partners must ask: Are all external engagements aligned with Africa's development aspirations? Do they strengthen or undermine African institutions? And crucially, do they allow the continent to assert its agency and chart its own course?" posed Mudavadi.

"Africa must dissuade itself from the hope that some other state or actor will come to develop the conti-

ment. We have to take ownership and chart our development path so that support from Africa's partners can make meaningful transformations of our societies," he noted.

He gave an example of the lessons of COVID-19 vaccine nationalism, including delays in essential medication supplies, growing indifference to humanitarian crises such as the Sudan case, signaling of drastic reduction in external aid for health, education, and other socio-economic must move Africans to a serious soul searching.

Mudavadi has affirmed that time has come for a new partnership to be crafted based on mutual respect, where Africa is not seen as a geopolitical playground.

"There is an urgent need for the West to reframe its engagement with Africa by aligning economic cooperation, trade, and investment with the evolving priorities of developing nations," said Mudavadi.

"The West must engage with Africa not through the lens of charity or risk management, but through strategic solidarity, fairness, and a shared commitment to global public goods. Africa seeks partnership rather than patronage or master-slave relations," he added.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary was speaking on Monday when he represented President William Ruto at the 13th Edition of the Kultaranta Talks in Naantali, Finland, an annual high-level forum engaging with today's shifting geopolitical landscape, global security and emerging foreign policy trends under the theme "The Changing World Order – Old Meets New."

Mudavadi who participated in a panel discussion on "Accumulation of Shocks at the Global Level – What the West Should Understand," that featured insightful contributions from Foreign Ministers Ms. Elina Valtonen (Finland), Dr. Arnoldo André Tinoco (Costa Rica), S.E.M. Olushegun Adjadi Bakari (Benin), and Vice Minister Russ Jalichandra (Thailand) emphasized on respect for African institutions tasked with resolving internal conflicts.

In the session that also included Presidents of Finland (Alexander Stubb), Estonia (Alar Karis) and Republic of Latvia (Edgars Rinkevics) on the topical issue on Europe in the shockwaves and moderated by seasoned and renowned media personalities Fareed Zakaria of CNN and Francine Lacqua of Bloomberg



Mudavadi stressed that unilateralism is undermining and weakening regional mechanisms actively working to secure lasting peace, particularly in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region.

"We need to reassert the global rule of law. We cannot have a situation where we are seeing multilateralism on the retreat taking a very heavy beating because of unilateral positions where might is now beginning to be interpreted as being the correct thing while it is not necessarily the correct thing. Internationally we must work together to restore the respect for multilateralism because it is where more common solutions to the global challenges will be found" Mudavadi challenged the West.

He further explained that Africa is getting it difficult to resolve its internal conflicts due to too much international involvement with some Western nations taking sides thus prolonging the mediation processes and making the exercise costly.

Mudavadi said it is only through shared responsibility, due democratic processes and wholistically adhering to a rules-based international landscape and desisting from any form of aggression where a nation thrives to destabilize another nation genuine multilateralism can be restored to foster a more stable and equitable world.

"Part of the challenge we face is the resources bound in the conflict prone regions. When you talk of the new scramble for Africa it is precisely that. Africa is beginning to face a lot

of proxy battles for critical minerals and other resources that are being sought for," he regretted.

"I strongly feel that the global community need to take this extremely seriously because we will not be able to move and face the challenges on the African continent with this continued instability. Over 500 million people in Africa are facing a challenge in way or the other arising from these conflicts. Whether you are looking at Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, Eastern DRC, the Sahel region, we are having a real crisis on our hands. More mouths to feed with an estimated 60% of global population facing insecurity the African population is accounts for a significant portion, children are not going to school, there is no medical support and so forth," he noted.

Mudavadi said as Africa welcomes partnerships, these must be based on mutual respect, shared priorities, and sustainable outcomes. Too often he noted that external engagements have reinforced dependency, deep-

ened local fragilities, or neglected the long-term impacts on regional stability and development.

The 13th edition of the Kultaranta talks also discussed the unfolding violent conflict between Israel and Iran that poses a grave threat to global security and economy with its implications likely to impact Kenya in the disruption of the supply chain in the petroleum and oil products as well as affect Kenya's export of tea to Iran.

"It is our wish that the international community will quickly rally to find a resolution to this issue with all the urgency that it deserves," said Mudavadi.

The Kultaranta Talks brought together an estimated 140 invited experts and professionals from various sectors of society including legislators drawn from Europe, national and international policymakers and think tanks, academicians, public administrators, captains of trade and industry, civil society actors, members of the media and high-profile audience.



Lari Residents Welcome Initiative To Rehabilitate Local Roads

By: George Mugo
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Lari Member of Parliament Mburu Kahangara has led locals in commending a move to set aside funds for construction of some area roads.

The allocation of KSh141 million for local roads in next year's budget has been termed as booster of trade and farming in the area.

The money was set aside towards construction of Nyambari, Uplands, Githunguri, Ruiru.

It's was lastly constructed in 1995 and 1996 by the retired President Daniel Moi, and has never been rehabilitated, even after potholes started developing in early 2000's.

Kahangara says the road which connects Lari, Githunguri and Ruiru, has left many traders, farmers and travellers suffering.

"We have suffered so much regardless of the weather condition. It doesn't matter whether it's a rainy or a dry season. The road has so many potholes, we have tried gravelling it, but it's still pathetic" he says.

He noted that, horticulture and dairy farmers use the road to take their

products to the market.

The road will also be a booster of tea sales since it is used by Kambaa tea factory.

"We have farmers selling milk to cooperatives and others hawking it, tea farming, others selling vegetables such as kales, carrots, spinach and cabbages" he said.

"However, due to pathetic road conditions, the sale has gone down since lorries do not come to collect those products. A lot of our people have lost hope, which is very unfortunate" the legislator added.

Kahangara says together with other MPs, they have lobbied a lot for the road and thanked President William Ruto's administration for considering to tarmac the road.

The MP spoke when he opened 10 classrooms at Gitithia primary school which were renovated through NG-CDF kitty.

Traders too who decried that they lost hope expressed that the challenges which affected their enterprises and made them to collapse might come to an end.

Salome Wanjiku revealed that she closed her wholesale shop after her customers reduced due to transport challenges.

Wanjiku says that most of the shops



Lari MP Mburu Kahangara

that lies along that road have been closed since lorries that used to supply them with goods complained of numerous breakdowns.

"Our suppliers started declining, since passing along that road, the vehicle must be taken to garage to be repaired. There are so many potholes, terraces and lose chips," she said.

"All the PSV vehicles that used to operate from Nyambari up to Githun-

guri do not operate either." she explained.

Lari constituency traders welfare chairman Paul Ngugi too is another victim who closed his Evergreen Supermarket in May this year.

"We have lost a big shop, left my 22 employees jobless and left counting losses and paying debts" he noted.

"Local and international investors have seen this area as a good place to

invest owing to its proximity to Nairobi, but they always question about the road and end up moving to other areas" the chairman noted.

Boda boda operators chairman Francis Gicheru says that their businesses are affected too, since customers end up walking owing to too much potholes which challenges them and end up contributing to increase in the number of accidents.

Pig Farming Initiative Poised To Boost Agribusiness In Lari

By: Victoria Muthoni
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Farmers in Lari Sub-County received a major boost as hundreds of residents in Kirenga Ward took part in a community empowerment exercise aimed at transforming livelihoods through agribusiness.

The Kiambu County Government distributed high-quality piglets, animal feeds, and assorted farm inputs to support small-scale farming families.

The initiative forms part of a broader agricultural empowerment programme targeting food security, rural income generation, and entrepreneurship, especially among youth and women. Authorities are promoting pig farming for its low startup costs,

fast reproduction cycles, and strong market demand.

"With minimal space and investment, a smallholder can begin earning income from pig farming within six to eight months," officials said during the event.

"Pork is in high demand, and by-products like manure add value to the farming system."

The distribution event was hosted by Kirenga Ward MCA, Mr Kinyanjui, who praised the county's proactive approach

"This is not just talk—we're seeing real change at the grassroots. Farmers now have the tools to uplift their families, educate children, and secure their future," said Kinyanjui.

The programme attracted scores of locals, alongside agricultural extension officers and community leaders, all eager to embrace sustainable



farming methods. Plans are already underway to roll out the initiative to other wards in

Kiambu County, reinforcing its commitment to agricultural innovation, economic resilience, and communi-

ty-driven development.

IFAD Boosts Aquaculture In Nyeri With KSh8.12 Million Grant

By: Paul Wanjiru
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The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), through its Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), has disbursed KSh 8.12 million to 42 aquaculture groups in Nyeri County.

The grant, announced in late January, forms part of a broader allocation of KSh 124 million earmarked for aquaculture development across 15 counties in Kenya.

The funding aims to enhance fish farming operations under three key categories: Aquaculture Support Enterprises (ASE), Aquaculture Field Schools (AFS), and Smallholder Aquaculture Groups (SAGs). Spe-

cifically, KSh 3.6 million has been allocated to youth-run enterprises, KSh 3.2 million to 32 field schools (each receiving KSh 00,000), and KSh 1.32 million to smallholder groups focused on feed formulation and value addition.

Maureen Gathigia, ABDP program coordinator in Nyeri, highlighted that the investments will help farmers adopt improved technologies, lower production costs, and enhance market access. "The grant will facilitate the marketing, feed production, and training components ... promoting adoption of technologies and innovations by the farmers," she noted.

In April, IFAD representatives, led by Samuel Macharia, met with Governor Mutahi Kahiga at Wambugu Agricultural Training Centre. During the two-day workshop, discussions

focused on stakeholder sensitization, a memorandum of understanding between IFAD and the County Government, as well as strategies to develop fish markets in the region. Governor Kahiga underscored the public health benefits of increased fish consumption in combating non-communicable diseases prevalent in Nyeri, and committed to supporting fish farming initiatives and market development.

Nyeri County has been designated the regional secretariat for the ABDP, one of 15 counties selected for IFAD support over an eight-year span. The programme seeks to improve rural livelihoods through aquaculture, enhance food and nutritional security, and increase incomes for women and youth farmers.

This aquaculture push complements other IFAD-funded projects in the



Some members of Zabibu Self-Help Group at their training centre in Kiandu, Tetu, Nyeri County. The group trains locals on rearing Black Soldier Flies to produce affordable fish feed for local fish farmers

region, such as the Upper Tana Natural Resources Management project, which focuses on rehabilitating river basins and improving water con-

servation. In central Kenya, Nyeri was among six counties receiving KSh 6.8 billion for environmental restoration, also through IFAD.

Democratic Party's NEC Endorse Muturi's Leadership Pending NGC's Approval

By: James Kabotia
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The Democratic Party's (DP) National Executive Committee (NEC) has announced that it resolved to reinstate former Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muturi to steer the party as its leader ahead of the 2027 General Elections.

DP national chairman Esau Kioni said he convened the party's NEC special meeting on June 10 where they resolved to endorse Muturi.

Speaking to the media at his Kagere home in Othaya, Nyeri County, Kioni dismissed media reports that the NEC meeting was embroiled in differences over Muturi's pick as its leader.

Kioni said the officials present unanimously resolved to endorse Muturi. "The two main agendas of the meeting were to adopt the party's constitutional changes and to appoint a party leader. We resolved unanimously to reinstate Muturi to his previous position of a party leader," said Kioni.

"By doing so, we gave him (Muturi) the mandate to discuss and negotiate with other like-minded parties as far as the future leadership of this country is concerned. I want to categorically emphasize that there was no de-

scendent at all in our resolutions during our NEC meeting," he added.

But speaking to Mt Kenya Times on phone yesterday, DP National Secretary General Dr Jacob Haji said Muturi will fully take over the mandate once he is approved by the party's National Governing Council (NGC).

Dr Haji, however, has affirmed that Muturi was endorsed to steer the party's leadership by NEC.

"Muturi is a member of the party and the National Executive Council (NEC) resolved to reinstate him back as a party leader. But this is subject to confirmation from the party's National Governing Council (NGC)," the Secretary General said.

"NEC is a subordinate of the governing council which comprises of all the national delegates," he added.

Muturi, who initially served as Attorney General in Ruto's first Cabinet before being appointed Public Service Cabinet Secretary, was later dismissed from the Cabinet. He was replaced by Mbeere North MP Geoffrey Ruku in a reshuffle that followed a series of disagreements with the Kenya Kwanza coalition's leadership.

Muturi had joined the coalition through the Democratic Party in May 2022, shortly before the last General Election, under a formal agreement that made the DP a constituent party



Former Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muturi

of Kenya Kwanza.

Upon being appointed by President William Ruto as Attorney General, Muturi had to resign from DP leader and serve as a public servant.

"Since Muturi was appointed as Attorney General, we picked Joseph Munyao as acting party leader. Now that Muturi is not a public servant, NEC reinstated him," Kioni said.

"The party has always been united ever since it was formed and nothing prevents us from working with other parties," he added.

On March 7, Kioni and Dr Haji submitted a month's notice to the Kenya Kwanza coalition's secretariat and the Registrar of Political Parties, signaling their intent to withdraw from the ruling coalition.

The letter read: "The Democratic Party of Kenya, vide this letter, hereby gives a thirty (30) day notice to exit the Coalition as stipulated in the Termination Clause (8) in the Coalition Agreement."

The notice period lapsed on April 7, thus cementing the party's official exit from the coalition.

Police Officer Who Shot Nairobi Mask Vendor Arrested - NPS Says

By: Citizen Reporter

The police officer who shot an unarmed mask vendor during the demonstrations held in Nairobi yesterday, has been arrested.

The protests, which called for the resignation of Deputy Inspector General Eliud Lagat, turned into chaos after goons infiltrated the protesters.

In one of the videos that has elicited public uproar, two anti-riot officers cornered an unarmed mask vendor along Moi Avenue and beat him to a pulp before opening fire at close range.

According to a statement signed by the National Police Service Spokesperson Muchiri Nyaga, the officer was apprehended following Police Inspector-General Douglas Kanja's orders.

The Service, however, did not reveal

the officer's name or release a photo certifying his arrest as is the norm.

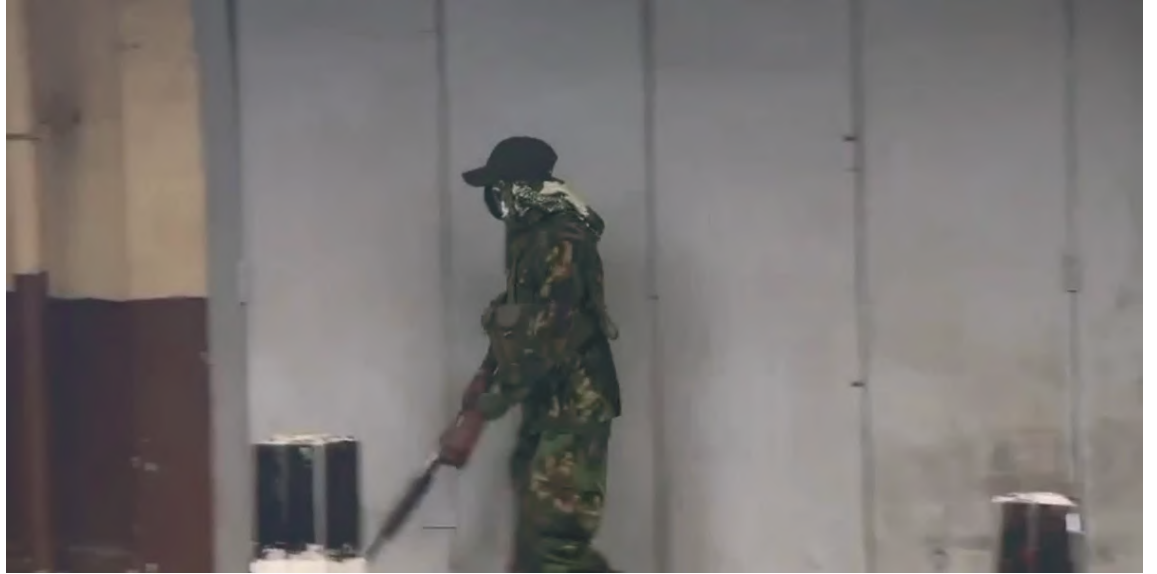
The NPS also castigated the group of goons armed with crude weapons, citing that such individuals will face the full arm of the law.

"Following this incident, the Inspector-General National Police Service has ordered the immediate arrest, investigation and arraignment in court of the involved officer. The said police officer has since been arrested," the statement read in part.

"Furthermore, NPS has noted a group of goons armed with crude weapons, in today's protests within the CBD. The Service takes great exception and does not condone such unlawful groupings."

"Such individuals will be handled firmly, according to the law. Consequently, investigations have commenced to identify and deal with the criminals accordingly."

The police service, in the statement released Tuesday evening, noted that



A screengrab of the police officer who shot an unarmed mask vendor along Moi Avenue in Nairobi yesterday. Photo/courtesy

the victim was taken to hospital and he is currently receiving medical attention.

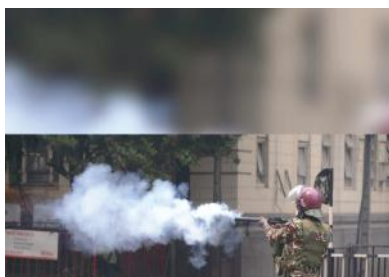
The statement comes amid a public

outcry for justice over police brutality witnessed in the past weeks.

From social media influencer Albert Ojwang's murder while in police cus-

tody to the close-range shooting of the Nairobi-based hawker, the public has demanded that those culpable be brought to book.

Nairobi CBD Demonstrations In Pictures



Kenya-Germany Partnership Opens Global Job Opportunities

By: Sitna Omar
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Kenya is looking into new collaborations with international tech giants and foreign governments to open up digital employment opportunities for its youth.

With Germany emerging as a crucial ally in filling talent gaps in its economy, conversations have been underway to ensure global job opportunities for the Kenyan youth in the technology sector.

Speaking at the opening of a digital skills laboratory at Ngodhe Mixed Secondary School in Homa Bay County, the Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui disclosed that there is a severe lack of qualified workers in Germany, with over 700,000 job openings, including 150,000 in software development.

“We spoke with the German government, and they told us that there are 700,000 job openings which they are unable to fill due to limited skilled labour. They are engaging us to explore how Kenyan talent can support their economy,” said Tanui.

It is believed that this partnership with the German government will open up global job opportunities for young people in the technology sector.

He disclosed that they held a meeting with the German software developers’ association last week to discuss the way forward, with plans underway to set up Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centres in Kenya to tap into the country’s young digital workforce.

Tanui emphasized that there are many opportunities in the digital space and in other initiatives by the government that aim at transforming the economy, citing the Affordable Housing Project that is creating massive jobs for the youth in the building space professions.

The PS was accompanied by Homa Bay Woman Representative Joyce Bensuda, Konza Technopolis Development Authority CEO John Paul Okwiri, and other county and national government representatives.

Ngodhe Secondary School is now among the beneficiaries in the government’s digital literacy push that saw the school receiving 25 computers to enhance ICT lessons with a fully equipped digital hub to boost access to digital learning tools and opportunities.

“We opened a digital hub that will enable the students to connect to the digital space. The 25 computers will help in building their capabilities,” said Tanui.

He affirmed that part of the visit to

Homa Bay involved assessing the status of internet connectivity in the region, highlighting significant progress in the Digital Superhighway Project being implemented in collaboration with Kenya Power and Lighting company.

“We are targeting the entire Nyanza region to connect government institutions and when connected it will allow private sectors, the big internet providers and small network services providers to be able to connect too,” he noted.

The government has so far connected 1,032 institutions across the Nyanza region, marking a 50 percent connection rate, with 103 in Homa Bay.

In line with the government’s commitment to set up at least one digital hub per ward, totaling 100 hubs countrywide, Tanui and his team visited an upcoming site at Radiro Primary School to monitor the preparation progress ahead of a ground-breaking ceremony scheduled in a month.

“We are also working to expand and fulfil the commitment we had of setting up 100 digital hubs across the country,” he noted.

The PS informed that they are working closely with Members of Parliament, who amended the NG-CDF law to allow use of the fund for digital hubs while the government handles fibre connectivity, adding, “Our goal is to ensure every public institution, including schools and chiefs’ offices, is fully connected.”

Tanui further emphasized the need to equip schools in remote areas with digital devices and internet connectivity to ensure inclusivity in accessing the digital space.



Eng. John Tanui, the Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy arrives at Homa Bay County Headquarters during his official tour in the county to ascertain the progress of ICT projects.

We are also working with the leaders to identify other locations, such as day secondary schools where youth in those areas are unable to access an internet connection to access the digital space so that we can provide them with devices.

This initiative is part of a broader strategy by the government to position the country as a global technology hub, while at the same time addressing the issue of youth unemployment.

The PS reiterated government’s commitment to ensure no young person is left behind in accessing opportunities in the digital space.

“No youth should be left behind. We are working with global partners to tap into opportunities for our young people. We are happy to see prog-

ress as major digital platform players like YouTube, Meta and others have opened up opportunities for Kenyans to monetize their talents,” he noted.

Konza Technopolis CEO JohnPaul Okwiri encouraged students at Ngodhe to embrace the new digital facility and take full advantage of the opportunities it offers.

“The world has changed, and the future is digital. We will be deploying trainers as well as installing full internet connection so that the students can gain the skills they need,” he promised.



The PS being taken through some programs.

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Preparations Are In Top Gear As ASK Nakuru Show Beckons

By: Jane Ngugi and Nelly Kiarie
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Preparations for this year's Nakuru National Agricultural Show have begun in earnest, with over 60 exhibitors having already confirmed attendance.

Organizers of the event announced that preparations are in top gear ahead of the five-day event scheduled to begin on July 2, at the Nakuru ASK Showground.

The show will run until July 6, under the theme "Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth."

While addressing a media briefing, the show Chairman, Dr. Perminus Migwi, said that the number of exhibitors is expected to rise to 150 by the close of the registration period with attendees expected to cross the 100,000 mark during the event.

"Nakuru National Agricultural Show is a central rift branch event that will involve Nakuru county, Bomet county, Kericho county, Narok, parts of Laikipia and Baringo Counties. We expect farmers, students and investors

within the food chain value addition sub-sector to come and learn more on smart farming and emerging trends that will boost productivity," Dr. Migwi remarked.

Entry charges will be retained at 300 shillings for adults and 250 for children, while special parties will pay 250 and 200 for adults and children, respectively. There will be four entry points to reduce queues.

Dr. Migwi noted that close to 1,000 schools attended the event last year, and the number is expected to increase this year since schools will be back in session after half term. In recognition of their efforts, teachers and schools that participate will receive certificates of participation and recognition.

The official pre-show days are set for Monday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 1, during which exhibitors will finalize their setups.

Entry charges will still apply, and a KES 2,000 car sticker covering both days is required to manage traffic and crowding.

The Chairman further announced that a pre-show Thanksgiving service will be held at the ACK Cathedral, Nakuru, adding that some dignitaries



Cabbages.

had been invited to the event.

A publicity walk will take place this Wednesday, June 18, starting from Langalanga to the showground, while an exhibitors' briefing will be held on June 20, during which Nakuru Deputy Governor David Kones is expected as the chief guest.

This year's show spotlights sustainability, climate adaptation, and trade innovation, core to Kenya's agricultural future. It reflects Kenya's agricultural advancement-showcasing the

shift toward smart practices and trade opportunities in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

The show promises a rich blend of exhibitions, educational sessions, trade showcases, and entertainment. Farmers will be trained on modern technologies including: Fodder conservation, artificial insemination, embryo transfer and climate-resilient seed varieties.

An auction of sheep will be held for traders and butcheries, while exhibi-

tors will unveil the latest Agri-tech solutions targeting smallholder and commercial farmers.

A dedicated fanfare arena for children will be available, offering a mix of entertainment and family-friendly experiences. Journalists covering the event will be issued media passes, while a joint security team will be deployed to ensure the safety of both attendees and exhibitors within the showground and the wider Nakuru town.

Government Injects KSh3.5 Billion To Revitalize The Tea Sector

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The government will inject KSh3.5 billion to upgrade infrastructure in 19 tea factories across the country in a bid to improve efficiency and operational effectiveness.

This initiative is part of ongoing reforms in the tea sector, aimed at ensuring farmers receive higher earnings from their produce.

According to the Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Dr Paul Rono, the government also intends to reduce taxes on tea and waive levies on packaging materials as part of value addition efforts.

Dr Rono stated that, through the ongoing reforms, local tea will be subjected to direct sales to lower transaction costs and enhance returns.

"We have set a budget of Sh3.5 billion to improve infrastructure in all

19 tea factories to boost their efficiency and meet quality demands," said Dr Rono.

Speaking in Naivasha during an engagement with Kericho MCAs, the PS noted that Kenya will host an international tea conference in October this year, aimed at unlocking more markets for local produce.

According to the Kenya Tea Industry Performance Report 2024, the country's total earnings from tea stood at Sh215.21 billion—an increase of nine per cent from Sh196.97 billion in 2023.

The report indicated that Sh181.69 billion was earned from exports, Sh18 billion from local sales, and Sh15.52 billion from committee stocks.

During the same period, Kenya exported tea to 96 destinations, with Pakistan being the largest importer, purchasing 206.77 million kilograms worth Sh70 billion.

Dr. Rono further noted that the re-

forms also target other agricultural value chains, including coffee, pyrethrum, avocado, and sugar.

He noted that Kericho is among 19 counties set to benefit from over 500,000 pyrethrum seedlings, 1.2 million coffee seedlings, and 27 varieties of sugarcane that are high-yielding, drought and disease-resistant, and have a shorter maturity period.

Additionally, the government is supporting 1,450 ward cooperatives nationwide, where farmers will access certified seedlings and financing for their produce.

Dr Rono also announced the launch of last-mile fertiliser distribution centres, where farmers will benefit from affordable fertilisers as well as extension services.

Kericho County Speaker, Dr Patrick Mutai, welcomed the government's support for various value chains, including coffee, pyrethrum, avocados, and tea reforms.



Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Dr Paul Rono

He called for stronger collaboration between county governments and the Department of Agriculture to ensure the successful implementation of the programmes.

County Majority Leader, Philip Rono, affirmed that Kericho is among the counties benefiting from the seedling distribution, which has already enhanced farmers' earnings.

He praised the government's financing and legislative support, which have revitalized coffee farming in the country.

He also welcomed the introduction of a new fodder crop variety, juncao, which has been distributed across all county wards, boosting milk production and earnings for dairy farmers.

You Learn A Lot By Being Alone



As a boat sails in the calm river
Reach its destination easily.
Being alone our mind thinks clever
to think possibilities widely.

We can see the brightness of sun,
If the clouds are not there.
Like we can find many solutions

If nobody with us.

Fresh air, green path, alone in the lawn
Make us to feel happiness to be drawn.
We can enjoy the Freedom and feel the
peace.

Freshness brings new face to the face.

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Every Morning Is A New Day To Live



Every morning is a new day to live
With dreams and hopes
Long Desires deep in heart
It is a fresh beginning
like a blooming flower

We look at the world, with different eyes
Admiring each and every thing in detail,
as if seen for the first time , not seen earlier
There lies the innocence of wonder,
A sense of awe that touches deep in heart

The birds sing, the sunrise brightens the sky,
The fish swim gracefully, the grass sways gently
The dew drops glisten, like diamonds
Cats and dogs playing
they bring joy to our sight.

The flowers bloom
trees stand tall and strong,
Water flows gently, mountains touch the sky
Each element of nature, is a masterpiece
That is the reason to celebrate, every new day

Let's not think of yesterday and the past,
It is like autumn leaves, or dead cells that won't
last,

Let's welcome each dawn, with a full heart
Like a newborn baby, innocent, and pure

No worries, no fears, just the joy of being alive,

A fresh canvas awaits, to paint new
Let's celebrate each day, with gratitude and
cheer,

And make the most of this gift,

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Today, I'm Tired Of Silent Cries



Today, I'm tired of silent cries,
OF longing, pain, and stolen highs.
But pride won't let me take that road,
So sorrow stays, a silent load.

When I recall "The Days Now Gone,"
Like Kumush longing for her dawn,
Like Zaynab's tears that filled the night
No foe deserves that mournful plight.

From your mihrab crawled deadly snakes,
Who felt the sting their venom makes?
The ones with charm but poison speech

Set out where justice none could reach.

Walk through the alleys of the soul,
You'll be amazed, you'll lose control.
Come, see the roads that once had pride
Now shattered hearts those paths do hide.

Tears shimmer on my lashes now,
Love seeks Otabek – where, and how?
Even when Zaynabs still pass by,
Kumush remains a silent sigh.

Those poets who knew love's deep pain
Wrote of a land with endless strain.
A thousand fears in every glance
And Abdullas burned for their stance.

From their mihrabs, the scorpions fled,
And walked through fire with no dread...

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Fergana region.

Construction Nation



Author: Shan Raza
Book: Construction Nation
The Commentators: Shazia Hanif/Riffat Shoukat
Kharal.

Explanation of Book:

The development and development of nations depends not on the economy or defense, but on intellectual, educational, moral and political consciousness. In the light of such ideas, the leading author, Sean Raza, wrote his book "Construction Nation", which is an intellectual document. This book not only provides guidance for the younger generation, but it contains aspects of thinking for every school of thought. Sean Raza Sahib's style is simple but charming, in which a revolutionary spirit with academic dignity is also prominent. It forces the reader to think from the beginning to the end where he stands as a person and nation.

The author has mentioned in this book about the teacher. Education is a weapon that changes the destiny of the nations, and this weapon can only work when it holds a conscious, well-trained and trained teacher.

Education improves the future of any nation. Studying the history of developed nations, it seems that they preferred education, made it public, and built the educational system on a solid basis. Education creates consciousness in humans, the ability to think, and make better

decisions

The success of the system of education depends on the teacher. The teacher is not just a person who is the information, but he is a leader, characteristic, and architect of society. Without a teacher, knowledge is meaningless, because the means of transmitting the knowledge of the student to the student's mind. The author says that if we do not overcome the moral deterioration, the foundations of the nation will weaken. They encourage parents, teachers and scholars to play their role so that society can become a source of positive values. The author has especially addressed the youth, saying that they are the hope of the nation. If young people use their abilities in a positive direction, no power can stop the nation from developing.

For the author, education is not limited to the knowledge of books, but it is a force that builds the nation's intellectual and moral. They make the participation of national and religious consciousness in the educational system. The author describes the entire hadiths and Qur'anic verses related to religion in this writing. Every religious thing has been stated by giving the Qur'an and Hadith. They make it mandatory for the involvement of national and religious consciousness in the educational system. The author of discrimination, linguism, and hatred, talks about the unity and unity of the nation, which is the basis of any nation.

In this book, a list of articles, chapters or themes (contents / lists) is not clearly given separately, but the entire text is presented in a continuous statement. Topics are different but the topic is not under a separate chapter or title. Regularly reported to the head summer.

Extension:

There is a movement that forces the reader to think about where we stand as a nation and what direction we should go.

Lost Childhood



For some reason, my weary body won't shine,
Grief and sorrow linger, the light left behind.
Though now should be the bloom of my
youthful time,
Alas, I've sunk in sin, dear mother mine.

The laughter of childhood – left far away,
Somewhere I lost it, can't find it today.
My hopes have faded, turned into ash,
What can I do? In sin, mother, I'm trapped.

Still in my eyes – the trace of youth remains,
Those days are gone, now myths in life's
domain.

That child who once lived for your every word
Now suffers in silence, conscience deeply
stirred.

This world holds too many vile, filthy deeds,
Everywhere – injustice and impure creeds.
Yet to the dying flame in my wounded chest,
I offer kind memories, hoping for rest.

Mother dear, you are right in all you say,
Let my tears wash your weary heart's gray.
I wish to respond to the voice of light,
Like a newborn child – in purest delight.

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COUNTIES

National Leaders Call For Unity And Justice Amid Calls For Peace In Kisii County



By: Elizabeth Angira

Leaders from various parts of the country have urged Kenyans to embrace peace, unity, and national cohesion as key pillars for sustaining economic growth and fostering long-term development.

The leaders, who gathered at Nyanturago Grounds in Nyaribari Masaba Constituency, Kisii County, for a fundraising event in support of local self-help groups, emphasized the need to shun divisive politics and promote national healing.

Speaking during the event, the leaders strongly condemned those allegedly using the death of Albert Ojwan'g, a young man from Homa Bay County who reportedly died in police custody, to gain political mileage.

They stressed that such incidents should not be politicized, and instead, the rule of law should be upheld. The leaders called for thorough and independent investigations to ensure justice for Ojwan'g and his family.

Likoni MP Mishi Mboko, who traveled from Mombasa County to attend the event, cautioned that political violence is the worst tragedy that could befall the nation, recalling the 2007/2008 post-election violence that left over 1,000 people dead and thousands displaced.

She underscored the importance of patriotism, urging Kenyans to stand up for their country and safeguard its stability so that future generations do not experience the pain of seeking asylum in neighboring countries due to unrest.

"Kenya is our home, and it is our collective duty to protect it. We cannot allow the ghosts of post-election violence to revisit us. Let us choose peace over chaos," she said.

South Mugirango MP Silvanus Osoro echoed similar sentiments, condemning politicians allegedly using Ojwan'g's death to fuel political narratives.

He insisted that no Kenyan should lose their life while in police custody, and no leader should use goons during demonstrations to incite violence or destroy public and private property.

"The death of any Kenyan in the hands of police must be investigated thoroughly. However, let us not turn such tragedies into platforms for political gain," said Osoro. "Elections will come and go, but our unity as a people must remain intact."

Lurambi MP Titus Khamala from



Boda boda riders receiving Car wash machine. Photo/Elizabeth Angira

Kakamega County highlighted that the recently proposed national budget had been crafted with inclusivity in mind, ensuring that key sectors such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, and agriculture are well-resourced.

He called for unity in supporting development projects, regardless of political affiliations.

"This is not the time to divide ourselves along political lines. We must come together to support national development and uplift the lives of our people," he said.

Farouk Kibet, a senior aide to President William Ruto, urged Kenyans to practice patience and maintain peace, particularly as the government rolls

out reforms and economic recovery strategies.

He warned against ethnic mobilization and hate speech, stating that the government is committed to ensuring all communities feel included and represented.

"Peaceful coexistence is not an option it is a necessity. Let us reject tribalism and divisive rhetoric. Our country belongs to all of us," he emphasized.

Kisii County Woman Representative Doris Aburi, the event host, thanked the leaders for turning what was meant to be a local fundraising into a national dialogue on peace.

"This is what Kenya needs," she said. "Let's take this spirit of unity

and spread it to every county, every ward, and every home."

She announced that proceeds from the fundraiser would support over 40 self-help groups, including women's savings groups, youth startups, farmers' cooperatives, and disability support networks.

The leaders also took time to support local empowerment initiatives, noting that when communities are economically self-reliant, they are less likely to be swayed by divisive politics.

The fundraising saw over 90 self-help groups benefit from the proceeds, which will go toward supporting youths and women-led businesses and boda boda riders.



Leaders at Nyanturago during the fundraising event in the support of local self-help group. Photo /Elizabeth Angira

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Stakeholders Call For Concerted Efforts To End GBV For Children's Sake

By: John Kamau
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Worth Noting:

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- During the commemoration of the Day of the African Child held at Riandegwa Primary school in Kandara constituency, the cleric who's the founder and patron of The Love Basket Foundation underscored the seriousness of the matter and rooted for concerted efforts to combat the vices.

Stakeholders have pointed out Gender Based Violence (GBV) as one of the major problems affecting children and ruining their lives.

They say that most children have suffered significantly due to GBV with cases of abuse, neglect, malnutrition and in worst cases death being on the rise in the country and especially in the central region of the country.

The stakeholders led by Evangelist Evangeline CW of Share the Love Center Church in Kenol, Murang'a County, quip that the growing vices have left many concerned about the safety and well-being of children in the area, as reports indicate a surge in defilement, rape, physical abuse, and emotional neglect.

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"We have been visiting schools motivating teachers and rewarding them for their work. However they revealed to us that children are suffering in silence. Girls are even trading sex for sanitary towels while many are skipping school due to lack of food. The problem is deep-rooted at the family level and it's high time we adopt a multisectoral approach to deal with the problem," she said.

She highlighted the need for a multifaceted approach to tackle the crisis, calling for heightened community awareness, stronger legal enforcement, and reforms that ensure and enhance child protection from conflicts, abuse and psychological trauma as well as ensure those who subject children to the vices face stern legal penalties.

She noted that joblessness, alcoholism and poverty have escalated family feuds resulting to children being subjected to child labour to fend for themselves and help their jobless parents.



Evangelist Eva CW of Share The Love Center Ministry and the Founder of The Love Basket Foundation speaking at Riandegwa primary school in Kandara constituency, Murang'a County.

The stakeholders deem that enhanced public education campaigns can empower families and community members to recognize abuse early and take appropriate action.

The cleric called for policy-level changes that will strengthen the child protection framework and ensure that institutions charged with child welfare are well-resourced and equipped to respond effectively to abuse cases, including establishment of child rights protection desks in police stations across the country.

Similar sentiments were echoed by Beth Nduta, an educationist and woman leader from Kagundu-ini, Kandara Sub-county who asserted that Africa children face multifaceted issues that includes poverty, lack of access to quality education and healthcare, child labor, impact of armed conflict and climate change, forced marriage, drug abuse, gender based violence among others.

Nduta averred that in Murang'a County, a lot has been done to secure good environment for the child adding that despite the efforts, especially in Kagundu-ini ward, children are still exposed to psychological and mental torture due to marital conflicts.

"When couples disagree, the victims are the children. They become exposed to molesters who abuse them sexually, especially girls. This finally affects the children in that they don't get the quality education which will later liberate them," she said.

She noted that the issue of mental health in children cannot be overlooked noting that it's a vice that should be taken seriously.

"Why a grade 6 pupil should hang himself is a cause of worry in our society. Again, no girl should fail to go to school because of sanitary towels. I urge all residents of good will in Murang'a and especially in Kagundu-ini to join hands to ensure that

every child has access to food, clothing, shelter, security, good health and quality education," she said.

The educationist called on the government to work closely with all requisite stakeholders including faith based organizations so as to tackle societal issues facing the children in the country.

Irene Mburu, the deputy head teacher of Riandegwa primary school noted that the main concern for children in the area is food and sanitary towels for school girls noting that they are the major reasons for absenteeism in the area.

She appealed to the Murang'a county government led by Governor Irungu King'ara to extend the 'Tap To Eat' school feeding programme to all schools for the sake of learners from destitute families.

Enforcement Challenges In Commercializing Intellectual Property Rights In Kenya



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Kenya has emerged as a hub of innovation, cultural creativity, and technological advancement in East Africa, with intellectual property (IP) rights playing a pivotal role in fostering economic growth and competitiveness. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010, under Article 40(5), mandates the government to support, promote, and protect IP rights, aligning with international frameworks such as the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement and membership in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). Despite this robust legal framework, commercializing IP rights in Kenya faces significant enforcement challenges that hinder creators, innovators, and businesses from fully exploiting their intellectual assets. These challenges range from systemic inefficiencies to economic and cultural barriers, impacting Kenya's ambition to become a knowledge-based economy as outlined in Vision 2030. This paper explores these enforcement hurdles, their implications, and potential solutions, drawing on recent data and contemporary issues.

One of the most significant barriers to IP commercialization in Kenya is the high cost and protracted nature of litigation. Enforcing IP rights through the judiciary, such as the High Court for trademark disputes or the Industrial Property Tribunal for patents, is often prohibitively expensive for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and individual creators. A 2023 report by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis noted that litigation costs can exceed Kshs. 500,000 (approximately USD 3,800), deterring many from pursuing infringement cases. The lengthy judicial processes, compounded by backlogs and understaffing in registries like the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), further discourage enforcement. For instance, KIPI's patent processing can take up to 18 months, a duration deemed excessive by tech startups, which often face copycat competitors with greater resources. This delays the ability of innovators to secure and monetize their IP, undermining competitiveness.

The absence of a structured IP valuation framework in Kenya poses another critical challenge. Unlike tangible assets, IP assets such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights are often undervalued by financial institutions due to a lack of qualified valuation professionals. According to a 2024 Bowmans report, this leads to diffi-



culties for IP holders seeking to use their assets as collateral for financing, limiting their ability to scale innovations. For example, tech startups in Kenya's burgeoning IT sector struggle to secure loans because banks do not recognize IP as a viable asset, a problem exacerbated by the lack of legal provisions for registering charges on IP. This gap stifles commercialization, as innovators cannot access the capital needed to bring their creations to market, particularly in sectors like mobile applications and creative arts.

Counterfeiting and piracy remain pervasive issues, costing Kenya an estimated Kshs. 70 billion (USD 835 million) annually, with the government losing USD 84 million in tax revenue. The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), established under the Anti-Counterfeit Act, aims to curb these illicit activities, but its presence is limited outside major urban centers. A 2022 Wolters Kluwer report highlighted that the rise of e-commerce, driven by increased smartphone penetration and a growing middle class, has amplified the sale of counterfeit goods online. For instance, counterfeit consumer goods, from electronics to pharmaceuticals, flood online marketplaces, eroding consumer trust and depriving legitimate businesses of revenue. The ACA's limited resources and lack of a robust Customs Recordal Application system, unlike in countries like South Africa, hinder effective enforcement.

Kenya's IP enforcement ecosystem involves multiple agencies, including KIPI, the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), the ACA, and

the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS). However, these agencies often operate in silos, leading to inefficiencies and overlapping mandates. The Intellectual Property Bill of 2020 proposed merging KIPI, KECOBO, and ACA into a single Intellectual Property Office of Kenya (IPOK) to streamline operations, but implementation has been slow. A 2011 workshop by the Commercial Law Development Program emphasized the need for better interagency collaboration and public-private partnerships to combat IP violations. Weak coordination, coupled with understaffing and inadequate training, limits the capacity to handle complex IP disputes, particularly in emerging fields like biotechnology and digital content creation.

While IP rights grant exclusivity to promote innovation, Kenya's Competition Act, No. 12 of 2010, prohibits practices that distort market competition, creating a delicate balance. Agreements that misuse IP rights, such as restrictive licensing, can be deemed anti-competitive, complicating commercialization strategies. For instance, a 2019 Bowmans analysis noted that IP owners must navigate strict examination and opposition proceedings to avoid violating competition laws, which can delay market entry. This regulatory tension discourages some businesses from pursuing aggressive IP monetization strategies, such as franchising or licensing, due to the risk of legal challenges. The lack of specialized judicial officers trained in IP and competition law further complicates

enforcement, as superior courts often lack the expertise to handle technical IP disputes efficiently.

Public awareness of IP rights in Kenya remains low, particularly among SMEs and rural innovators. A 2008 survey by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis found that 40% of patent applicants lacked sufficient knowledge of IP processes, while 66% cited a shortage of IP professionals as a major hurdle. This lack of awareness extends to the public, who often fall victim to counterfeit goods due to limited understanding of IP's role in ensuring quality and authenticity. Cultural attitudes that view IP as intangible and less valuable than physical assets further hinder its recognition as a commercial tool. KIPI's outreach programs, such as workshops for schoolchildren, aim to address this, but their reach is limited. Without widespread education, IP commercialization remains confined to large corporations with access to legal expertise.

The enforcement challenges in IP commercialization have broader implications for Kenya's economy and poverty alleviation efforts. IP protection can boost SME growth by up to 20%, creating jobs and reducing unemployment, which stood at 5.74% in 2021. However, the prevalence of counterfeit goods results in annual losses exceeding USD 300 million for businesses, contributing to pov-

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Importance Of Learning Social Values

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Without any doubt, students can face serious issues as a result of not teaching social and moral values in schools. When it's time for them to make decisions about their future, students frequently argue. The dearth of social values among students may jeopardize their future. By instilling social values in students at school, many incidents can be prevented. This article aims to demonstrate the significance of teaching and learning social values in education for students' future.

According to several sources and educators, a lack of social values sometimes encourages students to become young offenders and pregnant adolescent mothers, particularly in the younger generation; For instance, they are being forced to believe that what they are doing is right because they are not showing respect for other people, are not tolerant of people who think differently from them, or simply lack the self-disci-

pline to make the right choices.

In the same way, we witness almost every day how a scantiness of social values badly influences our children's development and ability to succeed in life. Respect, tolerance, equality, and honesty are a few examples of social values that contribute to a person's strong and secure personality. As a consequence, any individual's life can suffer severely if these values are not upheld. These outcomes include homicide, drug use, and teen pregnancies.

Even though the amount of signs proves that these dangerous causes are the effects of not revealing social values, we still have people that are against promoting social values in schools. If society does not want to keep seeing these deceitful results because of the lack of social values, we need to consider implementing social values in school.

Moreover, the consequences of avoiding teaching values in schools can create grave problems for students. Students tend to get in conflict when it is time to make choices that it can be regarding their future. The future of students can be compromised by the lack of social values in



them. Many incidents can be avoided by educating students social values in educational institutions.

Of course, if society does not want to keep seeing these deceitful results because of the lack of social values, we need to consider implementing social values in school. Teaching social values in schools will en-

sure in students to have a stronger self-esteem, to have self-respect and respect to others, and to be tolerance; consequently, it will prevent students from undertaking wrong decisions. Teaching social values in schools can be achieved through a combination of direct instruction, modeling, and experiential learn-

ing. Integrating social-emotional learning (SEL) into the curriculum, fostering a positive school climate, and engaging students in community service are effective strategies.

Indeed, the more we strive to improve social values in children, the better we can shape a healthy and prosperous society.

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erty by undermining legitimate enterprises. The 2013 BASCAP report emphasized that strengthening IP enforcement could attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and support Kenya's Vision 2030 goal of becoming a globally competitive, knowledge-driven economy. Weak enforcement, however, deters investors and stifles innovation, particularly in IP-intensive sectors like IT and creative industries, where startups struggle against copycats.

Addressing these enforcement challenges requires a multi-faceted approach. First, the government should fast-track the implementation of the Intellectual Property Bill of 2020 to create IPOK, enhancing coordination among IP agencies. Second, investing in training for judicial of-

ficers and IP valuation professionals could streamline dispute resolution and enable IP assets to be used as collateral. Third, strengthening the ACA's capacity, including adopting a Customs Recordal Application system, would curb counterfeiting. Finally, expanding public awareness campaigns and simplifying registration processes at KIPRI could empower SMEs and individual creators to protect and commercialize their IP. By aligning enforcement mechanisms with international best practices, Kenya can unlock the full economic potential of its IP ecosystem, fostering innovation and reducing poverty.

In conclusion, while Kenya has made significant strides in establishing a legal framework for IP rights, enforcement challenges such as costly litigation, inadequate valuation expertise, counterfeiting, weak institutional coordination, competition law constraints, and low public



awareness hinder effective commercialization. These issues limit the ability of innovators and businesses to monetize their creations, impacting economic growth and pover-

ty reduction. By addressing these challenges through policy reforms, capacity building, and public education, Kenya can strengthen its IP ecosystem, aligning with its Vision

2030 aspirations and fostering a vibrant, innovation-driven economy.

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Safeguarding Civic Space: Why Civil Society Must Engage In The 2025 PBO Regulations



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Worth Noting:

- Kenya's civic space exists at the intersection of constitutional protections, legislative frameworks, judicial oversight, civil activism and international obligations. Central to this space is the Constitution of Kenya 2010, which enshrines freedoms of expression, association and assembly in Articles 33, 36, and 37 respectively.
- A major transformation is currently underway in the legal framework regulating civil society. Kenya is transitioning from the Non-Governmental Organizations Coordination Act of 1990 to the Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Act, 2013, recently operationalized through Legal Notice No. 78 of 2024 by the Ministry of Interior and National Administration.
- This shift marks a new era for civil society governance. The PBO Act establishes the Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA), mandated with overseeing the registration, regulation, coordination of PBOs and many human rights organizations.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) and human rights defenders continue to play a vital role in safeguarding Kenya's democracy. In the face of growing socio-economic and political challenges, they have emerged as strong counterweights to state power, advocating for justice, accountability and inclusive governance.

These organizations consistently expose human rights violations that would otherwise remain hidden from public scrutiny, ranging from repression of dissent and misuse of technology to systemic discrimination, climate injustice, and economic marginalization. In many cases, disinformation and state censorship have sought to distort or suppress these truths, highlighting the indispensable watchdog role played by civil society.

Beyond these efforts, CSOs have been instrumental in highlighting the erosion of the rule of law, both domestically and internationally. They have brought attention to issues such as arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, extra-judicial killings, excessive use of force, high cost of living, forced evictions, gender-based violence, land grabbing and widespread corruption. These persistent violations point to a worrying rise in authoritarian practices in Kenya.

Despite offering alternative policy advisories and solutions, CSOs and human rights groups often face undue suspicion and vilification, frequently dismissed as foreign-funded or politically motivated. This undermines their legitimacy and detracts from their valuable contributions.

The Evolving Civic Space and Legal Landscape

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However, widespread public awareness of this legislative transition remains limited. The effective implementation of the PBO Act requires clear, enabling regulations. Unfortunately, Kenya has previously struggled to implement progressive legal frameworks due to political inertia or lack of goodwill, risks that now face the new PBO Regulations as well.

Public Participation: A Crucial Opportunity

In a promising development, PBORA has published the draft Public Benefit Organizations Regulations, 2025 and scheduled nationwide public participation forums between June 19 and July 18, 2025. These forums offer a critical opportunity for the public, CSOs and other stakeholders to review and shape the regulations.

Civil society must actively participate in these consultations, analyzing the draft regulations in relation to the parent Act and ensuring that loopholes for mismanagement,

administrative overreach or suppression of dissent are effectively addressed. In addition, CSOs will likely need to adjust their internal governance structures to align with the evolving legal environment.

Intersection with Tax Law

Another area that demands scrutiny is the Income Tax Act (Cap. 470), particularly the new 2024 exemption rules affecting charitable organizations. CSOs should critically examine how these rules, including organizational and charitable purpose tests, may necessitate amendments to their by-laws and operational mandates.

The Act currently defines charitable purposes narrowly, focusing on the relief of poverty and distress and the advancement of education or religion. However, many civil society and human rights groups undertake broader and more intersectional activities, which may fall outside these narrow definitions.

The forthcoming PBO Regulations should therefore clearly address the interface between clauses 9, 11, 12, and 13 of the Income Tax Act and the expanded mandates of CSOs, ensuring clarity, consistency and protection for diverse forms of civil engagement.

A Call to Action

Participation in the upcoming public forums must not be symbolic. Civil society must organize and submit comprehensive memoranda, attend hearings and use digital platforms to make their voices heard. A democracy thrives when all voices are given space, not just at the ballot box, but in shaping the very frameworks that govern society.

In turn, CSOs must safeguard their space by adhering to truth, transparency, and accountability. Their legitimacy depends on resisting co-optation and remaining independent of partisan manipulation. Constructive collaboration with state institutions when grounded in mutual respect can create inclusive and effective governance.

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Strengthening Sports Governance: Murang'a Public Participation In The Sports Act And Policy Review



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The PS for Youth, Sports and Creative Economy Elijah Mwangi, spent the day with stakeholders and members of public from across Murang'a and Nyeri County gathered at the Mothers Union Hall, in Murang'a Town.

It was a public participation event on the review of the Sports Act and Policy. The engagement centered on policy reforms aimed at fostering inclusivity, enhancing sports infrastructure, and addressing governance challenges in the sector.

One of the significant proposals raised during the discussions was the relaxation of registration requirements for sports clubs. Simplifying this process could encourage grassroots participation, particularly among youth and marginalized groups. Additionally, the call for standardized playgrounds and improved security through perimeter walls highlighted the need for structured development to ensure both accessibility and safety.

A key highlight of the discussions was the plan to construct 22 stadiums nationwide, with 2 in Murang'a—including Mumbi Stadium. The PS clarified that there are other facilities in Kajiado, Tharaka, Nyeri, Meru among other designated locations. These investments signal a commitment to improving sports infrastructure and supporting local competitions.

Capacity-building initiatives, including training coaches and academies, were emphasized as crucial to nurturing talent. The proposal to introduce indoor games in Murang'a aims to diversify sports activities beyond traditional field-based disciplines.

To enhance governance and sustainability, stakeholders advocated for structured funding, athletes' welfare programs, pension schemes, and commercialization of sports. Moreover, public education on the relevance of academies and grassroots development remains vital in bridging the gap between community efforts and national sports policy.

The forum also acknowledged the psychological challenges faced by athletes, with Monica Njeri, a counselling psychologist, highlighting the importance of mental health support. Calls for integrating counseling services into sports institutions reflect a growing awareness of emotional resilience as a key component of athletic success.

The Honia-Heal Afrika Initiative (HAI) Ebookclub provided an update on its programs, underscoring



The PS for Youth, Sports and Creative Economy Elijah Mwangi

the role of sports in fostering regional unity and international collaboration.

Stakeholders expressed optimism that Kenya's sports policy review would pave the way for sustainable development, positioning the nation as a global hub for sports tourism and talent cultivation.

The public participation forum in Murang'a reaffirmed the critical role of sports governance in shaping the future of Kenya's athletic industry. With reforms targeting infrastruc-

ture, governance, inclusivity, and mental health, stakeholders envision a more structured and supportive environment for both professional and grassroots sports.

The PS later paid a courtesy call to Murang'a governor Dr Irũgũ Kang'ata where they discussed about the reviews and other youth and sports developments.

Other dignitaries included Chair Sports Development Mr. Eliud Wambua, Mr. John Ohaga SC, Murang'a Youth CECM Gacuca Ma-

noah, Murang'a County Assembly Chair for Youth and Sports Sharleen Wambui, Commonwealth Youth Council-CYC Back Office Africa Region's Research and Policy Officer Julius Gitaũ and other key stakeholders.

The review of the Sports Act stands as a testament to Kenya's commitment to leveraging sports for economic growth, social cohesion, and youth empowerment.



The PS for Youth, Sports and Creative Economy Elijah Mwangi, Governor Kang'ata and other sports leaders in Murang'a



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Safaricom made the sponsorship through the Professional Golfers Association of Kenya programme.

The four Mutahi of Nyeri Golf Club, Mediratta of Sigona Golf Club, Samuel of Railways Golf Course & Matthew of Nyali Golf Country Club will form Safaricom's Corporate Team that will be participating in the Equator Tour events and other PGK-sanctioned events.

"At Safaricom, we believe in

transforming lives by championing Kenyans passions. As we celebrate 25 years of impact, we are proud to partner with PGK and commit KES 3 million towards supporting four professional golfers through the Equator Tour and the Player Development Plan. Our goal is to create a sustainable pathway for aspiring golfers in Kenya, one that inspires, empowers, and equips them to compete at the highest level," said Dr. Peter Ndegwa, CBS, CEO, Safaricom PLC.

"It's exciting to be part of the Safaricom team. We are a group of four young and promising individuals who have already made history and are destined to

achieve even more, both in Kenya and beyond. All players in our team are exceptional players and together, we are going to do great things to make our fans and sponsor proud. This programme is incredibly important to us as professional golfers in Kenya. It will give us the opportunity to sharpen our skills and compete and shine not just here in Kenya but even on a global stage," said, Mutahi Kibugu, professional golfer.

The partnership is anchored on PGK's Player Development Plan (PDP), a structured mentorship and training framework aimed at equipping emerging professional golfers with the skills, discipline

and exposure needed to thrive in competitive golf. Through the PDP, selected players will benefit from consistent support, access to professional circuits and a clear growth trajectory within the sport.

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Kenya Thrash USA To Keep Their Progression Hopes Alive At UAE Netball Tournament



Kenya's national netball team, The Divas, put on a magnificent display in Dubai on Tuesday, defeating the United States 66-25 to relaunch their campaign in the UAE Netball Tournament. Kenya came into the game with urgency and purpose, having suffered two consecutive defeats—41-33 to Namibia and 42-40 to Singapore. The Divas controlled from the start, picking up a 17-3 advantage in the first quarter thanks to the attacking combo of Delilah Akinyi and Hellen Sinoya. Early in the second quarter, Akinyi exited with an injury, but

her replacement, Lucy Akumu, slotted in confidently and kept the momentum going by halftime, Kenya had stretched their lead to 34-9, showing superior pace and precision. Coach Mugisha Ali was forced into further changes after Elsa Ndong, playing Wing Attack, picked up a knock. Vida Adhiambo replaced her, while Mary Onyango came on at Centre for Irine Atieno. Despite the injuries, Kenya remained in full control, finishing the third quarter ahead 54-17. The fourth quarter was no different, with Kenya winning 66-25 in

one of their most dominant performances yet. Speaking after the win, Coach Ali praised the team's depth and discipline: "It was a tough, physical match. We lost two players to injury, but our bench stepped up brilliantly. Our defensive line held strong, and our attack was clinical. We're still in the hunt for the finals." Kenya's path to the finals remains open, although it is dependent on the results of other matches. The UAE will be their next opponents, followed by Ireland. A win in both might guarantee a position in the final, assuming

UAE defeats Singapore. If not, the Divas will compete for third place. Goal attacker Hellen Sinoya credited the team's focus: "We made fewer mistakes today, and that made all the difference. We've been learning from every match. This result shows what we're capable of." Kenya now looks ahead to the decisive clashes that could shape their tournament journey.

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Dr Melanie Quimson A Shining Example Of Dedication



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Worth Noting:

- Melanie's achievements have earned her national and international recognition. She has received nominations for the Golden Balangay Educator of the Year Award, the Rogers Women's Empowerment DEI Award, and the Changemaker of the Year Award from the Rise to Greater Heights Network. Her crowning achievement came in 2024 when she was named Ms. Canada World, followed by her Overall Winner and Top Scorer title at the Ms. World Universal 2025 competition, held in Thailand on June 13, 2025—a moment that showcased her dedication, talent, and heart.
- At the heart of Melanie's advocacy is her unwavering commitment to creating meaningful impact. As a proud mother to her daughter Sophia, she embodies the idea that motherhood and leadership can thrive hand in hand.

As a proud Filipina-Canadian educator, advocate, and community leader, Melanie has made a profound impact in various spheres, from education to advocacy. With a remarkable career spanning over a decade, she has established herself as a leader in her field, inspiring countless individuals through her work.

Melanie holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from American Management University and is currently completing her second doctorate—an Ed.D. in Educational Research with a specialization in Adult Learning at the University of Calgary. She brings her academic expertise to several key roles: she currently serves as a junior high school teacher with the Calgary Catholic School District, an Assistant Professor at Brookes College, and the Academic Director of Saxum Education Canada. Across these institutions, she champions inclusive and empowering educational practices, particularly for immigrant adult learners and internationally trained teachers.

Beyond her professional roles, Melanie is a passionate advocate for Education for Empowerment, a global movement she founded to uplift educators, immigrant learners, and women. Through mentorship, storytelling, research, and community action, she expands access to opportunities for internationally trained teachers and supports domestic violence survivors through healing and empowerment workshops. Her leadership in global discussions on mental health, equity, and inclusive education has earned her recognition and respect.

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Melanie's story is one of resilience, faith, and purpose. Her contributions to education, advocacy, and community leadership have made a lasting impact. As she continues to inspire and empower others, her legacy will undoubtedly extend far beyond her own accomplishments. Through Education for Empowerment and her various roles, Melanie Quimson will remain a beacon of hope and a shining example of what it means to live with purpose and passion.

In conclusion, Dr. Melanie Quimson's biography is a testament to the power of dedication and passion. Her work in education, advocacy, and community leader-



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