



Mount Kenya Journalists, Activists Trained On Gender Equality And Women Empowerment

Journalists and activists in Mount Kenya region have been trained on Sustainable Development Goal Five which is Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. The three day media training in Nanyuki town that involved a community engagement on the final day was organized by Sustainable Development Goal Kenya Forum in partnership with Pathways and AMWIK.

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DP Hosts Kitui Grassroots Opinion Leaders Ahead of The Mashujaa Day Celebrations

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Kitui County will host the 2025 Heroes/ Mashujaa Day Celebrations on October 20. The hosting rights have come with a construction of a 10,000 seater stadium at a cost of 800 million shillings, upgrade of Ithookwe Airstrip at a cost of KSh150 million and tarmac for Kitui Town Roads. The facilities will supplement the ongoing electricity connectivity programmes costing KSh2.1 billion to light up 16,000 households, and the affordable housing, fresh produce markets and institutional housing programme worth KS18 billion. Contractors of the roads that had stalled five or six years ago are back and the fresh construction of the killer Enziu bridge is underway. About 400, 000 Kitui residents out of the target 1.1 million people are enrolled into Taifa Care, the Universal Healthcare Programme, Taifa Care. As the national holiday celebrations nears, the deputy President hosted over 2,000 grassroots opinion leaders from the County where he updated them on status of government programmes and projects in their area as he reaffirmed the government's commitment to equitable development across the Country.



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The Kenya Government, International Agricultural Development Fund (IFAD) and Trans Nzoia County Government have struck a six-year deal which will ensure farmers in the region are supported to uplift the agricultural value chain. The deal which will be implemented through Green Farming programme will see farmers receive Sh92 million low interest loans. The programme is also being implemented in 13 other counties in the country. The Green Farming programme is tailored to boosting farmers' income as it promotes economic growth through supporting climate-smart agriculture. Speaking after receiving a delegation from IFAD and the National Government, Trans Nzoia Deputy Governor Philomena Kapkory welcomed the initiative pointing out that it would help spur growth in the agricultural sector.



The rehabilitation of the Mutaitin-Matura water pan in Kajiado west constituency is 85 percent complete, with the project expected to boost food security, create jobs, and enhance resilience against drought in the region. State Department for Irrigation Principal Secretary CPA Ephantus Kimotho said the project is part of President Dr. William Ruto's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) on food security and climate resilience. The project, being implemented by the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), involves upgrading the 60,000-cubic-metre facility to support households through sustainable water supply for domestic use, livestock, and irrigation. Speaking during a tour of the works, Kimotho highlighted the importance of the project in addressing drought, strengthening community resilience, and supporting livelihoods.



Machakos county governor Wavinya Ndeti has donated assistive devices and education bursaries worth Sh3 million for People with Disabilities (PWD) in the area to ensure inclusivity and unlock their potential. While speaking at the Machakos Social Hall, Wavinya said they were building an inclusive county and her government is not leaving anyone behind in matters of education, health, development and general wellbeing for PWDs, even as she called for collaboration from all departments. The governor delivered 74 wheel chairs tailored to different needs including cerebral palsy, 50 white canes for the visually impaired, 50 crutches, 36 walking frames and 50 walking canes, while noting that they are not just devices, but bridges of independence, mobility and self-reliance. In efforts to enhance and uplift the lives of PWDs, Wavinya declared that they have established the Machakos PWD Board that would provide governance, strategic direction and manage finances for them.



The Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga hosted the Gavi – Vaccine Alliance technical mission team at Afya House. The delegation was led by Billie-Jean Nieuwenhuys, Senior Country Manager, and Daudi Ssali, Senior Manager, Portfolio Financial Management. Kenya reaffirmed its deep appreciation for its longstanding partnership with Gavi, noting the Alliance's instrumental role in advancing immunisation as a cornerstone of the Universal Health Coverage agenda under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to safeguarding the health of Kenyans and the value of working together to achieve sustainable health outcomes. The meeting further underscored the importance of sustained cooperation with Gavi and partners such as UNICEF and KEMSA in strengthening immunisation as both a pillar of public health and a driver of economic transformation. Also present was Dr. Rose Jalango, Head of the National Vaccines and Immunisation Programme at the Ministry of Health.

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St Paul's University Scholarship Beneficiaries To Rise

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Worth Noting:

- Prof Kombo applauds the founder of Mathew 28 Ministries Inc Elder Jewel Hyun from the United States, for her continued support of the institution.

- Speaking during the launch of the Elder Gene Hyun Memorial Scholarship Award Ceremony, the VC noted that the support will impact to the institution, students and their families. "The greatest empowerment is when you support a student. You will have touched his or her life including that of his or her family. Let us continue supporting one another" he said.



St Paul's University vice chancellor Pro James Kombo.

The number of theological students at St Paul's University who will be benefiting with a scholarship sponsored by an American scholar, will rise per year, the institution yesterday said.

Vice Chancellor Prof James Kombo said they started with four students, but the number will increase gradually as they raise more funds.

He also noted that the number will rise as a result of needs and evaluation.

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"We want to appreciate our sponsors for what they have done to our institution. This is a sacrifice, that has touched our hearts" Prof Kombo said.

He said that people need to be taught about giving, saying sometimes the little things people gives impacts on other people lives and at the same time empowers others.

He spoke when the SPU hosted Elder Jewel Hyun, who was the chief guest at the Joshua and Timothy School of Theology (JTSOT) Chapel in Limuru main campus, in Kiambu county during the launch of the scholarship.

The students who were the first scholarship beneficiaries are John Selema,

James Muhia and Winnie Cherotich.

Also present at the event were deputy vice chancellors Abraham Waithima (academic affairs), Mwirigi Kiula (finance and administration), corporate communication and marketing officer Michael Mungai, invited guests, university staff and students.

Elder Hyun said the scholarship aims at providing support so train outstanding theological scholars and discipline makers in Africa and beyond.

She noted that she developed a sense of generosity when she was in North Korea, and before she moved together with her late husband to the United States for further studies.

She reveals that they started raising funds, after they founded the Mathew 28 Ministries Inc, so as to support institutions and needy learners.

Elder Hyun applauds the SPU administration for welcoming them and getting into partnership with them so that they can work hand in hand.

"After getting a partnership, we raised funds since we wanted to ensure we have achieved our goals" she notes.

According to the SPU, the partnership has seen building such as the Soteria, Abigail, Joshua and Timothy school of theology being built.

She adds that, they are now offering scholarships, urging people to develop a heart supporting each other.

"We have people who can give within our society. I urge them to support the needy, we have needy people who can do wonders in their lives and for our society. Let us help them, God will bless us" Elder Hyun urged.

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Deadlock: Single Clause Holds Kiambu Health System Hostage As Patient Deaths Mount

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A single, unresolved demand has condemned Kiambu County patients to a relentless health crisis, as the doctors' strike enters its fifth agonizing month. Yesterday's emergency meeting, called by the Departmental Committee on Health Services, collapsed over a non-victimization clause, leaving thousands without critical care and drawing outrage as death tolls from the strike are revealed.

While negotiators for the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) and the County Executive Department of Health admitted consensus on ten issues, the insistence by KMPDU on a written guarantee against reprisals continues to paralyze the system.

The core of the dispute is KMPDU's fear that striking doctors face intimidation, punitive transfers, or disciplinary action upon returning to work. "This clause is not negotiable," asserted KMPDU Chairperson Dr. James Githinji, who led the union team alongside Branch Administrator Mr. William Muriuki. "Our members cannot return to work under threat."

Meanwhile, the human cost of the stalemate is staggering. Data from the union reports over 100 infant deaths and five maternal fatalities since the strike began in May. Dr. Githinji highlighted the scale of the tragedy, stating that 53 babies were lost across just two hospitals in September alone, with Thika Level 5 Hospital recording 34 of those deaths.

"Residents of Kiambu are crying along the streets, and people are dy-

ing," Dr. Githinji stated, accusing the County Government of failing to implement a mandated salary review that triggered the industrial action.

County Executive for Health Dr. Elias Maina and Chief Officer Dr. Patrick Nyaga represented the county in the failed talks, chaired by Hon. Joseph Muhinja. While Dr. Nyaga dismissed the clause dispute as a mere matter of "wording," sources indicate the executive is reluctant to completely surrender the ability to take future disciplinary measures.

In a contentious counter-claim, county officials denied a crisis, asserting that hospitals are "fully operational" and drugs are supplied at "over 90% capacity," accusing the unions of "fabricating the crisis."

Members of the Health Committee, however, expressed clear outrage at the paralysis. The committee issued a strong directive, ordering the strike be called off immediately and establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the contentious clause today.

Despite the order, public and union skepticism remains high.

"It is disgraceful that patients are dying while leaders quibble over clauses," a local health activist lamented, underscoring the grim reality for residents forced to seek expensive private care or go untreated. "This is no longer about semantics — it's about human lives."

The fate of Kiambu's health system and thousands of its patients now hinges on whether negotiators can bridge the final gap over a single clause—a bitter testament to how political brinkmanship can paralyze an essential public service. The union, signaling an escalation, has announced plans for public demonstrations to draw attention to their grievances and the rising death toll.



KMPDU kiambu county branch officials following through a Kiambu county assembly committee on health meeting to address the doctors strike



Joseph Muhinja (centre) chairperson county assembly health committee chairing meeting with KMPDU officials in a bid to address doctors strike.



County Assembly Committee on Health Services, the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) officials and the County Executive Department of Health pose for a photo outside the county assembly precincts.

Win For Sonko As High Court Unfreezes KSh.574M In His Bank Accounts

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The High Court has dismissed a case filed by the Asset Recovery Agency (ARA) seeking to have millions of shillings in the bank accounts of former Nairobi Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko declared proceeds of crime and forfeited to the State.

In a judgment delivered by Justice Nixon Sifuna, the court ruled that the Agency failed to provide sufficient evidence linking the funds to any criminal activity.

The judge faulted the investigators for failing to verify the properties Sonko allegedly sold, the purchase prices, and the identities of the alleged buyers.

He further noted that the Agency did not present statements from the buyers, which would have been critical to prove its case.

“I am of the view that suspicion has to be founded and reasonable. It cannot just be from without. Where the

Agency’s action arises from a complaint, the complaint should be specified and explained, even if the complainant’s name is not disclosed,” Justice Sifuna stated.

The court also criticized ARA for relying only on bank statements beginning in August 2017, when Sonko became governor, and failing to provide records from before that period which could have allowed for a fair comparison.

“Being a public institution, the ARA is under a public duty to provide not only the evidence that incriminates a suspect but also that which exculpates him if available. Unfortunately, this was not the case here,” the judge observed.

Justice Sifuna concluded that the evidence on record was insufficient to prove that the funds were proceeds of crime.

He dismissed the case with costs and ordered that the money preserved under an interlocutory order issued in February 2020 be released to Sonko forthwith, unless otherwise lawfully held.



File image of former Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko. PHOTO| COURTESY

Gov’t Pledges Support As Murang’a Family Prepares To Bury 14 Kin Killed In Kikopey Road Tragedy

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The family of 14 people who died in a road accident last Sunday has started making funeral and burial arrangements, with the national government promising to assist in the effort.

First Lady Rachel Ruto led the community in condoling with the family in Murang’a as the Ministry of Health prepares to send advisors to help those affected by the accident.

Three days after the community received news of the devastation that had visited them in the form of a tragic road accident, they gathered in their local church, seeking to find some solace and meaning in the big blow they were still coming to terms with.

Media visited the family where their silent sorrow, grief and anguish was shared with dignitaries who joined them for the first mass in honour of

the 14 departed souls, all members of one family. The gravity of the loss is now becoming even clearer.

The deceased were on their way to visit a sick aunt in Nakuru when tragedy struck and wiped out 14 closely related family members.

“This is the time as a family that you have to come together, more than any other time. I leave this service having learned something even as a nation — what if we loved each other as a member of one family?” Rachael Ruto stated.

Nominated MP Sabina Chege added, “Kuna watoto kumi na wawili ambao wamebaki hapa, hawana mama, hawana grandmother or a grandfather, hawana mahali wataenda.”

The community is now left with memories of their neighbours and kin, as well as the heavy financial and emotional toll of preparing for their burials, a burden that the leaders and community members have begun chipping away at.

The service also helped raise more than Ksh.4 million that will be used



First Lady Rachel Ruto

in the funerals.

“Once the funeral is over the burden will be real, because everyone will have gone back to their homes. Let us keep supporting them,” said Rachel.

Murang’a Woman Representative Betty Maina on her part said, “Wale

tumbaki itabidi tukuje hapa tufanye mchango tusaide hawa watoto.”

The government, through the Ministry of Health, will provide counselling services for the surviving family members.

The family is in the meantime plan-

ning the burials of the fourteen deceased. They will be interred in four different places: Kahiga, Kangui, Gacharage in Murang’a, and in Nativasha.

Kindiki Vows Equitable Development, End To Division And Ethnic-Based Politics

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has vowed to continue pushing for equal development across Kenya, calling for an end to ethnic and divisive politics bedeviling the nation's socio-economic growth.

The DP affirmed that the government is open to work with all leaders, including former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka, without considering their regional, party, religious affiliations pledging the administration's intention to serve all Kenyans.

The Deputy President spoke yesterday during a development engagement with thousands of grassroots leaders and residents from Kitui County at home in Irunduni, Tharaka Nithi County.

"The politics of dividing Kenyans, preaching hatred and division has no place in Kenya. The government has

been elected to serve all Kenyans in spite of how they voted. Our Constitution protects all Kenyans against discrimination of any form," DP noted.

Further, Prof. Kindiki said every part of the country will be equally developed, dismissing attempts by those in the opposition to balkanize the country according to past voting patterns.

In line with this objective, the DP highlighted several multi-billion-shilling development projects going on in Kitui plus those in the pipeline.

They include the construction of Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui town at Sh800 million and upgrading of Ithookwe Airstrip at Sh150 million in readiness for Mashujaa Day Celebrations later this month.

Further, Kitui town has received a major facelift through re-carpeting of roads to elevate its status ahead of the celebrations on October 20.

"We are on course to build a better Kenya, a country without any form of discrimination. All the 47 coun-

ties must develop because they deserve development. They are part of Kenya and I will make sure that is realized," he declared.

Kitui is one of the highest beneficiaries of the last-mile connectivity after it was allocated Sh2.1 billion targeting connection of an additional 16,000 households.

Construction of affordable housing projects and hostels is ongoing in Kitui town, South Eastern Kenya University, all KMTC campuses and technical institutes in the area among them Tseikuru and Mwingi TTIs.

Also 12 modern markets are coming up in Kisasi, Zombe, Ikutha, Nuu, Mwingi among others.

Stalled roads have been revived including Kwa Vonza-Ikutha, Zombe-Kyuluni Roads among others which the government has already issued tenders.

Enziu Bridge in Mwingi is also being hastened, DP promising to inspect its progress in the coming days.

"We will continue working with Kitui leaders to speed up development.



I will be pushing for development in Kitui and I will not let you down," he pledged.

With SHA registration low in the County, now at 400, 000 against a target of 1.1 million, Prof. Kindi-

ki urged the grassroots leaders to heighten efforts to enroll more residents for them to get access to health services under Taifa Care.



Who Really Deserves Credit For Development Projects In Kenya?



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President William Ruto making an address after laying the foundation stone for the China-Kenya International Commerce Centre; a KSh5 billion landmark mixed-use development project at the Jamhuri Showground in Nairobi yesterday. Photo/Courtesy.

Worth Noting:

- The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is the direct tool of an MP. It is managed at the constituency level and is meant for small-scale, localized projects such as classrooms, bursaries, and national government administration accommodation affairs.

- In this case, MPs play a central role, chairing the oversight committee and approving priorities. If a classroom is built using CDF money, then indeed, the MP deserves credit. But that is as far as their mandate goes.

- County governments, on the other hand, finance projects using their share of national revenue and locally collected funds. These projects are guided by the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and executed by the Governor's administration. Examples include county roads, ECDE centers, local markets or county health facilities. In such cases, credit rightfully belongs to the Governor and MCAs, not MPs.

In Kenya, one of the most common sources of political drama is the question: "Who delivered this project?" Too often, MPs, Governors or even national leaders scramble to stamp their name on a development initiative, leaving citizens confused about who actually funded and implemented it. This confusion sometimes misleads the public.

To set the record straight, it is important to distinguish between the different levels of government and the funds they control.

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National government projects are funded and executed by the National Treasury and line ministries such as Roads, Health, or Education. These cover highways, referral hospitals, power lines, and other large-scale infrastructure.

Leaders or citizens may lobby for such projects, but that does not change ownership. They are not CDF projects, and MPs cannot claim them as personal deliveries. A good example is the Kang'anta Bridge along the Kathita River in Tharaka Constituency and Kibung'a Open-Air Market, which were lobbied by a known civil servant but delivered by the national government.

Some initiatives also come as joint

ventures between the two levels of government. For instance, a county may provide land, while the national government finances construction through its ministries. Affordable housing schemes, industrial parks, referral hospitals, and large markets often fall under this arrangement.

In fact, on the ongoing construction of modern markets in various towns and trading centers in Tharaka Nithi County, Governor Muthomi Njuki has come out clearly to thank President Dr. William Ruto for the collaboration noting that the national government provides the funding while the county government avails land and logistics. In such cases, credit belongs jointly to both governments, reflecting shared responsibility.

Ultimately, the credit question is straightforward. The President and Deputy President set the national development agenda and direct ministries. The Governor executes county plans and priorities. MPs manage the CDF. Each level has its lane.

The bottom line is clear: a classroom built with CDF is an MP's

project; a dispensary constructed from county funds is a Governor's project; a highway or bridge developed by a ministry is a national government project; and a joint initiative belongs to both the county and national governments.

Kenyans must also understand that an MP cannot claim to "hand over land" for a national government-funded project, because constitutionally, land management lies with county governments. Such false claims are misleading.

Until citizens clearly distinguish these roles, politicians will continue basking in underserved applause while escaping rightful scrutiny. Accountability begins with knowing who funds what, so that credit goes to the right place, and responsibility is demanded from the right leaders.

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Scaling Up For Climate-Resilient Agriculture Transformation

By: MKT Correspondent
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Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) member countries are gathered in Nairobi to validate the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Scaling Strategy.

The CSA Strategy is designed to scale tested and proven CSA technologies, innovations, management practices and services (TIMPS) in the mandate area of ASARECA

The strategy will be a roadmap to catalyze systemic transformation in agriculture, food security, and rural livelihoods in East and Central Africa (ECA) and also guide national governments, national research institutes, farmers, the private sector, and partners in scaling up for climate-resilient agricultural transformation across the 15 member countries.

Speaking during a Stakeholder Consultation and Validation Workshop, the Executive Director of ASARECA Dr. Sylvester Baguma said the strategy would help in identifying and scaling out technologies and innovations in the various countries that could help the farmers to be resilient in terms of the changes in climate and to produce sufficient crops, but in a sustainable way.

“Climate change is here for us, it’s here to stay for a long time, and not unless we get solutions that help us to be resilient, is when we can manage,” he said, adding that the views from the strategy would seek ownership from all member countries once it’s developed.

Dr. Baguma urged all the countries to ensure they implement the strategy once complete, since each country would find context that is relevant and help its farmers know the sort of technology that is appropriate for them.

“We are trying to scale up, scale out, and scale deep the various technologies that are related to Climate Smart Agriculture, so that the farmers are able to produce more, not only increase productivity, but also have surplus for sale,” he added.

Dr. Baguma said the SCA strategy would further see stakeholders along the commodity value chain be able to benefit from the proven technologies and innovations amidst the climate change, especially when one considers that countries want to see their citizens food secure, eating nutritionally dense foods, and fighting hidden hunger.

Dr. John Recha, a research scientist at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and part of the team that works on climate-smart agriculture in the Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa region, said that the scaling strategy is one that ends up

guiding them based on their climate change challenges, given that each country has its own geographical setting.

He explained that the strategy lays out the available options for climate-smart agriculture practices for crop and livestock production, as well as soil and water management, and all the way to marketing.

“Because climate-smart agriculture is not one-size-fits-all, it is a practice that differs depending on the geographical area, depending on the altitude, and depending on the kind of food that people eat in that community.

It is very important to be able to undertake any strategy, especially scaling,” Dr. Recha said.

Julian Barungi, Programme Officer for Policy at ASARECA and Manager of the Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) project, said that with the emergence of climate change, the effects are undermining agricultural productivity and food security within the region.

She added that despite scientists’ innovations and development of climate-smart agriculture technologies, many of the farmers have not adopted these technologies for various reasons, such as awareness, affordability, and even access to these technologies.

“The CSA scaling strategy will put in place a guiding framework that systematically guide and ensure that the technologies and innovations are widespread among the majority of the farmers within Eastern and Central Africa,” Barungi said.

The strategy focuses on how we can scale technologies in various agroecological zones in Eastern and Central Africa, whether they are highlands or lowlands, arid or semi-arid areas or the coastal plains, and provides strategies and solutions tailored to these specific agroecological zones, she added.

“There will be need for deliberate efforts within the key institutions, like the Ministries of Agriculture and the National Agricultural Research Institutes to mainstream climate-smart agriculture within their institutional policies and most importantly, the national agricultural policy frameworks,” Barungi added,

“The CSA scaling strategy spans over a period of 10 years and provides a guiding framework up to 2035,” Barungi said, adding that once validated, they would be looking at the end of October this year to finalize it and then launch it before the end of the year.

“We shall work together and ensure



Ms Julian Barungi

that we enhance the capacities of the farmers to be more resilient to the effects of climate change as they increase their agricultural productivity and get more income and ultimately improve their livelihoods. We will also ensure that the policy makers provide an enabling environment for the generation and uptake of these climate-smart agriculture technologies, but also for the scientists to have incentives to develop these technologies and all the stakeholders

to work together and support the scaling of these technologies,” Barungi explained.

ASARECA was established in 1994 to support and improve the effectiveness of agricultural research in the Eastern and Central African region.

The organization was created through cooperation among the national agricultural research institutes of the member countries to address shared agricultural concerns.



Sylvester Baguma

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The East Of Rift Is Not To Blame For West Of Rift Tea Factories Woes

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Tea farmers national coordination and marketing agency has absolved the Eastern region of woes afflicting the West of Rift Valley side.

The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) has clearly outlined several factors behind the commodity's pricing difference saying there are pointers which are beyond their control.

In the recently released bonus payment figures, factories in the West of Rift valley, as it has been the tradition, will receive higher payments than their counterparts West of the Rift.

Records indicate that the highest paid KTDA managed factory will be receiving KSh57 per kilogramme of green tea while some in the west will get as low as KSh10 per kilo.

Following the announcement, a section of farmers representatives from the West hit out at the KTDA management, claiming that they had hatched

a scheme to impoverish them.

But just like in the past, KTDA came out defending the issue citing factors, which those in the west could hear none of, instead, calling for tea picking boycott from Thursday next week.

In a statement released by a farmers lobby group dubbed "West of Rift Tea farmers coalition," they accused the management of bias and manipulation against their region resulting their getting lower earnings.

This is despite the fact that the agency had listed foreign exchange fluctuations, noting that the US dollar was trading at KSh129 in the season ending June this year as compared to KSh144 in the previous season.

The agency maintained that determination prices are derived quality, individual factories' overheads and subsequent international prices.

In the statement, the lobby group argued that top leadership in KTDA has always been held by farmers from east of Rift since independence. This is despite the fact that the top leadership is always, interchanged between

the two regions whereby a chairman is deputised by a director from the other region.

The representatives from the five counties in the western insinuated that they would be calling for autonomy

of their region, a fact that experts say would work against their farmers' interests.



Coffee Marketing Season 2024/25 Comes To An End

By: MKT Correspondent

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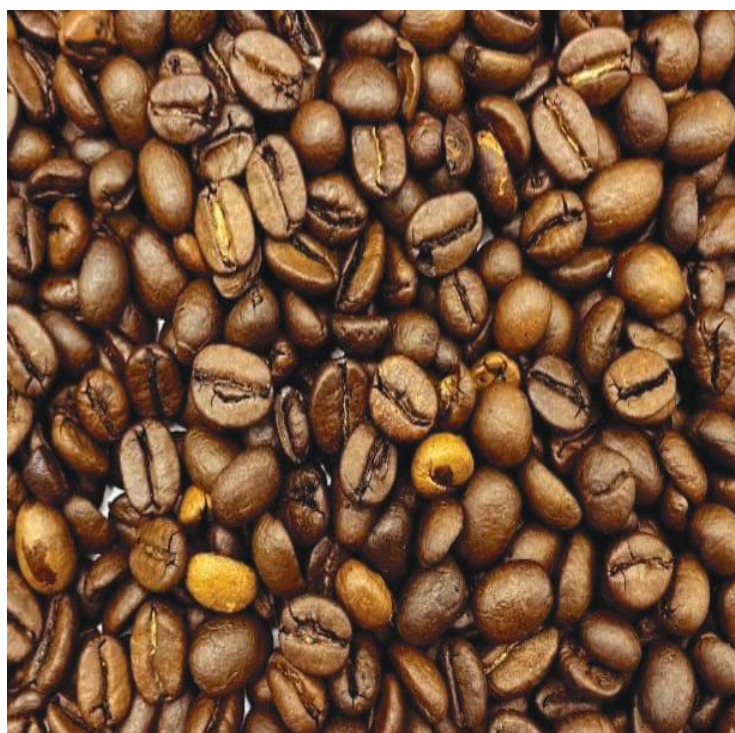
The Nairobi Coffee Exchange closed the 2024/25 season on a high with 15,579 bags traded on the final day on Tuesday.

Alliance Berries marketers had the lions share with 3,979 bags (249,192kg) valued at 376.39 dollars followed by New KPCU that sold 3159 bags (195412kgs) worth 370.17 dollars.

Alliance Berries has dominated the market having traded close to 40 per cent of all the coffee traded mostly from the central region.

Other marketers included United Eastern Kenya, Muranga county Coffee dealers, Coffee Estate Bourgeoisie brokers, Kiambu Coffee marketing and Bungoma Union marketing among others.

Main buyers included Ibero that bought 356 bags worth US dollars



2,400,196.30.

World coffee prices have reportedly improved as leading producers including Brazil have been hit by frost

and local farmers may reap big mid next year when payments hit their banks.

Kenya produces highest premium



coffee that is often used in blending produce from other countries, though most farmers live in abject poverty

Take Care Of Your Body



tongue that tastes are all God gift

All organs are precious, and equally valuable
If we neglect them we may lose them forever
Though it's hard to yoga, exercise, and rest,
drink water
Do it without fail, and let your body be blessed.

Listen to your body, it tells you what's right,
Prioritize your health, and it will thank you well
Take care of your body, and it will take care of
you well.

A healthy body, is a treasure to all

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Take care of your body, while you're young
itself

For in old age, it may not be possible
Eat nutritious food, and care every part,
Your body is a gift From God,
So keep it as a treasure and value more

It's irreplaceable, and can't be bought,
Medical services warn so much
We can't bear the cost
A simple breath, can empty our pocket's
If kidney fails to function, that's all
The eyes that see, the ears that hear, the

Memory



A person is so weak that even his own
imagination can hurt him. I gently took off my
white sneakers and got rid of my socks. As I
put my feet on the warm sand, my body felt a
certain pleasure. I walked. Slowly, with fatigue.
The waves of the sea hit my feet, and the gentle
winds gently caressed my curly hair. As my steps
slowed down, the distant past pulled me back
into its embrace. My thoughts flew back to that
small village. My childhood and adolescence began
to pass before my eyes one by one.

Memories of playing in a snowstorm, avoiding
lessons, and being reprimanded.
Precious faces, faces that smile but stab you in
the back...

Another face...

A face that always avoids remembering, missing
you...

A face that makes my heart tremble when I
think of it, my eyelashes tear up...
Oh, I have no more strength left. I knelt down on
the warm sand. Suddenly tears rolled down my
eyes. Enough...

As I stared at the distant sky, I felt that these
would never end. Nothing, no one just disappears.
All things, events, and people are in our hearts.
Forever...

Turdiyeva Gulayim
Uzbekistan

Night. The quiet whisper of the sea waves. The
dark night and me. The cold wind is shaking my
legs, the cold feelings are shaking my heart.
No matter how tired I feel, there is no sleep
in my eyes. My dreams took me back to the
bottomless past. A small village, a house on the
riverbank. Dusty streets, endless wheat and
cotton fields. A woman sitting on a stool in the
courtyard, embroidering. A pain arose in my left
chest. A tear flowed from my eyes. Closing my
eyes again, I looked at that woman's dear face.
Unlike mine, thin as a bow, slightly furrowed
eyebrows, a small elongated face, curly hair falling
to her forehead and touching her forehead. Only
curly hair and a stubborn character remained as
a memory of her.

Mom...

Hot cakes just out of the oven...

Sweet evening tales.

My chest hurt again. I miss you mom!

I'm In Fear, Please Wipe Off My Tears



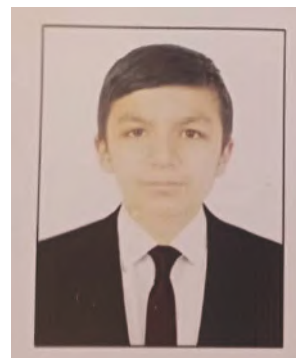
My clouded mind would clash as exploder.
For your consoling words as tissue
Wipes & save my drowning heart from rescue.

But I know tears are powerful
That wash away sorrows successful
Unless it drizzles as pearl
And not heavy for your brain to swirl.

G. Sarala

I'm in fear, please wipe off my tears
I need a rainbow hand
Which understand
As after a verbal thunder

Elmurzayev Akmal



Beside the word "mother",
I wanted to draw the image of a blade of grass.
(Omon Matjon)

Whoever's mother is alive, they wear a crown
on their head and have a golden palace at home.
The one who protected us with all her might and
spoiled us in childhood is none other than our
mother. Even when she herself is in pain, she
always tries to make us happy and lift our spirits.
We owe a great debt to our mothers. To make
her happy, we don't need to give expensive gifts
or money. A few sweet words and a warm hug
from us are enough.

However, sadly, there are still people who can't
even show this love and don't value their mother
while she is still alive. No one else can give the
kind of love a mother gives. Her warm affection
and every word she speaks have the power to
calm hearts.

Only a mother can offer help without expecting
anything in return, and that's why in every era, a
mother has been elevated as the most revered
being. A mother is like an angel—innocent and
pure-hearted—but she is a great being capable of
breaking those who try to hurt her through her
child. That's why many poets recognize mothers
as people of strong will in their works.

In conclusion, a mother is dear and precious to
every person. She is our one and only, priceless
blessing in this world. May all the mothers in the
world live long and healthy lives for our happiness,
and may each of us be the kind of children they
dream of!

Elmurzayev Akmal – Student of Class "E"
School No. 3, Termiz District, Surkhandarya
Region, Republic of Uzbekistan

A mother is a noble being who loves her child
more than her own life, is the closest confidant,
and whose place in life no one can ever take. Her
kindness can melt even the coldest of hearts.
Her words, sweeter than honey, slowly enter
your heart and suddenly light it up.

"Mother"... This word symbolizes boundless
tolerance, love, and beauty. She never gets upset
with her child and always supports them. The
saying "Paradise lies at the feet of mothers" is
no coincidence.

She is a unique person who grieves when her child
is sad and rejoices in their success. She always
raises her hands in prayer to God, asking for her
child's health and well-being. A child who receives
their mother's blessing will never be humiliated.
No matter how many wrongs one may do, they
can never outweigh the mother's goodness. Life
is unimaginable without a mother because even
prophets came into this world through mothers.
A mother is such a great being that even poets
have written verses dedicated to her, clearly
expressing what a mother's love is capable of.

For the name of every grass, every leaf,
She bows in reverence from the mountains.

Forgiveness Is The Key To Action And Freedom



Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.
Forgiving what we cannot forgive creates a
new way to remember.
We change the memory of our past into a
hope for our future.
When a deep injury is done to us,
We never heal until we forgive.

M.R Hanshiga
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Hi My Dear Sweet Heart!



You have many unique features,
Why don't you mind this poor creature?
I thought, I am making all Miss universe,
But you made me realize,
I am not of any importance,
For those having vision beyond their eyes,
Perceive the heart, where wisdom flies!

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BT AsstEnglish
GHS Mevalurkuppam
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A visually impaired teacher, received the
award of appreciation from KPM collector on
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For my dedication and sincere service.

Hi my dear sweet heart!
You look so pretty,
Always admire you a lot!
The loveliest in the city!
Dear! I have a doubt;
The cute little eyes, full of love,
Smiley face of innocence as dove,

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Relief As Senator Aids School Destroyed By Winds

By: Kenya News Agency
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Worth Noting:

- The destruction, however, occasioned congestion in the school and frantic efforts had to be made to accommodate the affected learners in other classes to allow continuity of studies. †
- Parents and teachers revealed that some of the affected pupils had been forced into a dilapidated classroom, with some parents even considering transferring their children to other schools. †
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- He added that no child should suffer simply because of infrastructural challenges that can be solved when leaders and communities join hands.

It was a relief for teachers, parents and learners of Karura primary School in Mbeere South Constituency, Embu county, whose two classes' roof was ripped off by strong winds after Senator Alexander Mundigi mobilized resources to renovate the affected classes. †

The incident took place two weeks ago on a weekend, when learners are out of school. †

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"I had no option but to act quickly. Our children deserve safe and dignified learning spaces, and that is what

we are working to restore here," he said. †

His donation was received with jubilation from parents, pupils, and teachers who had been struggling to maintain learning under very difficult conditions. Many described it as a lifeline for the school. †

The school's PTA Chairperson, Charity Muthoni, praised the move, saying the affected learners will soon return to proper classrooms. †

"Some of us were losing hope, but with this help, our children will stay in school and continue their education comfortably," Muthoni said. †

†Other parents echoed similar sentiments, stressing that the renovation will give pupils a safe space to learn and reduce overcrowding in the already dilapidated classroom where they had been squeezed. †

Teachers equally hailed the senator's effort, pointing out that the repair will not only restore structures but also uplift the morale of learners who had begun losing concentration. †

Meanwhile, Mundigi also cautioned parents in the area against allowing their children to engage in sand harvesting, which was the main economic activity in the region, warning that the illegal activity was robbing minors of education and endangering their future. †



Senator Alexander Mundigi

†He reminded parents that the government had invested heavily in education and that children should be in class, not in sand harvesting business. †
"It is against the law for children to be involved in sand harvesting.

As leaders, we cannot stand by and watch our young people's education being disrupted by activities that put their safety and future at risk," Mundigi warned.



Part of the classrooms that were destroyed. Photos/Courtesy.



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Mount Kenya Journalists, Activists Trained On Gender Equality And Women Empowerment

By: Dennis Dibondo
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Worth Noting:

- Association of Media Women in Kenya CEO Quinta Mbori who spoke after the journalists were trained and held a community awareness said the media play a very key role in of advancing critical issues.
- “We are supporting the mainstream media in their work of delivering information, entertaining and educating, the issue of internet penetration in Kenya is very high and most people now rely on social media for their information therefore so therefore anybody who has a smartphone is very important in the society because they can either amplify good information or perpetuate harmful stereotypes such as gender based violence so our message is one let us use our social media platforms responsibly,” Mbori said.

Journalists and activists in Mount Kenya region have been trained on Sustainable Development Goal Five which is Gender Equality and Women Empowerment.

The three day media training in Nanyuki town that involved a community engagement on the final day was organized by Sustainable Development Goal Kenya Forum in partnership with Pathways and Association of Media Women (AMWIK).

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The training was on creating awareness on Kenya National Care Policy which is recognizing unpaid care work redistributing unpaid care work. She said journalists should use their knowledge in the mainstream media, social media platforms to push for recognition and redistribution of unpaid care work.

Milanoi Ekiriro, a resident of Kariuma in Laikipia, said that many women in the county attend to unpaid care work and still go to do casual jobs to get money to sustain their families.

“Most men use a lot of money in drinking and most women are the breadwinners in their families and they should be assisted even by the government through women groups,” Ekiriro said.

Laikipia Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri who attended the opening of the training said it is important for the media to work with the community to end gender based violence and other gender biases.

John Ole Kaunda from Sigera said the community engagement with the media was a good initiative as Association of Media Women in Kenya CEO Quinta Mbori trained them on how they can use social media in a positive way to help the community.

“People have been taught about citizen journalism and we have been

taught how not to have gender stereotypes,” Ole Kaunda said.

Maina Mishami a resident of Sigera said the training in the community on redistributing unpaid care work will help as many have been enlightened to leave old cultural practices.

“We have been taught there is no work that belongs to a woman or a man so I am urging the community to change their perception,” Mishami said.

Mishami said the Masai community should change cultural practices that burden women.

“If you are capable as a man you can put shower in your house and use your motorcycle to fetch water and firewood so that you don’t burden your wife,” Mishami said.



Amwik CEO Quinta Mbori speaks during a media training at Peak Hotel Nanyuki where journalists and activists from Mount Kenya were trained on gender equality and women empowerment. Photo/Dennis Dibondo.



Some of those who attended the training on gender and women empowerment at Nanyuki Laikipia County. Photo/Dennis Dibondo



From Left: Trainer John Otieno, Amwik CEO Quinta Mbori and Laikipia Deputy governor Reuben Kamuri at media training for journalists and activists in Mount Kenya at Peak Hotel in Nanyuki. Photo/Dennis Dibondo.

From Household Nuisance To National Emergency: The Truth About Our Water Loss



By: Davidson Otieno Omondi

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There is a sound that drives every Kenyan homeowner to distraction: the slow, steady, maddening drip... drip... drip... of a leaky tap in the middle of the night. We fix it because it is an annoyance and a waste of our personal water bill.

But what if we understood that this tiny, personal failure is a perfect symbol of a catastrophic national crisis?

That single drip, multiplied by millions of leaks in our homes and, more importantly, in our aging municipal water pipes, tells the real story of Kenya's water security. According to our own Water Services Regula-

tory Board (WASREB), the national average for "Non-Revenue Water"—water that is lost to leaks, theft, or metering errors before it ever reaches a paying customer—is a staggering 47%.

Let that number sink in. For every two jerrycans of water that we treat and pump, almost one is lost before it can be used. This is not just a waste; it is a profound failure of infrastructure and a grave injustice.

The cost of these leaks is not paid equally. While the wealthy can drill boreholes or buy water from private bowlers, the price of this lost water is paid by the citizen in the informal settlement whose tap runs dry for days on end. They are then forced to buy water from expensive, unregulated vendors, paying many times more for this essential resource, as organizations like the World Bank have documented in cities across the developing world.

Our leaky national tap is a direct threat to our food security, our public health, and our economic stability. It is a crisis hiding in plain sight, a



problem so vast we have chosen to ignore it.

The solution is not just about fixing the washer in a home tap. It is about a massive, national commitment to fixing our broken water infrastructure. It requires investing in modern technology to detect and repair leaks

in our municipal systems. It requires a policy shift that treats water not as an infinite commodity to be wasted, but as our most precious and finite economic asset.

The next time you hear a leaky tap, do not just hear a nuisance. Hear the sound of our future drying up. It is a

wake-up call we can no longer afford to sleep through.

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Invisible Labour, Visible Burnout: Rethinking Women's Role As Family CIOs



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In every Kenyan family, there is a designated person who holds the collective memory. Who knows the date of the next clinic appointment? Who remembers which cousin is getting married in August? Who knows where the birth certificates are kept? Who remembers that the gas cylinder is about to run out?

In almost every case, that person is a woman.

She is the family's Chief Information Officer, an unpaid, un-applauded, 24/7 role. This is the invisible labour of "kin-keeping"—the work of maintaining the social and emotional

fabric of a family. It is a job that is assumed, not assigned. And it has a profound and uncounted economic cost.

This is not a uniquely Kenyan phenomenon. Global research, including studies highlighted by the Harvard Business Review, has identified this as "emotional labour" or "office housework" when it spills into the workplace. It is the woman in the office who is expected to remember everyone's birthday, take the notes in a meeting, or mediate a dispute between colleagues. These tasks are essential for a smooth-running organisation, but they are rarely part of a formal job description and are almost never rewarded with a promotion.

The cost of being the family's memory is paid in mental bandwidth. Every piece of information she is required to hold, every appointment she must track, every emotional need she must anticipate, consumes cognitive energy. This is energy that could be used to develop a new business strategy, to learn a new skill, or simply to rest. It is a direct cause of the burnout that



stalls so many women's careers.

The solution begins with a simple, revolutionary question asked by men in their homes and in their offices: "What can I take off your plate?" It means actively taking ownership of dates, appointments, and household logistics. It means creating a shared

family calendar, not just a mental one that lives in a woman's head.

This is not a small, domestic issue. The national economy is built on the foundation of this free, invisible labour. Acknowledging and redistributing this work is the next, most critical step in unlocking the full economic

potential of every Kenyan.

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DR Congo's Ex-President Kabila Sentenced To Death In Absentia

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Joseph Kabila, former president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), was sentenced to death in absentia by the country's High Military Court on Tuesday, on charges including treason and crimes against humanity.

According to the verdict, Kabila was found guilty of multiple offenses, such as participation in an insurrectional movement, intentional homicide, torture, rape, and forced occupation of the city of Goma, provincial capital of North Kivu, now controlled by the March 23 Movement (M23) rebels. Kabila also received a 15-year prison term for conspiracy, while the court pronounced the death penalty for the other charges. The trial, which opened in July following the lifting of Kabila's parliamentary immunity

by the Senate in May, was conducted without the presence of the accused. The prosecution accused the former head of state of being implicated in atrocities committed in the eastern provinces by the M23. Evidence presented included witness testimonies, video footage, and media interviews. Since January, the security situation in the eastern DRC has sharply deteriorated, with renewed fighting involving the M23, which has seized control of several strategic areas, including Goma and Bukavu. Kabila, who ruled the country from 2001 to 2019, has been residing primarily in South Africa since 2023. Since May, he has made public appearances in the DRC's eastern province of North Kivu. He also expressed his desire to return home to "contribute to finding a solution" to the ongoing crisis.



This file photo taken on May 29, 2025 shows Joseph Kabila (C), former president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), meeting local personnel in Goma, North Kivu Province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Photo/Xinhua.

UN Security Council Transitions Multinational Force In Haiti To Gang Suppression Force

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The UN Security Council on Tuesday adopted a resolution to transition the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission in Haiti to the Gang Suppression Force (GSF) for an initial period of 12 months.

Resolution 2793, which won the support of 12 of the 15 members of the council, also requests the UN secretary-general to establish the UN Support Office in Haiti within six months to provide logistical support for the GSF. The resolution decides that the GSF shall have an authorized personnel ceiling of 5,550 (5,500 uniformed military and police personnel and 50 civilians), and that the cost of personnel will be borne by voluntary contributions. The GSF is tasked to conduct counter-gang operations to neutralize, isolate and

deter gangs; to provide security for critical infrastructure sites and transit locations; to complement, enhance and support the operational capacities of the Haitian National Police (HNP) and the Haitian armed forces; to help ensure security conditions conducive to holding free and fair elections, and help create a secure environment for humanitarian access; to provide support to the HNP and the Haitian armed forces to combat illicit trafficking and diversion of arms and related materiel. The resolution authorizes the member states participating in the GSF to take all necessary measures to carry out its mandate while adhering strictly to its rules of engagement and strictly adhering to international law, and respecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Haiti. It decides that the GSF may adopt urgent temporary measures on an exceptional basis to assist the HNP in maintaining basic



law and order and public safety, including through arrest and detention. The resolution calls on all parties in

Haiti to cooperate fully with the GSF in the execution of its mandate and to respect the security and freedom

of movement of the GSF.

Kenya's Digital Renaissance: Empowering Youth Through Innovation And Creativity

By: James Kilonzo Bwire

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Worth Noting:

- At the heart of this transformational agenda is a clear vision steeped in inclusivity and innovation, articulated through the National Digital Masterplan (2022–2032). This bold roadmap envisions the setting up of 1,450 ICT hubs—one in every ward—along with an unprecedented expansion of digital infrastructure: 100,000 kilometers of fiber optic cable and 25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots scattered across urban and rural Kenya.

- Such an ambitious digital expansion is poised to bridge the digital divide that has historically marginalized underserved communities from critical economic activities and information networks. The strategic use of the Universal Service Fund to connect these areas embodies the government's resolve to foster equitable access to digital platforms and services, thereby integrating all Kenyans into the fast-moving digital economy.



Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Mr. Stephen Isaboke

Kenya stands at the precipice of a digital revolution that promises to redefine the future of its young people and the nation at large. Recent remarks by the Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Mr. Stephen Isaboke, during the TikTok Creator Education Day offer an insightful affirmation of the government's determination to harness the immense potential of its youth through technology and creativity. The choice of Kenya as a hub for celebrating digital creators signals not only global recognition but also a crucial opportunity to deepen investments in the country's creative economy—a pivotal pillar in the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

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The role of creators today transcends mere content production; they are storytellers, entrepreneurs, and cultural ambassadors whose influence shapes perceptions and narratives at local and global levels. Kenya's vibrant youthful population, rich in cultural diversity and innovation, is uniquely positioned to utilize digital platforms to amplify its voice worldwide. The government's recognition of this, as voiced by Mr. Isaboke, underscores the importance of empowering these young creatives through deliberate policies and partnerships that enhance their skills and provide opportunities for monetisation.

Platforms like TikTok have become more than entertainment channels; they are vital ecosystems for creativity, economic participation, and

cultural exchange. The #LevelUpAfrica initiative exemplifies this synergy by aligning technology, youth creativity, and economic empowerment in a manner that complements Kenya's national development goals. This intersection of interests presents a promising blueprint for how public and private sectors can collaborate to create an enabling environment that nurtures innovation, protects creators, and expands digital avenues for sustainable growth. Furthermore, the government's commitment to working alongside digital platforms to ensure a safer online ecosystem is a critical step in protecting the integrity and welfare of digital creatives. The digital landscape offers vast opportunities but also challenges such as misinformation, cyberbullying, and monetisation barriers. Proactive partnerships and regulatory frameworks will be essential in safeguarding creators, fostering trust, and guaranteeing that the digital economy benefits all stakeholders equitably.

As Kenya accelerates its digital transformation under BETA, it must continue to focus on the holistic development of young people—not just as consumers of technology but as innovators, leaders, and entrepre-

neurs. The success of this agenda will be measured by how effectively digital tools can translate into real economic opportunities and social inclusion across the country.

In conclusion, the leadership demonstrated by the Ministry of Broadcasting and Telecommunications, supported by strategic creative like Mr. Dennis Itumbi and other government actors, sets a strong foundation for a digitally empowered Kenya. By investing in infrastructure, nurturing creative talent, and fostering collaborative partnerships, Kenya is crafting a future where its youth are the architects of a modern, inclusive, and thriving digital economy. This vision, embraced by both government and private sector innovators, promises to elevate Kenyan creativity to global prominence while driving sustainable economic development from the grassroots upward. The TikTok Creator Education Day is just the beginning of a journey towards unlocking the full potential of Kenya's digital generation and, in doing so, fortifying the nation's place on the global digital stage.

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Sports >> *The race to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games continues for Kenyan golfers as the PGK Equator Tour enters its fifth leg this week at the par-73 Nakuru Golf Club in Nakuru County.

Safaricom Stars Lead Kenyan Charge In PGK Equator Tour



Mohit Mediratta in action during the fourth leg of the PGK Equator Tour at Great Rift Lodge Golf Club.

By Aoma Keziah,

The race to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games continues for Kenyan golfers as the PGK Equator Tour enters its fifth leg this week at the par-73 Nakuru Golf Club in Nakuru County.

The leg is set to tee off on Thursday running through to Sunday, 5th October, with more than 40 Kenyan professionals expected to fight for the coveted Olympic qualification slots.

Among those headlining the action in Nakuru are four Safaricom sponsored golfers Mohit Mediratta, Mutahi Kibugu, Matthew Wahome and Samuel Njoroge, all ready to battle it out on the fairways.

“My dream of playing at the Olympics is still alive, and I will keep pushing forward because, as you know, golf can be very unpredictable. My last four games have been fairly good, though the competition is stiff, with everyone fighting hard for a spot. I want to give my best performance in Nakuru, aim to lead the table, and make my fans and my sponsors, Safaricom, proud,” said Mohit Mediratta.

So far, Muthaiga’s Greg Snow is blazing the trail at the top of the leaderboard with 3,330 points from four events. The in-form golfer has clinched three victories, at Great Rift Lodge Golf Club, Mt. Kipipiri Golf Resort, and Limuru Country Club af-

ter opening the tour with a seventh-place finish at Ruiru Sports Club.

Hot on his heels is Njoroge Kibugu in second place, followed by Daniel Nduva in third. Safaricom-sponsored players Mohit Mediratta and Mutahi Kibugu sit in seventh and ninth place overall, respectively with John Kari-chu closing out the top ten

Since its launch, the Tour has become a critical platform for nurturing homegrown talent, testing players in diverse conditions, and enabling them to consistently earn points that count towards global rankings.

So far, four legs have been successfully completed: Ruiru Sports Club, Limuru Country

Club, Mt. Kipipiri Golf & Resort and Great Rift Lodge Golf Club. Each leg has challenged golfers to adapt and elevate their game, with strong performances signaling Kenya’s growing potential on the international stage.

This tour is supported by partners, including Safaricom, who has committed KES 3 million over three years to support four golfers.

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Ability Sports Kenya Hold Trials To Pick Team For Wheelchair Fencing World Cup



The Kenya national wheelchair basketball players with Royal Media Services Ltd journalist Mkalla Mwambodze in Birmingham, England during the Commonwealth Games in 2022. (PHOTO/Mkalla wa Mwambodze).

Ability Sports Kenya yesterday conducted national trials at the Kasarani Annex to pick a wheelchair fencing team that will represent the country at wheelchair fencing World Cup set for November 20-23 in Thailand.

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The final squad is expected to comprise 18 to 19 athletes.

Speaking during the trials, the President of Ability Sports Kenya Agnes Oluoch, expressed her pride at the developments while also calling for increased govern-

ment support.

“Fencing is quite an expensive sport, especially when it comes to gear and specialized wheelchairs. We are grateful for the progress so far, but we hope the government continues to support us as,” she said.

Agnes emphasized that the Thailand tournament is an opportunity not just to participate but to compete for medals.

She also noted the importance of training camps for athletes with disabilities, stressing that structured support would help sharpen their skills and boost confidence on the international stage.

“We are hoping this time round we will have a training camp,

which will help us do well when we get there,” she remarked.

Wheelchair fencing coach Vivian Akoth resonated with these sentiments while also assessing the team’s readiness.

“The athletes are training hard; they have grasped the basics but their techniques are still not okay,” Akoth commented.

The coach encouraged investing more on fencing, stating that it is a sport that was poised to make a splash in Kenya.

“The team still has a long way to go, yet the progress is encouraging. Fencing is a sport that is still growing in Kenya and we are working on it,” she explained.

The Thailand Championships

will be a test of both skill and resilience for Kenya’s newly formed team.

With determination and the right support, officials and athletes alike believe the squad has the potential to make history and return home with medals.

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An Amazing Host And Kind Soul



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Worth Noting:

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Dr. Nikki Clarke is a Canadian entrepreneur, author, media personality, and community leader known for her impactful storytelling and advocacy. She is the founder, producer, and host of the award-winning Nikki Clarke Show, featured on Afro-global TV and her own platform, the Nikki Clarke Network. The show, described as "Conversations That Matter," highlights transformative journeys and voices that inspire change.

Through her platform, Dr. Clarke continues to inspire and uplift individuals by sharing stories of resilience, empowerment, and positive change. Her dedication to empowering women and promoting self-love, particularly among those aged 50 and above, has earned her recognition as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Women in Canada.

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Dr. Clarke's impact extends beyond her media work, as she continues to inspire and uplift individuals through her community leadership and advocacy. Her dedication to promoting self-love and empowerment has made a lasting impact on the lives of many, particularly women aged 50 and above who are seeking to rediscover themselves and pursue their passions.

As a community leader, Dr. Clarke has demonstrated her ability to bring people together and inspire collective action. Her work has shown that even small actions can have a profound impact when done with



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kindness, compassion, and a genuine desire to make a difference.

Through her platform, Dr. Clarke continues to share stories of resilience and empowerment, inspiring others to do the same. Her legacy is a testament to the power of kindness, compassion, and dedication to making a positive impact in the world.

In conclusion, Dr. Nikki Clarke is an amazing host and kind soul who has made a lasting impact through her media work, community leadership, and advocacy. Her dedication to empowering women and promoting self-love has inspired countless

individuals, and her platform continues to be a beacon of hope and inspiration for many.

As we reflect on Dr. Clarke's journey, we are reminded of the importance of kindness, compassion, and dedication to making a positive impact in the world. Her story serves as a powerful reminder that we all have the ability to inspire and uplift others, and that even small actions can have a profound impact when done with love and kindness.

Dr. Clarke's work is a shining example of the power of human connection and the impact that one person can have on the lives of others.

Her legacy will continue to inspire and uplift individuals for years to come, and her platform will remain a source of hope and inspiration for many.

In the end, Dr. Nikki Clarke's story is a testament to the transformative power of kindness, compassion, and dedication. Her work has shown that even in the face of adversity, we have the power to choose how we respond and to make a positive impact in the world. As we move forward, we can all learn from her example and strive to make a difference in the lives of others, just as she has done.