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President Ruto Hosts The World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 Winners For Breakfast

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

President William Ruto yesterday hosted the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 winners for breakfast at State House, Nairobi. “Our athletes in Tokyo carried our flag with pride and brought immense honour to Kenya, proving to the world that we are not participants in the league of nations; we play in the league of champions,” the Head of State said. He added, “Winning 7 Gold, 2 Silver, and 2 Bronze, and emerging second globally and first in Africa, is testimony that Kenya is not made for average, that our nation’s DNA is not ordinary but extraordinary, not mediocrity but excellence.” He further said, “We commit ourselves, as a country, to harness our talents fully, to nurture them with integrity, and to raise the standards of our sports to even greater heights.” The ceremony was also attended by several senior government officials led by Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki.



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The Narok county government has commissioned three Early Child Development Education (ECDE) classrooms, a computer laboratory and a health center at Angata Barikoi area in Trans Mara South Sub County. The modern computer laboratory was commissioned at Ng'endalel Secondary School while the three ECDE classrooms were built at Kapsinendet, Koibeyot and Kimugul primary schools. A new health block was also commissioned at Angata Health Center and two boreholes in Angata town and at the health center. Speaking while commissioning the projects, Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu said the three classrooms have a capacity to hold 40 students each and are fully equipped with ECDE compliant furniture.



The Nuclear Power and Energy Agency (NuPEA) has affirmed its commitment to work closely with the County Assembly of Siaya and other institutions as the Agency prepares to roll out its first-ever nuclear power plant. A delegation of the Agency's leaders paid a courtesy call on Siaya County Assembly Speaker, George Okode where discussions centered on public awareness, cooperation, and potential economic opportunities. NuPEA Board Chairperson Prof. Lawrence Gumbe emphasized the agency's determination to break ground before 2027 for Kenya's first nuclear power plant, which will be hosted in Siaya. Okode assured the delegation that elected representatives are ready to cooperate with the agency to ensure residents are fully informed. These sessions are intended to demystify nuclear energy, dispel misinformation and build public confidence in the ambitious project.



The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) participated in 10 categories at this year's Agriculture Society of Kenya (ASK) International Trade Fair, going on at Jamhuri Park in Nairobi and clinched top awards in four. It secured 1st position for Best Local Manufacturers Stand, 1st position for Best Local Stand in Strategies of International Trade & Exports, 1st position for Best Stand Exhibiting Agricultural and/or Earth Moving Equipment, 1st Position for Best Agro-processing Stand and 2nd position in the Best Micro-Finance Institution Stand. The achievements highlight KTDA's continued commitment to excellence, innovation, and leadership in the agricultural sector. *In the photo, staff and management led by CEO Wilson Muthaura and chairman Chege Kirundi are seen celebrating after being awarded some trophies by Fair Patron, President William Ruto on Wednesday*



The Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni yesterday held a meeting with the World Health Organization (WHO) team to review progress on the establishment of the WHO Africa Regional Emergency Operations and Logistics Hub and the Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre. Kenya has already allocated land for the two facilities, underscoring the Government's strong commitment to their development. The discussions centered on the current status of implementation and the next steps required to ensure timely completion and operationalisation of the centres. Once completed, the facilities will play a critical role in strengthening regional health security and enhancing emergency preparedness and response capacity.



Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe accompanied by the CEO Kenya Sugar Board Mr. Jude Chesire yesterday appeared before the Committee on Delegated Legislation to defend the Sugar (Sugar Development Levy) Order, 2025. The session centered on whether to retain or review the levy that underpins the sector's sustainability. At the heart of the deliberations were proposals by various stakeholders to either reduce or raise the levy, with some industry players calling for as low as 1% while others argued for rates as high as 10%. The Ministry, however, insisted that the 4% rate already gazetted and implemented from July 2025, strikes the right balance between industry development and sustainability. The Senate Committee is expected to weigh the Ministry's submissions alongside stakeholder concerns before issuing its decision on whether the levy will stand at 4% or be revised downward.

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Mbadi Backs Up Galana-Kulalu As Key Food Security

Pillar

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Worth Noting:

- Mbadi said the project aligns with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which prioritizes food security as a critical pillar.
- He noted that the Kenya-Kwanza government has placed irrigation at the centre of Kenya's food security and economic growth strategy.
- "For years Kenyans have heard about Galana-Kulalu. Today, we are walking the talk. What I have seen here is impressive as this is a massive project," said Mbadi.

The government has reaffirmed her commitment to scaling up the Galana-Kulalu irrigation project, terming it a game changer in securing the country's food supply and stabilizing the economy.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the mega Project in Kilifi, National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary, John Mbadi, lauded the remarkable progress being undertaken at the expansive scheme.

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The project is being implemented in three phases. The first phase, covering 10,000 acres, is already underway, with 1,500 acres of maize planted under a public-private partnership. The first harvest is expected next week, while an additional 1,700 acres will be planted in the next season, gradually scaling up to 10,000 acres by mid-2026.

Phase two targets 200,000 acres, which will rely on the planned Galana Dam. Agreements for financing have already been concluded, with groundbreaking expected soon. The ambitious Phase three aims to expand irrigation to 1 million acres by 2027.

The CS added that the project will eliminate Kenya's perennial maize deficit that is estimated at 10 to 15 million bags annually.

"Just 200,000 acres can produce 14 million bags of maize per year. That



will cover our deficit and end maize imports. Beyond food security, it saves foreign exchange, strengthens the shilling, creates jobs, and drives overall economic growth," he explained.

In addition to Galana-Kulalu, the government is scaling up other irrigation projects including Bura, Ahero, West Kano, Lower Kuja, and Hola, targeting maize, rice, and sugarcane production. Plans are also underway to revive cotton farming to support Kenya's textile industry.

The CS linked the initiative to broader macroeconomic stability, noting that reducing food imports eases pressure on foreign reserves and stabilizes the shilling.

"People ask why the shilling has remained stable. It's because the government has reduced major imports, especially food and fuel. Projects like Galana-Kulalu directly support that

stability," he said.

He emphasized that public-private partnerships (PPPs) are crucial to delivering such large-scale projects without overburdening public finances.

"Private sector brings efficiency, capital, and a business mindset. Globally, no country has developed without involving the private sector. PPPs are not scandals but the way forward," he stressed.

The Treasury CS projects that with sustained investment, Kenya will be self-sufficient in maize and rice production within the next few years, positioning agriculture as the backbone of industrial growth, job creation, and economic resilience.

Principal Secretary (PS) for Irrigation, Ephantus Kimotho, emphasized the economic impact of irrigation, noting that just 10,000 acres under ir-

rigation at Galana can generate Sh2.8 billion annually while creating over 500 jobs.

He added that irrigation also builds climate resilience by ensuring year-round food production.

"Irrigation is a key driver of the County Aggregated Irrigation Plans (CAIPs), which anchor agricultural development at the grassroots. The rice deficit, for example, will be tackled through collaboration between large-scale projects and smallholder producers," he said.

Accompanying the CS were National Irrigation Authority CEO Eng. Charles Muasya, Secretary for Land Reclamation and Climate Resilience, Joel Tanui, and Senior Economic Advisor, Mohamed Hassan, among other senior officials.

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Mudavadi Calls On Leaders To Uphold Dalmas Otieno's Legacy Of Fairness And Unity

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Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi has paid glowing tribute to the late Dalmas Otieno, describing him as a towering statesman whose leadership left a lasting imprint on Kenya's democracy, Parliament and government.

Speaking during the burial service in Rongo Migori County, Mudavadi represented President William Ruto at the ceremony and delivered his message of condolence to the family and people of Rongo.

He remembered Dalmas as an intelligent, articulate and dedicated leader whose contribution to the national discourse elevated both his constituency and the country.

"Dalmas was tall and solid. An intelligent individual. I got to Parliament at the age of 28 years and found Dalmas already there. His debates were top-notch. If you go to the Hansard archives, you will see his record. Dalmas was a vocal leader, unlike some who pass through Parliament without ever making a contribution," said Mudavadi.

He noted that Dalmas' interventions in the house of parliament were not only eloquent but also well-researched, giving weight to the issues he raised and leaving a lasting record in Kenya's parliamentary history.

Mudavadi took to laud the late legislator for having brought recognition to Rongo Constituency and proved himself as a leader who was both dedicated and consistent.

"Dalmas served very well in Parliament. He was dedicated and left a legacy that we should all embrace. His voice was never absent when matters of national interest were on the floor. That is the kind of leadership that builds institutions," added Mudavadi.

Beyond Parliament, Mudavadi highlighted Dalmas' service in Cabinet and his leadership role in chairing the Inter-Party Parliamentary Group (IPPG), which negotiated key electoral reforms during Kenya's democratic transition in the 1990s. He said Dalmas' contribution in this period had left an indelible mark in the annals of Kenya's history.

"Dalmas' legacy reminds us that democracy is not just about competition but also about dialogue, fairness and responsibility. He was at the forefront of reforms that helped shape our democratic journey. That kind of

legacy should continue to guide us today," he remarked.

Mudavadi also spoke about the significance of the broad-based government of President William Ruto and Raila Odinga noting that their working together was a major statement about the power of unity even after political rivalry.

"This is a major statement about bringing people together even after intense competition. We must work with them, pull together, and ensure their vision for this country is not destroyed. Their decision to stand together on such occasions must inspire us to build bridges, not walls," said Mudavadi.

Turning to present challenges, Mudavadi emphasized the need for leaders to safeguard equity and fairness in governance, especially in the allocation of resources. He singled out Hon. Samuel Atandi, the chair of the Budget Committee, urging him to take a leading role in ensuring inclusivity in resource distribution.

"We want leaders to put their spotlight on fairness in the allocation of resources across all parts of the country. Equity should not be negotiable, because it is the foundation of national cohesion. I encourage Hon. Atandi to use his office to ensure equity and inclusivity," he said.

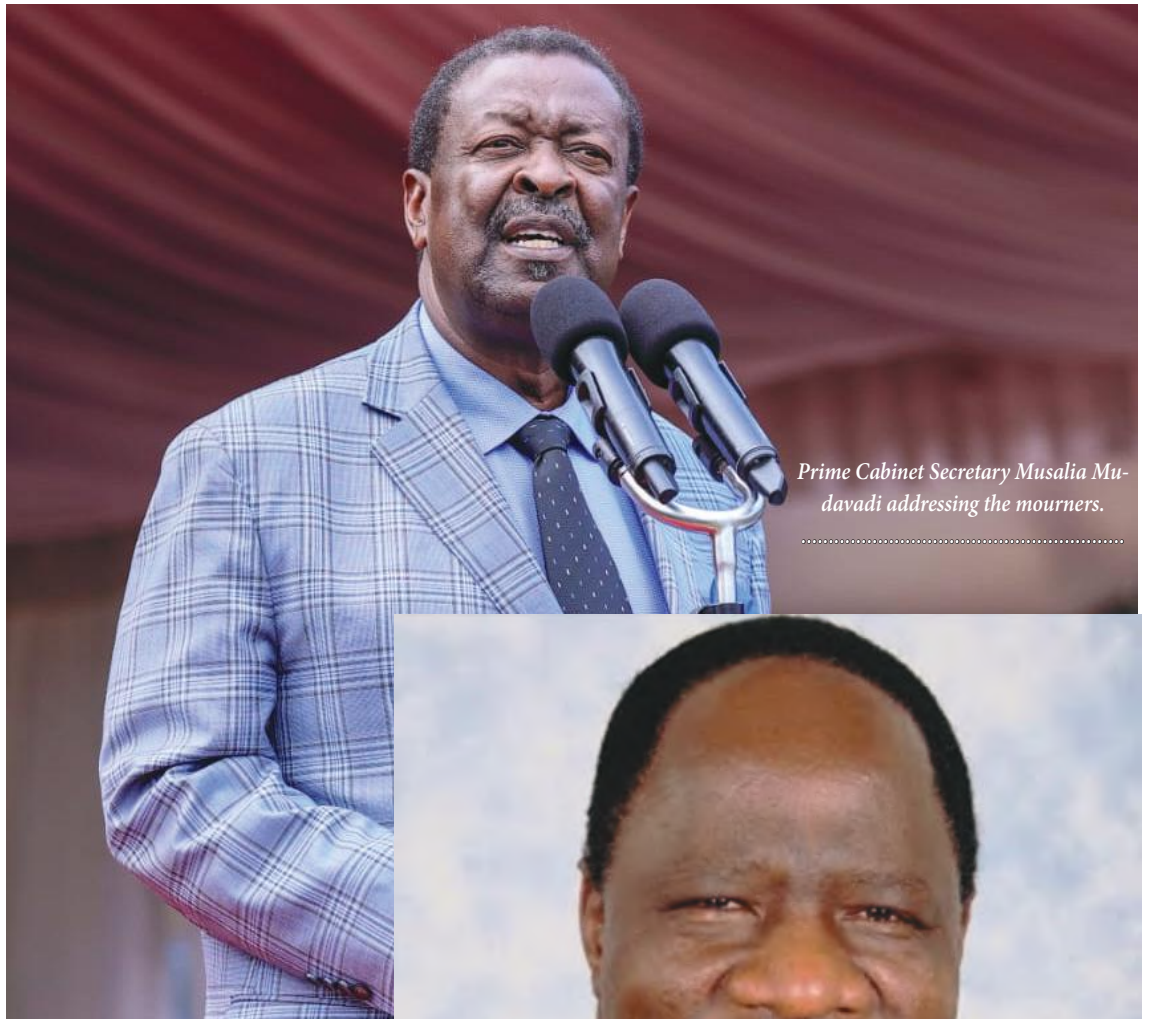
Mudavadi concluded by urging both leaders and citizens to carry forward the values that Dalmas stood for, particularly dedication to public service, commitment to fairness and respect for dialogue. He said that honoring Dalmas' memory should not end at his burial but should inspire leaders to emulate his example in building a stronger democracy.

"Dalmas showed us that democracy requires both voice and responsibility. His dedication to fairness and national service must inspire us to safeguard and strengthen our democratic journey," said Mudavadi.

The burial was attended by a wide array of leaders from across the political divide, among them Migori Governor Ochillo Ayacko, Kisumu Governor Anyang Nyong'o, Siaya Senator Oburu Odinga, Interior PS Raymond Omollo, Mps, and other local and national leaders. Their presence was seen as both a show of respect for the former Rongo MP and a symbol of unity at a time when the nation is called to embrace cohesion and fairness in governance.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi condoling the late Dalmas Otieno's family.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi addressing the mourners.



The late Dalmas Otieno

KANU Nominates Gideon Moi To Contest In Baringo Senatorial By-Election

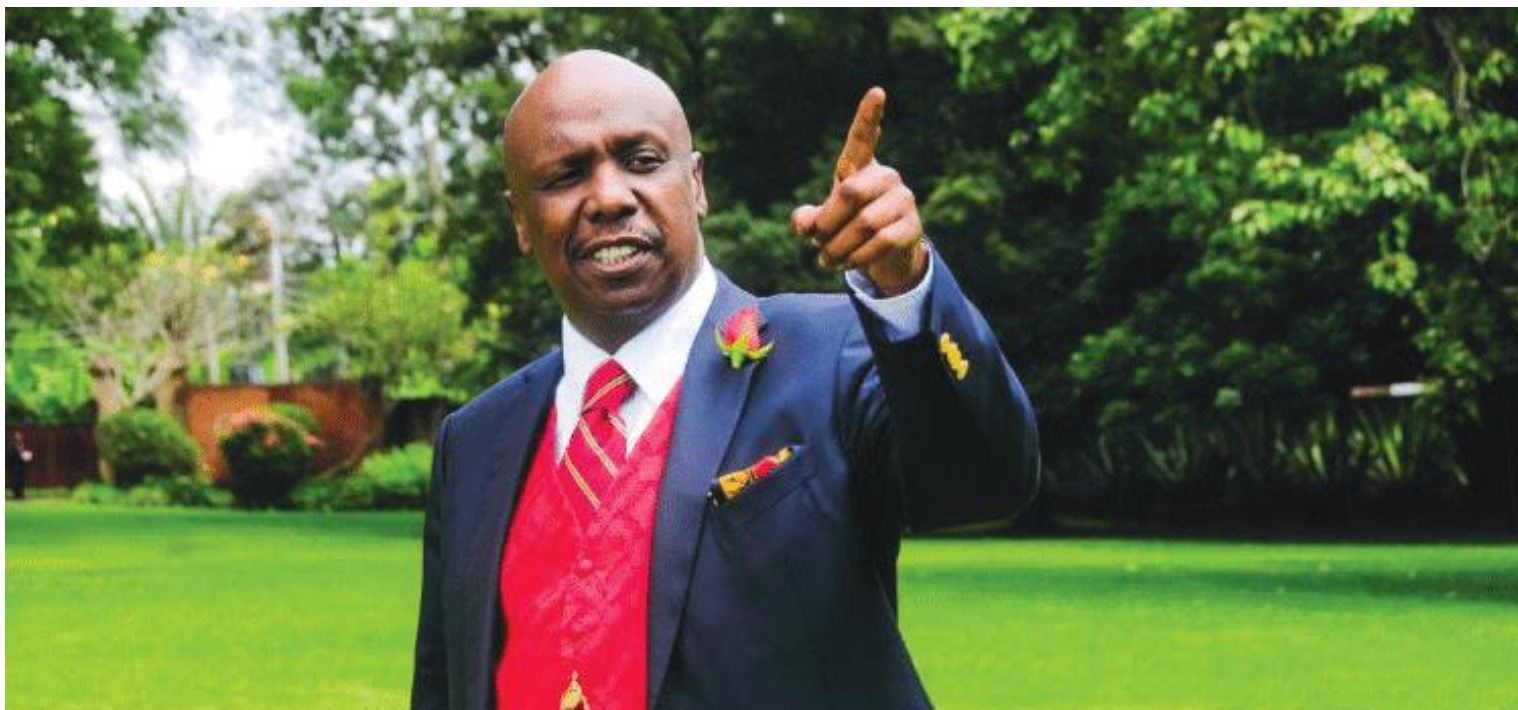
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Moi, who previously served as Baringo Senator, expressed gratitude to KANU members and residents of Baringo for their patience, confidence, and support.

He pledged to run a people-driven campaign "anchored on inclusivity, accountability, and service to all,"



KANU National Chairman, Gideon Moi in a past address. PHOTO|COURTESY

adding that his candidature would resonate widely with the electorate.

KANU has now called on its supporters across Baringo County and

the country at large to rally behind Moi in the upcoming by-election.

The senatorial seat fell vacant following the death of Baringo Senator

William Cheptumo on February 16, this year.

Cheptumo, who was serving his first term in office after defeating Gideon

Moi in the 2022 General Election, passed away while undergoing treatment at Nairobi Hospital.

Family Of Gilgil Crash Victims Plans Multiple Burials Across 4 Locations

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The bodies of fourteen family members who perished in the tragic road accident at Kariandusi along the Nakuru-Nairobi Highway have been transferred to four locations closer to their final resting places.

Ten of the bodies have been moved to Murang'a, two to the Naivasha, one to Nyeri, and another to Kiambu.

Family spokesperson Stephen Gicheru said the burials will be staggered across different days next week to allow relatives to mourn and honour each of the departed individually. "The first three will be laid to rest in Murang'a's Kandara area on Tuesday, followed by another six on Wednesday in the same area," Gicheru explained.

"Another will be buried in Kangari, while the remaining ones will be in-

terred in Nyeri and Naivasha on dates yet to be confirmed."

Gicheru, who lost his wife and child in the crash, said their burial will take place at his Naivasha home once arrangements are complete.

The accident, which occurred on Sunday, September 28, involved a 14-seater matatu carrying the relatives to a family gathering in Solai, Rongai Sub-County.

The vehicle collided head-on with a long-distance truck, killing thirteen on the spot. A fourteenth relative later died while undergoing treatment at St. Joseph Hospital in Elementaita, Gilgil.

The family was travelling to visit their ailing aunt and uncle when tragedy struck. Four other relatives remain hospitalised in Nakuru County.



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King'wal Swamp's Last Crested Cranes Face Extinction

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At the break of dawn in Kapsisiywa, a lone crested crane flutters down onto the thinning papyrus reeds of King'wal swamp. Its incessant squawks pierce the cold morning air, its feathers ruffled and body frail.

Once part of a majestic flock that filled the skies, the solitary grey crowned crane is now a haunting reminder of a species whose survival is in peril.

For generations, King'wal swamp, the largest water tower in the North Rift was home to thousands of cranes, locally referred to by the Kalenjin as 'Moi Kong'ony', a sacred emblem of unity, humility, and life. But today, locals fear the bird's enchanting song may soon vanish forever.

To save the endangered species, a group of 15 youths have launched an ambitious initiative to restore the swamp's degraded marshes, replant reeds, and protect the cranes' breeding

grounds. Leading the charge is Wilson Kiptum Saina, who says unchecked human activity has devastated the swamp.

"The intense farming along the river has drained water and shrunk the swamp. The ecosystem that sheltered the cranes is collapsing. We are encouraging farmers to adopt eco-friendly practices and plant indigenous trees along riverbanks," Saina explained.

Elders recall a time when the birds symbolized abundance. At 82, Joseph Kitur reminisces about his childhood when the cranes filled the sky and inspired songs.

"They were not ordinary birds, we believed they brought life and blessed families with children. Now pesticides and habitat destruction have wiped them up," he said.

A Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) survey in 2019 revealed that the country's grey crowned crane population had fallen to 7,776, down from 12,500 in 2015. Across Africa, only about 30,000 remain in 15 countries.

KWS Conservation Secretary, Dr.



John Chumo, warned that poaching and illegal egg smuggling worsen the decline.

"Globally, crane populations have dropped by 80 percent in 30 years. Chemicals are poisoning their habitats and human activities are accelerating climate change. We must rescue the remaining flocks," he said.

Country Director of International Crane Organization Dr. Joseph Mwangi urged both National and County governments to reclaim water towers and restore breeding sites.

"Communities must embrace sustainable farming that expands reed cover. These wetlands are not only vital water sources but also sanctuaries

for endangered birds," he noted.

For the youth of Kapsisiywa, protecting the crested crane is more than an environmental fight, it is about preserving their culture and identity.

As one of the last cranes continues to call from the reeds, the community hopes its voice will not fade into silence.



Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon 2025 Sets Record KSh233 M Sponsorship

By: Naif Rashid
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The 22nd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has achieved historic growth, attracting sponsorship worth KSh233 million and drawing 30,000 participants for the October 5 race, making it the largest in the race history.

Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee, David Mwindi, said the marathon had reached new milestones in both registration and sponsorship, underscoring its significance on the sporting and social calendar.

“For the first time, we closed registration a month before the race, we turned away sponsors because we could not accommodate more and even now people are still calling looking for slots,” he said during a sponsors’ appreciation breakfast in Nairobi yesterday.

Mwindi described the event as more than a sporting competition, highlighting its role in talent development and community building.

“The marathon has become a vital launching pad for elite runners, while at the same time offering opportunities for families and communities to engage in sport. Every year, from the launch to the warm-up races and the various activations, our sponsors walk with us. Their support has made this not just a race but a family affair,” he noted.

He acknowledged partners such as KWAL’s Heineken Zero, Reload, Amaya and medical partners including AR, who have helped make the marathon more inclusive and safer.

Mwindi said this year’s programme had been broadened with new initiatives, including additional support for the wheelchair category, which has grown in participation.

“This reflects our commitment to inclusivity and the impact the race has on the community. Every year we receive feedback that helps us improve. Our aim is to make the marathon more inclusive, more family-friendly, and ultimately bigger and better,” he said.

Mwindi, reflecting on the preparations ahead, said the success of the marathon lies in collective effort.

“We still have a week to go and a lot of heavy lifting remains, but with the continued support of our sponsors and the community, we are confident of delivering another successful edition. Together, let us run further and make the impact we want to see in our communities,” he said.

Dr. Senorine Wasike, Head of Marketing at Kenya Wine Agencies Limited (KWAL), said the decision



to sponsor the marathon through the Heineken Zero brand was aligned with the company’s values of wellness and responsible consumption.

“Our motivation is to offer consumers healthy alternatives that allow them to enjoy responsibly. Heineken Zero is about guilt-free enjoyment, and that message resonates strongly with this health and wellness movement,” she said.

Dr. Wasike added that KWAL views the marathon as more than a branding opportunity.

“By supporting the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, we are also supporting the Futuremakers programme, which benefits youth, women and persons with disabilities. For us, this is about being part of a movement that goes beyond sport,” she explained.

She further noted that the marathon’s scale, with 30,000 participants expected this year, offers unmatched visibility.

“This is the one event we must be part of every year. It brings together runners from all walks of life, from elite athletes to everyday Kenyans, making it unique,” she said.

Prudential Life Assurance, another returning sponsor, highlighted its commitment to community health and intergenerational wellbeing.

Bernard Kinyanjui, the company’s Head of Corporate Affairs, said the marathon reflects the firm’s values of healthy living and family.

“We love participating in this marathon, and we believe that it aligns with what we stand for, promoting active lifestyles and giving families a chance to bond. The five-kilome-

tre run especially allows parents and children to participate together,” he said.

Kinyanjui added that Prudential views the marathon as a platform for shaping future generations.

“Running with your young ones is about preparing a healthy legacy. Partnering with Futuremakers ensures we are securing opportunities for the next generation and empowering them to lead healthier lives,” he said.

He further expressed excitement at the growing scale of the event. “The thought of 30,000 runners filling the streets of Nairobi on an early morning is truly inspiring. It speaks to the marathon’s power to bring people together,” he noted.

Standard Chartered’s Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing for Kenya and Africa, Joyce Kibe, said the record sponsorship reflects the trust and consistency built over two decades.

“In 2024, we raised Sh173 million. This year, that figure has grown to Sh233 million, an increase of about 34 percent. The growth allows us to provide an enhanced experience for all participants,” she said.

Kibe explained that with more sponsors on board, runners will benefit from expanded services.

“From kilometre zero to kilometre 42, participants will be supported with hydration, electrolytes, medical care, sustainable water packaging and transport. Everything has been planned to ensure safety and comfort for every runner,” she said.

She emphasised that proceeds from the marathon go directly into

the bank’s Futuremakers initiative, which supports entrepreneurship and employability training.

“To date, about Sh850 million has been raised through the marathon. Last year alone, Sh45 million went to Futuremakers, and this year we are targeting Sh75 million. By registering and running, participants are directly changing lives,” she said.

Kibe said Futuremakers currently supports six universities through employability programmes and runs the Women in Tech partnership with Strathmore University, providing women entrepreneurs with start-up funding for tech ventures.

“We ensure that every shilling raised helps youth, women and persons with disabilities access finance, training and opportunities to build sustainable livelihoods,” she said.

She also noted the marathon’s growing global recognition. “Since its inception in 2003, the Nairobi Marathon has run without fail every year, and it is now accredited as a World Athletics Road Race label event.

This year, we expect 200 elite runners, the highest so far. But beyond the numbers, consistency and world-class standards are what sets the marathon apart,” she added.

The 2025 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon will take place on October 6 in Nairobi, featuring races across multiple categories including the full marathon, half marathon, 10km, 5km family run and the wheelchair race.

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CS Wahome Declares Olkiombo Land, Irregularly Acquired

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It is a sigh of relief for the Maa community living near the Maasai Mara National Reserve after the Cabinet Secretary for Lands Alice Wahome confirmed that the contentious 4700 acres of Olkiombo land was irregularly acquired.

Wahome told the National Assembly Land's committee that the land was not surveyed before a certificate of ownership was issued to Livingston Kunini Ntutu, who is a first brother to Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu.

"If there are no survey records, then there is a problem. Sometimes documents can be misplaced, but in this case, it didn't exist," said the CS.

Following the confession, a section of elders drawn from Narok West Sub County, where the National Reserve is located, expressed their satisfaction and confidence with the land's department that is handling the issue.



Cabinet Secretary for Lands Alice Wahome

"The CS's remarks were a big win to the Maa community. The people have been fighting to repossess the land in vain. Today we celebrate a significant victory in the fight against land grabbing and illegal encroachment," said Mzee Joseph Kirokorr. Mzee Kirokorr called on Narok West Member of Parliament Gabriel Tongoyo to continue pushing the agenda until the land documents in

possession of Kunini Ntutu are revoked and the land is given back to the community. Meanwhile, another resident Mzee Henry Ole Tompoi praised CS Wahome for her firm stand saying the Maa people, who have always protected wild animals since time in memorial, will finally benefit from their conservation efforts. "When the CS tells the parliamen-



Some of the Maa community leaders

tary committee on Land that the title deed is illegal, it means our suffering is over, we are going to fully enjoy our conservation efforts," he said. The elders called on the Ministry of Lands to swiftly implement the CS's directive by initiating a formal process for the revocation of the said title deed, so as to pave the way for the land to revert to the community. Wahome's remarks are seen as a clear signal from the government

that it will not tolerate illegal land dealings, offering a glimmer of hope to other communities facing similar land disputes across the country. The contentious land has been a heated subject between the Maasai community living near the National Reserve and Kunini Ntutu, who recently won the battle in High Court. The case is currently before the Court of Appeal.

AERC Research: Ensuring Clean Cooking Energy Is Available And Affordable In Rural Areas Should Be A Policy Priority

By: MKT Reporter
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A new research study by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) has established that public policy architects must move with speed to prioritise access to clean energy solutions, especially for women in rural areas.

The study, titled "Gendered Differences in Household Cooking Coping Strategies for the Russia-Ukraine War in Kenya," has established that the Russia-Ukraine war disrupted global supply chains, leading to higher fuel prices, as well as food and fertiliser prices, exacerbating existing gender disparities in Kenya.

Speaking during an AERC Side Event at the Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in Recurrent and Protracted Crises Programme (SPARC) & Jameel Observatory Joint Conference held at a Nairobi Hotel, AERC Executive Director Prof Victor Murinde underscored the urgent need to prioritise policy

interventions to provide clean energy access for women in rural areas.

"The persistence of high food and fertiliser prices continues to affect the well-being of many vulnerable households. This research shows that whereas these shocks often begin globally, in this case, the Russia-Ukraine war, their effects are deeply felt at the household level across Africa," Prof Murinde said.

The AERC study findings, he said, highlight the reality that women, already heavily impacted by the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, faced further burdens due to rising fuel prices.

According to recent study findings, Prof. Murinde noted that during economic shocks, women are more likely to switch to cheaper, traditional cooking fuels, despite their adverse effects. Switching to such fuels exposes women to spending significantly more time on fuel collection and meal preparation than men.

"the study uncovered significant gendered differences in cooking strategies. About two-thirds of the households that stopped using ker-

osene following the Russia-Ukraine war switched to LPG, a cleaner fuel. This was less in women than in men. Further, only about 8% of the households switched to firewood, and this was mainly in rural areas, with women being more likely to switch to this fuel than men," Prof Murinde said.

He added, "Ensuring that clean cooking energy is available and affordable, especially for women in rural areas, should be a policy priority."

The study, published by AERC as a working paper, was undertaken by Researchers Onyango Dickson Wandeda, Macharia Kenneth Kigundu, Ngui Dianah, and Maloi Lanoi. The researchers investigated gendered cooking coping strategies in Kenya following the Russia-Ukraine war. It also examined gender differences in time savings related to these strategies. It assessed the effectiveness of a fuel subsidy introduced to mitigate the adverse effects of the war on households.

The AERC side event today brought together national policymakers,



Prof. Victor Murinde, Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), delivers opening remarks at the AERC Side Event.

NGOs and other implementing organisations, and multilaterals based in Nairobi, including UN agencies, development banks, CGIAR agricultural research centres, and other key stakeholders who have important roles to play in shaping new research findings, paving new policy directions, and initiating innovative practices in the areas of food security.

The discussions emphasised the urgency of translating research into practical solutions that safeguard low-income households. As Africa continues to navigate the realities of high food prices, the findings provide a vital roadmap for shaping policies that advance food security, equity, and sustainable growth across the continent.

CJ Applauds St Paul's University For Its Research Platform

By: George Mugo
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Chief Justice Martha Koome yesterday applauded St Paul's University for creating platforms for students to learn changes that happen in the society, country and in the world.

She noted that some challenges in the community have resulted the institutions of higher learning to train students to look for solutions through research.

Koome said some of the changes that have happened and left a lot of challenges in the community include rising inequality, poverty, climate change, environmental crises, prolonged drought among others.

"In an era of rapid change, such conferences create the shared cross disciplinary engagement and insight we need to tackle the complex problems we face in a rapidly changing world. I therefore thank the vice chancellor of SPU and the organisers of this conference for inviting me to speak to you" she said.

Koome spoke at SPU amphitheater during the 5th Annual International Research Conference with a theme, "Re- conceptualizing sustainable development goals for today's challenges and tomorrow's possibilities".

She was accompanied by SPU chancellor Prof Margaret Kobia and who was Public Service Cabinet Secretary, Vice Chancellor James Kombo senior university staff and students.

Kombo noted that the conference was aimed at offering a dialogue over the challenges faced by the society, sharing innovations while looking for solutions.

He also noted that the participants also reflected on where we are headed as a society compared to where we have come from and where we have passed.

"We want to listen and celebrate the wisdom and creativity of scholars who are proposing better pathways for a better tomorrow," Kombo said.

However, the chief justice urged the participants to help the judiciary fight corruption saying some people accuse it without evidence.

Koome described the vice as a bad habit and a bad culture that cannot be sustained since it's not allowed.



Chief Justice Martha Koome (center) speaking with St Paul's University chancellor Margaret Kobia while vice chancellor Prof James Kombo (right) walking to the SPU amphitheater yesterday.

She noted that the judiciary does not ask for such money adding that such money is like offerings adding that the judiciary does not have offerings.

She urged people to report any form of corruption with evidence so that they can clean the department, adding that a few judicial officers have

faced disciplinary action and others suspended after being named with evidence.

Koome added that they have deployed some officers at each and every court who alert people that the services offered are free of charge.

"Help up to say corruption is not

sustainable. We have officers in our courts alerting people that services are free of charge. Corruption is not good at all" she noted.

Health CS Duale Engages Private Providers on Strengthening Service Delivery Under Taifa Care

By: MKT Correspondent
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Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale yesterday convened a high-level consultative meeting with private healthcare providers and senior management of the Social Health Authority (SHA) to deliberate on strategies for strengthening health service delivery — a critical pillar in scaling up the roll-out of Kenya's Taifa Care Model.

The discussions focused on ensuring continuity of services during the early phases of the Social Health Insurance (SHI) rollout, including capacity building on the new system and addressing outstanding NHIF debts.

The CS assured stakeholders that the government will commence repayment of pending NHIF bills amounting to KSh5.3 billion, prioritising hospitals owed between KSh1-10 million.

To safeguard public resources, an independent committee will verify



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale.

all claims above Ksh 10 million before settlement.

Key action points agreed upon included the appointment of SHA relationship managers for contracted facilities, establishment of a joint SHA-DHA service desk at SHA headquarters and Huduma Centres, and real-time communication on

policy amendments.

The CS further underscored the government's commitment to fully incorporate private providers and faith-based organisations (FBOs) in the County-to-County Taifa Care rollout, creating a platform for dialogue and collaboration to accelerate access to effective, affordable



healthcare nationwide.

During a panel session, the CS highlighted reforms underway to fast-track Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, noting the central role of the private sector and the importance of timely payments by SHA for long-term sustainability.

The meeting brought together private hospital providers from seven counties — Kajiado, Embu, Machakos, Nairobi, Kiambu, Nyeri, and Kirinyaga; representing 103 health-

care facilities.

The CS was accompanied by Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth, SHA CEO Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, DHA CEO Eng. Anthony Lenayara, KMPDC CEO Dr. David Kariuki, and other senior Ministry officials.

14 POEMS

I HATE



I hate it, if they do it with unkindness,
If they bend my dignity, I will bear it,
Maybe they will throw stones with guilt,
My value will be known, the day I'm gone.

Is love the beginning of love?
Is it difficult for me to stay with you?
Every word we say without understanding,
Is it hard to shoot from the bottom of our hearts?

I hate even cheating
This little heart of mine does not deceive anyone.
Even if a deposit is given to me,

I protect him, not myself.

I hate myself sometimes
Why am I such a simple girl
Sometimes my friends sell me,
I never asked who did what.

I hate, hateful world
A good day will be pain
Sometimes riches and money fool the eye,
A day spent with bad people.

I hate, that's what hate is
This feeling is called heartbreakers.
I hate you blind world
Some unforgivable black work.

Diyora Jurabekovna To'iqinova.
Participant of cultural and educational competitions, national winner in the F-direction.
Student of the Faculty of Philology, Foreign Language and Literature Department, Shahrizabz State Pedagogical Institute.

Girls Be Alert



Girls be alert be smart
Be not so fragile and tender
Wolves and dogs will take you for granted
So be cautious like a lion and tiger

Save thine self, save thine self
You will win any situation
No need for protection from outside
They can't be a real protection

With the fire in the eyes, you can save yourself
With the rough words from your tongue, you can save yourself
Thine look should burn the prankster
Then words should not allow them nearby.

Thine activities and walk should not entertain guys

Never show a green signal to anyone
Never trust anyone at any cost, at any point
Let anyone pour honey combed words

Let not thine yield, to the cunning trap
They are willy with evil thoughts
We cannot judge anyone
so never estimate or underestimate Anyone
with your innocent eyes,
they are devil be cautious

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The Only One In The World



Wounded, yet with a pure heart I endure,
Through storms of fate, my soul stays sure.
You are the hope that heals my pain,
The only one in this world I claim.

In sorrow's ocean, when I lose my way,
You shine like dawn, bringing brighter day.
A single glance restores my soul,
The only one who makes me whole.

Even when destiny scatters the stars above,
You give me courage, you teach me love.
My heart will follow, faithful and true,
The only one in this world is you.

My name is Sabina Nafasova, and I was born on May 22, 2008, in Shakhriyabz district, Kashqadaryo region, Uzbekistan. I am currently a senior student at School No. 74 in my hometown.

I am actively involved in the SMORM project, which focuses on social awareness, media literacy, and responsible digital behavior. In 2025, I was selected for the third round of the MGIMO-Tashkent Model United Nations (MUN) conference as a delegate representing the UNESCO committee. Participating in MUN has strengthened my leadership qualities and broadened my understanding of global issues.

Hi My Dear Sweet Heart!



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,
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!

Anusha S. T
BT AsstEnglish
GHS Mevalurkuppam
SRIPERUMBUDUR KPM
A visually impaired teacher, received the award of appreciation from KPM collector on Aug 15, 2024
For my dedication and sincere service.

Let's Protect Nature



Let's Protect Nature
Let us join our hands as one,
Together, all – everyone.
In purity, in cleanliness,
Let us guard what nature blessed.
She gave us life, this world so wide,
With every breath, with every stride.
Purest air and gifts untold,
Nature – gentle, strong and bold.
Let us cherish her like a mother,
Protect her like no other.
Let us join our hands as one,
Together, all – everyone.
In purity, in cleanliness,
Let us guard what nature blessed.
No breath survives without the air,

No sip of life if water's rare.
To harm her is to choose decay,
To feel her loss is death's own way.
If one tree falls, plant ten anew,
Let's stand united, me and you.
Come, my friend, in unity –
Protect this gift: our Earth, so free.
Just as no child can be without a mother,
No soul can live without a land to cover.
Like conscience needs faith to be right,
Life without nature loses its light.
Let us join our hands as one,
Together, all – everyone.
In purity, in cleanliness,
Let us guard what nature blessed.

Aliqulova:
I am Nozima Abdivali qizi Aliqulova, born on February 14, 2006. After graduating from school, I enrolled at Shahrizabz State Pedagogical Institute.
Writing poetry has been my passion since childhood, and the poem I am sharing with you today is one of my original works.

Get Rid Off Your Comfort Zone



Comfort Zone is your danger zone.
It relaxes you and weakens your bone.
Use gadgets when mandatory.
Rely on your motor skills regularly.
Chores should be manual
Refresh exercises at least annual.

If you restrict your movement
you can't expect any improvement
Eat healthy and work more
Be guaranteed of a sleep with a snore
Walk, bend, twist and turn
Only they will, your calories burn.
Not late yet
Get up and set
Break the trendy way
Tread the path of elders say
Get rid off your comfort zone
Even if you have to do it alone.

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Boost For Over 35,000 Kirinyaga Residents As Waiguru Distributes Assorted Community Empowerment Items

By: MKT Reporter
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Over 35,000 people from Kirinyaga have benefitted from a major community empowerment drive meant to improving access to clean water, boosting youth talent development and strengthening self-help groups across the county.

The empowerment initiative by Governor Anne Waiguru saw women, youth and the venerable from 15 wards receive assorted items that will go a long way in improving their livelihoods.

The items included 6,500 water pipes and 1,100 fittings for last mile distribution of water to homesteads, 6,270 chairs and 63 tents were handed over to self-help groups, alongside 1,000 blankets, catering items, car wash machines, and public address systems.

About 50 sports clubs drawn from various wards also received balls, nets, uniforms, boots, and socks to boost their activities and nurture sports talent.

Residents expressed gratitude for the support, saying it would enable them to engage more effectively in social and economic activities.

Rose Mavuti, a mother from Nyangati Ward, said the items would ease the burden women have carried for generations.

“I am so happy today. The Governor has not forgotten us. As elderly women, we shall no longer carry water jerry cans on our backs since we now have water drums, pipes, and accessories that will enable us get water within our homesteads,” she said.

Daniel Kahiga, a youth from Kariti Ward, praised the county government’s initiative to invest in youth talent development.

“Before, crimes and alcohol abuse among the youth were common, but now we are growing our talents. Soon we shall even play for UEFA or other international leagues,” he said, noting that one of their own, Peter Mugane, had been nurtured through the county sports program and now plays at the national league.

Governor Waiguru emphasized that the empowerment program is designed as a joint effort with the County Assembly, noting that funds are allocated to each ward, allowing MCAs to purchase items based on the specific needs of their residents.

Majority Leader Benson Ngahu welcomed the initiative, saying it reflected the strong partnership between the assembly and the executive.

“The county assembly is happy for the items that will help the community. It has been accomplished due to the good working relationship



Governor Anne Waiguru with some of the beneficiaries.

between the assembly and the executive. We will support you and the county government to continue empowering county residents,” he said.

Waiguru reminded residents that her administration’s record of development speaks for itself, noting that the county government is working diligently to ensure all pledged projects are completed. She further highlighted ongoing investments in health, including support to 75 health facilities across the county, the ongoing

upgrade of Kianyaga and Kimbimbi hospitals to Level 4 by December, and the planned upgrade of Mutithi Health centre.

“My prayer is that Kirinyaga continues to rise, and we must all remain united to enable delivery of services that will uplift the county,” she said.

Earlier, the Governor had led the gathering in observing a moment of silence in honor of County Executive Committee Member for Education, Veronica Waweru and Senior Fire

Officer John Kiama who both passed away this week.

“This has been a very difficult week for us as a county. We have lost two great people. Let us take a moment of silence in their honor,” she said.

The event was attended by Deputy Governor David Githanda, Members of the County Assembly, community leaders, and thousands of residents.



Some of the assorted items donated to various groups..

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BUSINESS

Diversification Key To Continuous Growth In Tourism Sector, Kindiki Says

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Worth Noting:

- The DP said there is a need to expand Kenya's tourism horizon in the wake of stiff competition from East African neighbours and global destinations which are looking to eat into the country's global tourism share.
- "Kenya's traditional offerings of wildlife safaris, cultural heritage and coastal retreats may indeed continue to draw international visitors, but they must be complimented by new and innovative products," DP said.
- Prof. Kindiki spoke yesterday when he officially opened the Magical Kenya Trade Expo at Uhuru Gardens in Nairobi. The 15th Edition of the Expo attracted 417 exhibitors and over 6,500 delegates from across the world.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has called for enhanced diversification of tourist sites and destinations to attract more visitors to boost the sector's growth.

Further, the DP pushed for extensive engagement with Kenya's respected and talented figures in sports and other fields and exploitation of well-known Kenya-owned products like MPESA to elevate the country's profile abroad and in turn pull more visitors.

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"We must develop new tourist products and exploit untapped potential in non-traditional attractions and regions to spur the sectors' growth.

By diversifying our offerings into culture, sports, faith, and heritage tourism, we shall continue to ensure that Kenya holds a compelling appeal for every visitor, from the thrill-seeker to the pilgrim," he reiterated.

As the DP appreciated efforts put in strengthening the country's tourism sector, he said there is room for improvement in order to fully capitalise on renewed interest in Africa and its foremost destinations.

"We remain head above shoulders when ranked against our East African brothers, but struggle when compared to destinations in North and South Africa...with Africa emerging as one of the strongest-performing regions in global tourism recovery for the year 2025, we must do more to tap into this growth, and drive performance," he stated.

Kenya welcomed close to 2.4 million visitors in 2024, marking a 15 percent increase from 2023. Revenue from tourism also increased by 20 percent to Sh452 billion (USD 3.5 billion), with domestic tourism showing significant growth potential.



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki with Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano in a jig yesterday

The sector is expected to continue its upward trajectory with the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) indicating that Kenya's tourism sector is set to contribute a record Sh1.2 trillion (USD 9.3 billion) to the economy in 2025, equivalent to more than 7% of national Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The sector is also expected to support 1.7 million jobs in 2025 which translates to over 8% of total national employment.

"I commend The Ministry of Tourism's recent efforts to drive the astro-tourism initiative that takes advantage of Kenya's equatorial positioning. Desert safaris in areas such as Chalbi are also emerging as significant tourism opportunities to rival the Middle East and Asian markets," DP said.

With Kenya's athletes performing exemplary in global competitions and its stature affirmed through notable preferences by the United Nations, Prof. Kindiki said that provides an opportunity to exploit to elevate the country's image among the league of nations.

"We must also be deliberate in how we market Kenya and the nuances that characterise the Kenyan experience. Over and above the Kenya of the Big 5 is the Kenya of MPESA and mobile money. The Kenya of Twitter (now X). The Kenya of Eliud Kipchoge. The Kenya of Wangari Maathai. The Kenya of Innovation

and Leadership. The Kenya of the United Nations. The Kenya that is young and resourceful. Kenya's identity is one of profound diversity," he said.

Prof. Kindiki said Kenya values immensely tourists and their contribution to the wellbeing of the nation's socio-economic growth.

"Every tourist who comes to Kenya supports our agricultural sector

through the food they consume; supports our transport sector by traveling on our roads, railways and airspace; supports our cottage industries by buying crafts; and supports the hospitality sector through the hotels, conference and entertainment facilities they patronize," he noted.



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki addressing the forum yesterday.

TOURISM

Africa Must Move From Destination to Driver in Global Tourism

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Worth Noting:

- Kenya already has a reputation as a top safari destination, but under Al Nowais's agenda the story could be very different. She has argued that "Africa's young people are already digital leaders. What they need now is access to infrastructure, funding, and global visibility."
- With more than 70 percent of Sub-Saharan Africa's population under 30, countries like Kenya are well positioned to harness digital tourism platforms, booking apps, virtual tours, mobile payments, to elevate local entrepreneurs and community-based tourism. Nairobi's thriving tech ecosystem could become a hub for the UNWTO's proposed regional innovation labs, giving small operators and artisans access to training, AI tools, and global markets.

When Shaikha Al Nowais became the first Emirati, and the first Arab woman, elected Secretary-General of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), it was more than a symbolic breakthrough. Her victory offers Africa, and countries like Kenya and South Africa in particular, a chance to reshape how the global tourism economy is governed. During her campaign, Al Nowais made a bold call to "reposition Africa not just as a destination but as a driver of the global tourism agenda." She rooted her platform in digital inclusion, equity, and regeneration, making it clear that Africa's future is not to be managed from the outside but co-authored from within.

"Africa deserves not only to benefit from tourism, but to lead in shaping its governance," she said. "I see Africa as a market and as a movement rich in solutions, knowledge, and leadership."

Kenya: Digital Innovation Meets Cultural Wealth

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At the same time, Kenya faces hard questions about sustainability. The Maasai Mara, Amboseli, and the coast are under pressure from overtourism and climate change. Al Nowais's call for regenerative tourism "Regeneration, not just growth, must be our North Star" resonates deeply. For Kenya, that means measuring success by community benefit and ecological restoration, not only by visitor numbers.

South Africa: Inclusion and Storytelling Power



South Africa brings different strengths and challenges. With a sophisticated tourism infrastructure, diverse cultural heritage, and a globally recognized brand, the country has long been a leader in the sector. But inequality in who benefits from tourism remains stark.

Al Nowais has insisted that her mandate is about "listening, co-creating, and delivering." She has also warned against strategies driven only by bureaucrats seeking re-election, urging instead a system where local values and leadership define the narrative.

South Africa's vibrant township tourism initiatives, cultural festivals, and wine regions could gain greater global visibility if backed by UNWTO's push for storytelling ecosystems. Al Nowais cited the EU's Spaces of Culture 2025 as a model of "strategic storytelling" that can deepen impact. South Africa has both the creative industries and the entrepreneurial talent to anchor similar initiatives on the continent.

A Continental Moment

Al Nowais's agenda aligns closely with African Union priorities on youth empowerment, digital transformation, and climate resilience. By linking tourism with climate adaptation, she is bridging gaps often sidelined in policy debates.

She has argued that digital infrastructure is "not a luxury, it's a human right." For Africa, that is a challenge and an opportunity. Investment in digital tools for tourism could build more resilient economies, create jobs, and offer new pathways for young people from Cape Town to Kisumu.

But this moment is not automatic. Without clear strategies, political stability, and strong local policies, Africa risks seeing yet another global agenda pass it by while benefits leak abroad.

The Way Forward

For Kenya and South Africa, three priorities stand out:

Invest in youth-driven digital tour-

ism. Harness local tech talent to create platforms that give artisans, guides, and small operators global reach.

Embed regenerative principles. Ensure national parks, coastal zones, and cultural sites are not just protected but restored, with communities at the heart of benefit-sharing.

Tell Africa's own story. Build ecosystems of filmmakers, writers, musicians, and local entrepreneurs to reframe the global narrative of African tourism.

Al Nowais has promised reform, but Africa must step up to shape the agenda. As she put it: "Africa is not just a destination. It is the future of global tourism, and I intend to help the world see that."

If Africa seizes this opening, they can turn tourism from a fragile revenue stream into a foundation for inclusive, sustainable growth. The continent has waited long enough to move from the margins to the center of global tourism governance.



Child Support Programs Need To Be Implemented



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Ideas in education are constantly changing and some say that if you wait long enough the old ideas will come back round again. There was a time before the 1993 Education Act when children who were a little bit slower at acquiring some skills were simply supported by their class teacher or subject teacher. The introduction of the Code of Practice gradually led to an expectation that all children who were not 'average' would somehow need and receive additional support. Those at the extreme end of the spectrum for any aspect of learning would be 'Statemented'. A number of problems exist with this expectation, (which I have exaggerated to make the point):

- It is extremely costly – removing money from schools to be kept in LEA budgets so that it can be given back to schools to meet the needs of a few identified children

- It is bureaucratic – with the 'additional funding' that statementing provides taking a long time to reach the school and provide support for the targeted child

- In some schools, the responsibility for the child's learning difficulties are gradually passed along a chain of people. The class teacher passes the child onto the SENCo, the SENCo passes the child onto an advisory teacher, the advisory teacher passes the child onto the educational psychologist and finally the EP passes the child onto a teaching assistant via the statementing process.

- There is an emphasis on remediation – somehow doing some extra teaching will make the child become like all of the other children in the class. They start 'below average' in some identified area and after a short period of additional teaching they will become 'average'.

- When a child fails to make average progress in a mainstream school, the school considers that they cannot meet the child's needs and some other more specialist provision is required. The Audit Commission has recently pointed out the wastefulness of this process and called for the system to be reviewed (Audit Commission, 20021). The alternative strategy is to provide support sooner and most people in education have heard of the concept of early intervention. Many believe that this means getting money to the child so that additional adult support can be provided. However, a better interpretation would be that the sooner someone notices that child's difficulties and helps or supports the child the better the educational outcome will be. Effectively, early inter-

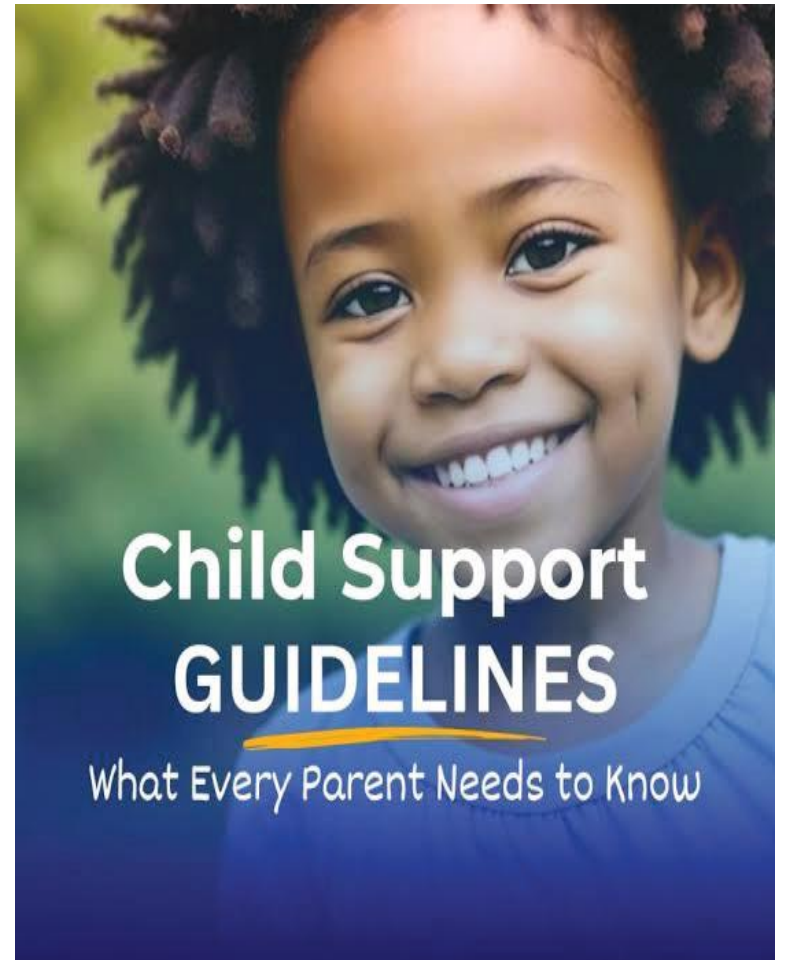
vention starts with the class teacher, noticing and responding to the child.

The mental health crisis for children and youth in the African Countries has reached a critical point. The pandemic has exacerbated already alarming trends in mental health, and, without increasing the number of high-quality, evidence-based mental health services, the increased need for services for children and youth will not be met. As schools and programs return to full in-person learning in the fall, and have new resources in the American Rescue Plan's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund, and previous rounds of ESSER funding, to support this work, there is a unique opportunity to reconceptualize how we prioritize and provide school- and program-based mental health supports, an essential component of creating nurturing educational environments for children, students, families, educators, and providers. This includes dramatically expanding the number of social workers, school counselors, school nurses, and school psychologists available to support students.

Child abuse and neglect – particularly sexual abuse – are among the world's most serious concerns, with millions of cases reported to various children's protective service organizations each year. It is estimated globally that 150 million girls and 73 million boys under the age of 18 have experienced forced sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual violence involving physical contact (International Center for Assault Prevention). Yet, it is also estimated that much abuse is underreported either because the victims are afraid to tell anyone what has happened, or the adults who observe or suspect the abuse are unsure of what to do.

International schools have a moral as well as legal duty to safeguard the welfare of our students, as well as those children using our facilities or involved with our programs and activities. Some Programs sets forth the steps our faculty, staff, students, volunteers, contractors, and consultants are required to take to minimize the threat of child abuse in our schools and to respond promptly and effectively should abuse be observed, suspected, or disclosed.

Looking at characteristics of international schools, a flying hot air balloon serves to represent our international students and families. There are different levels of connecting to the host community as international students and families move through its space – some families and students jump



in and are a part of the local culture and social life - with ladders from the balloon placed everywhere. Others students/families live as they have always lived and visit the host culture and community only now and then. Most international students and their families experience our communities somewhere in between on that continuum. Whatever way we as individuals see ourselves, most of our international students and families are in the hot air balloon, in our own space, letting down the rope ladder to the host country to meet their needs - social, emotional, medical, adventure, and even curiosity. Now consider in this illustration the child who is experiencing some form of maltreatment. Child protection depends on systems in place to help the child. This means the child must first get the support from the parent who will throw down the ladder to the host country's resources. However, we know that most child abuse is perpetrated by someone that the child knows, loves, or trusts. So when the system is outside the balloon, requiring a ladder that the parent must throw down, reaching the needed resources from the host country that is foreign to the family can be a great challenge. Thus, the child in need of protection and help remains in that floating hot air balloon alone – isolated from the resources and support he or she needs. Similarly, the non-offending parent(s) remains

in that floating hot air balloon alone with a child in need of help and often with the offender still in the balloon or with the sadness and fear the situation has caused. And often, even the parent is unaware of the types of resources available – figuratively not knowing where to throw the ladder down. The metaphor serves to illustrate that one of the essential roles and characteristics of the international school is that the school becomes the conduit, the social life the family engages in for expatriate families. Thus, international have a responsibility to literally fill the child protection gap in helping to connect these families to the necessary services. Whenever the family is in a safe and nurturing environment, the hot air balloon is a wonderful place. It is the families and children who are in unsafe and often abusive balloons whom international schools must reach. To bring the metaphor of the floating hot air balloon down to earth and safely secured in our schools it is important for school personnel to understand and be cognizant of the experience of the students we serve. Following are some of the characteristics/attributes of International school communities that should be taken in account when considering the context for developing a Child Protection Program.

Worth Noting:

- It is extremely costly – removing money from schools to be kept in LEA budgets so that it can be given back to schools to meet the needs of a few identified children
- It is bureaucratic – with the 'additional funding' that statementing provides taking a long time to reach the school and provide support for the targeted child
- In some schools, the responsibility for the child's learning difficulties are gradually passed along a chain of people. The class teacher passes the child onto the SENCo, the SENCo passes the child onto an advisory teacher, the advisory teacher passes the child onto the educational psychologist and finally the EP passes the child onto a teaching assistant via the statementing process.

What Caused Yet Another U.S. Government Shutdown?

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The U.S. federal government officially shut down early Wednesday after lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on a funding bill, the latest casualty of partisan deadlock in Washington.

The shutdown has forced hundreds of thousands of federal employees to work without pay or take unpaid leave, while many government services face disruption. Efforts are underway in the Capitol to reopen the government, but the outlook remains uncertain as Republicans and Democrats continue to trade blame over who is responsible for the impasse.

Why Is Shutdown Happening

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday failed to approve a short-term spending bill, following the two bills' failure to pass on Tuesday night, which led to the shutdown. Healthcare benefits remain a key sticking point in the latest negotiations, with Democrats advocating stronger healthcare funding, while Republicans accuse them of seeking to provide free healthcare to undocumented immigrants. "(Democratic congresswoman) Maxine Waters admitted that she is demanding Healthcare for Illegal Aliens, and it's going to be Top of the Line, taking American Taxpay-

ers' Healthcare away from them!" U.S. President Donald Trump said in a social media post. "Republicans shut down the government because they can't be bothered to protect health care for Americans across this country," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Wednesday on X. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries told CNN on Wednesday that Democrats are willing to reach a bipartisan agreement to reopen the government, while blaming Republicans for a "health care crisis that is devastating everyday Americans all across the country."

How Will Shutdown Impact Americans

Following the government shutdown, those functions essential to the protection of lives and property will remain open, while services such as National Parks, air traffic, and health care, among others, will be partially interrupted or affected. The government shutdown will also hit the domestic economy. The previous shutdown, which lasted 35 days from December 2018 to January 2019, caused an unrecoverable 3 billion-U.S. dollar hit to economic growth, with some private businesses permanently losing income, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate. What makes this shutdown different from previous ones is that the Trump administration has signaled its willingness to use it as an opportunity to cut government jobs



and programs that do not align with Trump's priorities, rather than simply furlough employees or require them to work without pay. "Let's be honest, if this thing drags on for another few days, or, God forbid, another few weeks, we are going to have to lay people off," U.S. Vice President JD Vance told reporters at a White House press briefing on Wednesday. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said at the briefing that she expected layoffs to happen "very soon." The indication has raised concerns over job security for a workforce strained by budget cuts and layoffs, Bloomberg reported.

What Caused Frequent Shutdowns

The U.S. government has suffered 15 shutdowns since 1980, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington-based think tank. Frequent shutdowns stem from deep-rooted partisan gridlock over federal spending. Triggered by Democrats' opposition to Trump's proposed funding for the U.S.-Mexico border wall, the previous 35-day shutdown from 2018 to 2019, the longest in U.S. history, forced some 800,000 federal employees to work without pay or take unpaid leave. Hours before entering the latest shutdown on Wednesday midnight, the U.S. Senate failed to pass a short-term spending bill that would have temporarily kept the government running, as Republicans and

Democrats have been trading blame recently, accusing each other of forcing the government into a shutdown. "The Democrats want to shut it down. So when you shut it down, you have to do layoffs. So we'd be laying off a lot of people that are going to be very affected. And they're going to be Democrats," Trump told reporters at the White House on Tuesday. "The White House simply wants to win the confrontation (with the Democrats). It may be that they will lose in terms of public opinion if they proceed to mass firings," Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, told Xinhua.

Ghana's Inflation Rate Drops To 9.4% — A Turning Point For Investors



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Ghana's economy is showing renewed promise as the national inflation rate drops to 9.4% as of September, marking the first single-digit figure since 2021. This milestone reflects the country's ongoing efforts to stabilize its financial landscape and attract foreign investment. The de-

cline in inflation is a result of strategic fiscal reforms and targeted monetary policies. Analysts say this shift is likely to boost investor confidence and unlock new opportunities across agriculture, mining, infrastructure, and financial services.

The agriculture sector remains a cornerstone of Ghana's economy, offering lucrative opportunities in cocoa, coffee, palm oil, and other high-demand crops. Agribusinesses are expanding, supported by government incentives and improved logistics. With abundant reserves of gold, oil, and gas, Ghana continues to be one of Africa's most attractive destinations for mining investment. Regulatory clarity and infrastructure upgrades are enhancing investor interest, while

massive development plans in transportation, energy, and construction are underway. These projects offer long-term investment potential and are central to Ghana's modernization agenda.

The government's 24-hour economy initiative is designed to promote industrialization and job creation by encouraging round-the-clock business operations. This bold move is expected to energize sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, and retail. To attract capital, the Government of Ghana is offering tax incentives in key sectors including agriculture, manufacturing, and renewable energy. These incentives are expected to lower entry barriers and improve investor returns.



El-ecojay Investment Holding Ltd, in partnership with corporate financial advisors, is offering strategic guidance to investors exploring Ghana's economic landscape. With deep expertise in African markets, the firm provides tailored insights into emerg-

ing opportunities. Ghana's economic outlook is brightening. With inflation under control and investment incentives in place, the country is positioning itself as a dynamic hub for sustainable growth and innovation across Africa.

Board–CEO Clashes And The Collapse Of Corporate Entities. Part 1



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Introduction

In the evolving landscape of corporate governance, the relationship between a company's board of directors and its chief executive officer (CEO) has become increasingly complex, fraught with tension, and, at times, dangerously adversarial. While both entities are ostensibly aligned in their pursuit of organizational success, their roles, mandates, and perspectives often diverge—leading to strategic misalignment, operational paralysis, and, in extreme cases, the collapse of the corporate entity itself.

The board of directors is entrusted with fiduciary oversight, strategic direction, and accountability to shareholders and stakeholders. The CEO, by contrast, is charged with executing the board's vision, managing day-to-day operations, and navigating the competitive terrain of the marketplace. When these roles are misunderstood, conflated, or contested, the resulting power struggles can erode trust, destabilize leadership, and compromise institutional resilience.

This essay explores the anatomy of board–CEO clashes, tracing their origins to structural ambiguities, generational divides, and governance failures. It examines how such conflicts—whether between board members themselves or between the board and executive leadership—can precipitate the downfall of even the most promising organizations. Drawing on global case studies, theoretical frameworks, and contextual reflections from emerging markets like Namibia, the essay offers a roadmap for reform, emphasizing clarity, capacity-building, and cooperative governance.

Theoretical Foundations: Roles, Mandates, and Governance Models
Understanding the nature of board–CEO tensions requires a clear delineation of their respective roles within the corporate governance framework. These roles are not merely administrative; they are rooted in legal, ethical, and strategic im-

peratives that shape the trajectory of the organization.

Fiduciary Duties of the Board

The board of directors serves as the apex governance body of a corporation. Its fiduciary duties encompass:

- **Duty of Care:** Ensuring informed decision-making through diligence, oversight, and strategic foresight.
- **Duty of Loyalty:** Acting in the best interests of the company and its stakeholders, free from conflicts of interest.
- **Duty of Obedience:** Upholding the company's mission, legal obligations, and ethical standards.

Boards are responsible for appointing and evaluating the CEO, approving major financial decisions, setting long-term strategy, and safeguarding the organization's reputation and sustainability. They are not meant to micromanage operations but to provide high-level guidance and accountability.

Operational Mandate of the CEO

The CEO is the highest-ranking executive, responsible for translating the board's strategic vision into operational reality. This includes:

- Leading the executive team and managing staff
- Driving innovation, growth, and market competitiveness
- Ensuring compliance with laws, regulations, and internal policies
- Representing the company to external stakeholders

While the CEO is accountable to the board, they must also be empowered to make agile decisions, respond to market dynamics, and lead with autonomy. Excessive interference from the board can stifle innovation and create a culture of mistrust.

Governance Models: Unitary vs. Dual Board Structures

Globally, corporate governance structures vary. The unitary board model, common in Anglo-American contexts, combines executive and non-executive directors on a single board. The dual board model, prevalent in countries like Germany, separates the supervisory board (oversight) from the management board (operations). Each model has implications for board–CEO dynamics:



- Unitary boards may foster closer collaboration but risk blurred boundaries.
- Dual boards offer clearer separation but may suffer from communication gaps.

In Namibia and other emerging markets, hybrid models often emerge, influenced by cooperative principles, state ownership, and evolving legal frameworks. These models require careful calibration to avoid role confusion and governance gridlock.

Anatomy of Board–CEO Clashes

The relationship between a board of directors and a CEO is inherently delicate—anchored in mutual accountability but often strained by divergent priorities, personalities, and perceptions of power. While governance frameworks attempt to delineate roles, the reality within boardrooms and executive suites is far more nuanced. This section explores the multifaceted causes of board–CEO clashes, highlighting how these tensions manifest and escalate.

Role Ambiguity and Power Struggles

One of the most common sources of conflict is the lack of clarity regarding the boundaries between governance and management. Boards may overstep their oversight mandate by encroaching on operational decisions, while CEOs may resist legitimate scrutiny, viewing it as interference.

- Micromanagement by boards can undermine executive autonomy, leading to frustration and disengagement among senior staff.
- Overreach by CEOs—especially charismatic or founder-type leaders—can marginalize the board, reducing it to a rubber-stamp entity.

This ambiguity is exacerbated in organizations with weak governance charters, poorly defined reporting lines, or informal power dynamics. In such contexts, authority becomes personalized rather than institutionalized, paving the way for factionalism and instability.

Strategic vs. Operational Disconnects

Boards are expected to focus on long-term strategy, risk management, and institutional sustainability.

CEOs, by contrast, must respond to short-term market pressures, operational challenges, and performance metrics. When these horizons clash, tensions arise:

- Boards may resist bold innovations or market pivots proposed by the CEO, citing risk aversion or lack of alignment with the mission.
- CEOs may perceive the board as slow, outdated, or disconnected from the realities of competition and technological change.

This disconnect is particularly acute in sectors undergoing rapid transformation—such as fintech, education technology, or cooperative finance—where agility is essential but governance structures remain rigid.

Generational and Technological Divides

In many organizations, especially legacy institutions and cooperatives, boards are composed of older, experienced individuals whose leadership style reflects traditional norms. CEOs, often younger and tech-savvy, bring a different ethos—favoring data-driven decisions, digital transformation, and participatory management.

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- Generational divides can lead to miscommunication, mistrust, and resistance to change.
- Technological divides may result in board members feeling excluded or overwhelmed by digital strategies they do not fully understand.

This dynamic is not merely interpersonal—it reflects deeper tensions between continuity and innovation, tradition and disruption.

Political Dynamics and Factionalism Within Boards

Boards are not monolithic. They comprise individuals with diverse backgrounds, interests, and allegiances. In some cases, especially in state-owned enterprises or cooperatives, board appointments are influenced by political considerations, regional representation, or stakeholder lobbying.

- Factionalism within the board can paralyze decision-making, as members pursue competing agendas.
- Boardroom politics may spill into executive relations, with certain directors aligning with or opposing the CEO based on personal or ideological grounds.

Such dynamics erode the collective responsibility of the board, turning governance into a battleground rather than a platform for strategic stewardship.

Lack of Board Capacity and Professionalism

In emerging markets like Namibia, many boards—especially in cooperatives, schools, and community-based organizations—struggle with capacity constraints. Directors may lack formal training in governance, finance, or legal compliance, making it difficult to engage meaningfully with complex operational issues.

- CEOs may become frustrated by what they perceive as uninformed oversight.
- Boards may feel threatened or marginalized by highly competent executives, leading to de-

fensive or punitive behavior.

This imbalance can lead to premature dismissals, reputational damage, and institutional fragmentation.

Case Studies of Corporate Collapse

Board–CEO clashes are not theoretical abstractions—they have precipitated real-world corporate failures, reputational damage, and systemic disruption. Whether in multinational corporations, state-owned enterprises, or cooperatives, the breakdown of governance relationships can unravel years of institutional progress. This section examines emblematic cases that reveal the consequences of unresolved tensions.

Hewlett-Packard (HP): Strategic Drift and CEO Turnover

HP, once a paragon of Silicon Valley innovation, suffered a decade of instability marked by frequent CEO changes and boardroom infighting. Between 2005 and 2015, the company cycled through five CEOs, each ousted amid strategic disagreements, personality clashes, or board dissatisfaction.

- Mark Hurd's resignation in 2010, following a board-led investigation into alleged misconduct, triggered investor anxiety and leadership vacuum.

• Leo Apotheker's brief tenure saw controversial decisions—such as the proposed spin-off of HP's PC division—without full board consensus, leading to his dismissal.

- The board's inability to align on long-term strategy eroded HP's market position, culminating in a split into HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

This case underscores how board fragmentation and reactive leadership changes can destabilize even well-capitalized firms.

Uber Technologies: Founder Syndrome and Governance Reform

Uber's meteoric rise was shadowed by governance dysfunction. Founder-CEO Travis Kalanick clashed with board members over issues of culture, compliance, and public image.

- Allegations of workplace harassment, regulatory violations, and aggressive expansionism



prompted board scrutiny.

- Kalanick's resistance to oversight and his consolidation of voting power led to a toxic governance environment.

• In 2017, under pressure from investors and board factions, Kalanick resigned, paving the way for a more structured governance model.

Uber's experience illustrates the dangers of unchecked executive power and the need for boards to assert ethical and strategic oversight.

Boeing: Safety Failures and Board Oversight Gaps

The tragic crashes of the Boeing 737 MAX in 2018 and 2019 revealed deep flaws in governance and operational accountability.

- Investigations found that the board had delegated excessive authority to the CEO and engineering teams, failing to adequately oversee safety protocols.

• The board's focus on financial performance and shareholder returns overshadowed its duty of care to passengers and regulators.

- CEO Dennis Muilenburg was eventually dismissed, but the reputational and financial damage was profound.

This case highlights how board neglect of technical and ethical oversight can have catastrophic consequences.

African State-Owned Enterprises: Political Capture and Governance Paralysis

Across Africa, many state-owned

enterprises (SOEs) have suffered from politicized boards, weak executive accountability, and governance breakdowns.

- In South Africa, Eskom and South African Airways faced board–CEO clashes rooted in political interference, corruption, and strategic incoherence.

• In Kenya, National Bank of Kenya experienced leadership turnover and financial losses amid board disputes and regulatory breaches.

These cases reflect how factionalism, lack of board independence, and blurred mandates can undermine public institutions.

Namibian Reflections: Cooperatives and Educational Institutions

In Namibia, while large-scale corporate collapses are less frequent, governance tensions within cooperatives, schools, and local enterprises reveal similar patterns:

- SACCOs and cooperatives have faced leadership disputes where boards dismiss CEOs without due process, often citing vague allegations or personality conflicts.

• School boards and principals sometimes clash over resource allocation, disciplinary policies, or infrastructure priorities, leading to institutional stagnation.

These examples underscore the need for governance literacy, role clarity, and dispute resolution mechanisms tailored to local realities.

Consequences of Governance Failure

When the relationship between a board of directors and a CEO deteriorates, the consequences extend far beyond interpersonal discord. Governance failure can destabilize the entire corporate entity, erode stakeholder trust, and trigger cascading effects across financial, operational, and reputational domains. This section outlines the multifaceted impact of board–CEO clashes, emphasizing the systemic risks they pose.

Loss of Investor and Stakeholder Confidence

One of the most immediate consequences of governance breakdown is the erosion of confidence among investors, creditors, and strategic partners.

- Frequent CEO turnover, board resignations, or public disputes signal instability and poor oversight.

• Market reactions to leadership changes—especially those perceived as abrupt or politically motivated—can depress stock prices, increase borrowing costs, and deter investment.

- Stakeholder skepticism grows when governance decisions appear opaque, inconsistent, or driven by personal agendas rather than strategic rationale.

In cooperative contexts, such as SACCOs or member-based organizations, this loss of confidence can manifest as declining member participation, reduced savings, and withdrawal of support for leadership initiatives.

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Julius Kirwa's leadership was crucial as he guided Kenya to an impressive 11 medals tally, seven gold, two silver and two bronze.

This was a step up from the 2023 World Championships in Budapest, where Kenya won 10 medals, including three gold, three silver, and four bronze.

Speaking after receiving the accolade, Julius Kirwa praised the organisers for appreciating the role of coaches and commended the private sector for its contribution to sports.

"This is such a pleasant surprise and quite encouraging to realise

that beyond the fans, there are also private sector players who are keen to see us shine," Julius Kirwa said.

"Such recognition will go a long way in giving us the momentum we need. Ours is always to grow the winning mentality as we focus on the next opportunity to raise our flag high."

Julius Kirwa's recognition came against stiff competition from other leading coaches in Kenya. Nairobi City Thunder's Bradley Ibs, who guided his team to the 2024-2025 KBF Premier League title, was a strong contender.

KCB rugby coach Andrew Amonde, who led his side to the 2025 National 7s Circuit title, was also among the nominees.

Kenya U-20 men's volleyball coach Luke Makuto was also in the running, having steered his team to a bronze medal at the

CAVB African Nations Championship after defeating Uganda 3-1 in the playoff.

SJAK President James Waindi lauded the growing competitiveness across different sports disciplines, noting that the country's sporting future looks brighter than ever.

"We acknowledge the increased competitiveness across the sports disciplines, which is very promising as the future of sports in Kenya is very promising.

"Kirwa's victory was earned against stiff competition from Nairobi City Thunder coach Bradley Ibs, KCB rugby coach Andrew Amonde and Kenya Under-20 Men's volleyball coach Luke Makuto," James Waindi said.

Beatrice Chebet claimed the country's first gold in the women's 10,000m before returning to

dominate the women's 5000m, leading a Kenyan 1-2 finish with Faith Kipyegon taking silver.

Peres Jepchirchir won gold in the women's marathon, while Faith Kipyegon struck again with victory in the women's 1500m.

Faith Cherotich secured another gold medal in the 3000m steeplechase, as Emmanuel Wanyonyi and Lilian Odira stormed to victories in the men's and women's 800m races, respectively.

Dorcus Ewoi earned silver in the 1500m while Reynold Cheruiyot and Edmund Serem picked up bronze medals in the men's 1500m and 3000m steeplechase.

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Over 30,000 Runners Set For Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon On October 26



Organisers of the 22nd Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon have promised a world-class race experience as the event returns on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at Uhuru Gardens.

The marathon, now World Athletics Road Race Label accredited, is set to attract more than 30,000 participants, including over 200 elite runners.

At a sponsor and media engagement held in Nairobi, organisers revealed that the marathon continues to grow in scale and impact.

With 43 sponsors on board, the event has secured a record KSh 233 million in sponsorships, up from KSh 173 million in 2024.

Joyce Kibe, Standard Chartered's Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing for Kenya and Africa, said the enhanced sponsorship guarantees participants a

seamless experience.

"This support ensures that from the moment you leave your home to the finish line, you are taken care of — from hydration and nutrition to medical support and safety. The Standard Chartered Marathon has grown into a world-class event and a proud Kenyan fixture," Kibe said.

Beyond athletics, Kibe highlighted the marathon's contribution to Future makers, the bank's flagship social impact initiative that empowers youth, women, and persons with disabilities. Since its inception, the race has raised KSh 850 million, with this year's target set at KSh 75 million. "By running, you are helping change lives," she added.

The marathon will feature multiple race categories: the 42km full marathon, 21km half marathon,

10km run, 5km Family Fun Run, a wheelchair race, plus the CEO & Corporate Challenges. Organisers have pledged tighter logistics, expanded hydration points, and heightened safety measures to cater to the record numbers.

Other partners voiced their commitment to making the 2025 edition memorable. Senorin Wasike, head of marketing at Kwal, said their involvement promotes health and responsible enjoyment.

"With Heineken Zero, we are telling participants they can celebrate healthily and without guilt. It's about offering alternatives that support a wellness lifestyle," she said.

Benard Kinyanjui, who is also the head of corporate affairs at Prudential Life Assurance, is attending for the third consecutive year, praised the marathon's fami-

ly-centered approach.

"The 5km Family Fun Run stands out for us. It reflects our values of active living and protecting future generations," he said.

With registrations already maxed out at 30,000, anticipation is high for Kenya's biggest road race. Organisers assure athletes and fans alike of a seamless, safe, and inspirational experience on October 26.

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A Multifaceted Brilliant Personality



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Worth Noting:

- As the founder of Skincare Treatments by Galina, Galina has built a reputation for providing exceptional skincare services and products. Her experience in the industry has also led her to hold key roles in renowned establishments, including Press Release Events, Higher Connections, and Beauty Center Salon.
- Galina's multifaceted personality shines through in her various pursuits. Not only is she a skilled Master Instructor, but she is also a passionate entrepreneur and leader. Her commitment to advancing skin care and aesthetics is evident in her work, and she continues to inspire and educate others in the industry.



Galina Capanni

Galina Capanni is a distinguished Master Instructor at MS Fashion Queen and President of GC Entertainment, renowned for her expertise in skincare and aesthetics. With a robust background in the industry, she has established herself as a leading figure, known for her innovative approach and dedication to enhancing beauty and wellness.

Galina's journey in the world of skincare and aesthetics began with her extensive education and training. She studied Anti-Aging Technology at Bielle International Skin Science Institute and has a background in Technological Engineering and Industrial Management from Политехнический институт. She furthered her ex-

pertise through training at Yon-Ka, Woman of Achievement, Dermatute the Facelift Alternative, and Marinello Beauty School, among others.

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With her remarkable journey and achievements, Galina Capanni is a true trailblazer in the world of skincare and aesthetics. Her dedication to enhancing beauty and wellness has made a lasting impact, and her legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire and empower others for generations to come.

In conclusion, Galina Capanni's story is a testament to the power of hard work, determination, and passion. Her multifaceted personality and brilliant approach to skincare and aesthetics have made her a leading figure in the industry, and her impact will be felt for years to come.

As we reflect on Galina's journey,

we are reminded of the importance of pursuing our passions and staying committed to our goals. Her legacy serves as a reminder that with dedication and perseverance, anyone can achieve their dreams and make a lasting impact in the world.

Galina's story is an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs, skincare professionals, and anyone looking to make a difference in the world. Her multifaceted personality and brilliant approach to skincare and aesthetics have made her a role model for many.