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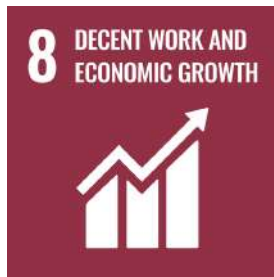
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KIPPRA Transitions Leadership



Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati and KIPPRA Chairperson Prof. Paul Wachana bidding farewell to the outgoing KIPPRA Executive Director, Dr. Rose Ngugi on 21st December, 2024 at a Nairobi hotel

By PCD

KIPPRA's Executive Director, Dr. Rose Ngugi's tenure came to an end in December, 2024, leaving the institute's leadership in the hands of the Acting Executive Director, Dr. Eldah Onsomu.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Economic Planning, James Muhati officiated during the colourful occasion. He lauded Dr. Ngugi for her visionary leadership and dedication, which has been key in achieving significant milestones and positioning KIPPRA as a leading Policy Institute in Africa.

During Dr. Ngugi's tenure, KIPPRA was elevated to global prominence as a leading think-tank. Her dedication and commitment have not only strengthened the institution's influence in Africa but also positioned it on the global stage.

Meanwhile, PS Muhati lauded KIPPRA for its pivotal role in crafting evidence-based policies during KIPPRA's Mid-Year Review for the FY 2024/2025. These policies will drive economic growth and help in building valuable partnerships and collaborations that support the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the Kenya Vision 2030 which is coming to an end leading to another long-term plan, and other critical economic initiatives.

Additionally, the PS urged the Acting Executive Director, Dr. Eldah Onsomu to follow in the footsteps of her predecessor, Dr. Rose Ngugi, in steering KIPPRA towards continued success.

On her part, Dr. Ngugi expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to lead KIPPRA and encouraged the Acting Executive Director, Dr. Eldah Onsomu, to uphold the institute's reputation as a top policy institution. She also thanked the KIPPRA staff for their support throughout her tenure.

In attendance were: Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu, KIPPRA Board Members, and other invited guests.



Kenya Economic Report 2024

The Kenya Economic Report 2024 is themed "Enhancing Productivity for Sustained Inclusivity Growth". The report reviews the performance of the economy during the preceding year and provides medium-term prospects for the next three years.

2024 Annual National Sustainable Development Goals Multi-Stakeholders Conference

By Fidelma Munyao & Carolyn Macharia

Kenya has made significant strides in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) despite persistent challenges such as poverty, inequality, and climate change.

While officially opening the 2024 Annual National Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Multi-Stakeholders Conference which took place in Mombasa from December 9th to 11th, the Economic Planning Secretary (EPS) Timothy Gakuu said that the Government was committed to align all National and County Development Plans with the SDGs.

Under the theme "Solutions to Leapfrog SDGs Implementation in the Last Stretch to 2030," the conference brought together diverse stakeholders, including National and County Governments, United Nations, the Private Sector, Civil Society, Youth and Development Partners, to address the pressing challenges and opportunities in SDGs implementation.

"Kenya's Third Voluntary National Review (VNR) showed that the country made progress in 60 per cent of the tracked indicators, regressed in 17 per cent of indicators while the status of 11 per cent could not be ascertained due to lack of sufficient data," the EPS said while emphasizing the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing the uneven progress.

Parliamentary Caucus on SDGs and Business Chairperson Hon. Gideon Ochanda who emphasized that County Governments were critical in advancing the SDGs because nine of the 17 goals fell under their exclusive mandate.



Participants during the SDGs Multistakeholder Conference on 9th December, 2024 at a Mombasa hotel

He called for targeted capacity-building initiatives to enhance awareness and ensure alignment of county activities with SDGs objectives.

"In line with the UN 'Pact for the Future', adopted at the 2024 Summit for the Future, Kenya is committed to mobilizing SDGs partnerships, promoting inclusive governance, and upholding Human Rights and Justice," Hon. Ochanda said while reaffirming the legislature's commitment to advocating for relevant legislation to facilitate the achievement of the SDGs.

The Conference ended with the 2024 SDGs Awards Ceremony which brought together key actors in Kenya's Sustainable Development journey to celebrate excellence and innovation. It also underscored the stakeholder's commitment to enhancing data collection and reporting mechanisms to track SDGs progress effectively.

In attendance were; SDG Kenya Forum CEO Florence Syevuo, Directors of Economic Planning including Festus Wangwe, Members of Parliament, County Executive Committee Members (CECs), and United Nations Kenya representatives, among others.



Treasury hosts North Eastern Parliamentary Group

By Judys Kemunto

The Parliamentary Group of Legislators from Mandera, Wajir, and Garissa Counties held a consultative meeting with the National Treasury and Economic Planning on 12th November, 2024. The meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary Hon. FCPA John Mbadi discussed the region's development priorities, in line with the government's continued commitment to addressing regional disparities.

The meeting focused on development programmes and projects in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027 that are being implemented in the North Eastern Region. The CS outlined key programmes, projects, and policies being prioritized in the region to ensure the region's sustainable development.

He singled out the Marginalization Policy as one of the policies that have greatly benefited the region in funding projects through the Equalization Fund.

CS Mbadi further highlighted key projects being funded by the government in Wajir, Mandera, and Garissa Counties during the MTP IV implementation period. They include the construction of: 220 Affordable Housing Units in Wajir township; the Isiolo-Modogashe-Wajir-Rhamu-Mandera road; the Garsen-Hola-Bura-Garissa power transmission line; and 3000 water pans to supply 298,282,500 cubic meters of water in ASALs under climate financing, among others.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that the programmes and projects being implemented in the region are funded in partnership with the development partners.



The National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary FCPA John Mbadi meeting the North Eastern Parliamentary Group at Treasury Building on 12th November, 2024

"Some of the Donor-funded projects within the North Eastern region include: the North and North Eastern Development Initiative (NEDI) funded by the World Bank; Drought Resilience in the Horn of Africa funded by Government of Germany; and Tackling Regional Inequality and Inclusion in the Northern Kenya (TRINK) project by World Bank through the Kenya Accountable Devolution Program (KADP) Phase II, to mention a few," said CS Mbadi.

He also emphasized the government's aim to promote sustainable economic development and improve the livelihoods of Kenyans across all regions including North Eastern. The CS observed that this aligned with the national priorities of enhancing social services, infrastructure development and livelihoods for Kenyans.

In attendance were the Director General, Public Debt Management Office, Raphael Owino, Economic Planning Secretary, Timothy Gakuu, and Director, Sectoral and Intergovernmental Development Planning Directorate, Leah Chirchir, among others.



Some of the Parliamentary Group members from North Eastern

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CS Mbadi Leads Tree Planting Exercises in Kericho and Nyandarua Forest Blocks



The National Treasury and Economic Planning CS, John Mbadi, planting a tree in Kericho County on 8th November, 2024

By Fidelma Munyao

The National Treasury and Economic Planning undertook tree planting exercises in Kericho and Nyandarua Counties as part of the government's initiative to plant 15 billion trees by 2032.

The National Treasury CS John Mbadi presided over the exercise in Sorget Forest block in Kericho County on 8th November, 2024. He urged residents to intensify tree-planting efforts to protect the County's vast forest resources.

He emphasized the importance of forests in environmental conservation, specifically in absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and helping to regulate the climate.

"The country recently witnessed the worst drought in over four decades, resulting in the loss of 2.5 million livestock and affecting the livelihoods of more than 4 million Kenyans. A few months ago, floods also caused widespread havoc across the country, triggering a humanitarian crisis and inflicting substantial economic losses, including severe damage to infrastructure," said CS Mbadi, adding that the government was committed to completing projects it had initiated in the region, including the KSH 500 million Londiani Referral Hospital.

In Nyandarua, CS Mbadi lauded Nyandarua County calling it a model for other counties with a potential to not only meet but surpass the national forest cover target of 30 per cent.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati, the CS announced that the Ministry had adopted a section of Ndaragwa Forest, committing to plant 15,000 trees there.

"An additional 10,000 trees would be planted in partnership with Community Forest Associations (CFAs) and the Kenya Forest Service. These efforts are part of the broader national strategy to replenish the Country's forests and reduce the impact of climate change," CS Mbadi added.

Nyandarua County had a tree cover of approximately 27.56 per cent, among the highest in the Country. Tree planting was also carried out in the expansive Geta Forest Block. A total of 971,679 trees were planted in the 2023/2024 Financial Year while another 77,483 were planted from June 2024. Some of the institutions represented included Kenya Revenue Authority, County Government of Nyandarua, Team from the County Commissioner's office, NEMA among others.

Also present were Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu, KIPPRA Executive Director Dr. Rose Ngugi, staff from SDEP and SAGAs under the State Department, among others.



Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati with Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu during a tree planting exercise in Nyandarua County on August 31st, 2024

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Kenya's Diplomatic Journey has Come of Age

By Parin Wanjiru

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs commemorated 60 Years of Kenyan Diplomacy on 2nd December, 2024 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) with a series of events reflecting on Kenya's diplomatic milestones and achievements running from 27th November, 2024 to 7th December, 2024.

The key objectives of the Celebration which was themed, "Kenya's Diplomatic Journey in Contributing to a Secure, Sustainable and Prosperous Future" included; highlighting Kenya's diplomatic milestones and achievements since independence. The event showcased Kenya's role in global diplomacy, the importance of engaging stakeholders to foster national pride and awareness as well as the need to recognize individuals and organizations that have significantly contributed to Kenya's diplomatic success.

During the event, the Prime Cabinet Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, H.E. Musalia Mudavadi on behalf of His Excellency, President William Samoei Ruto, recognized Kenya's remarkable progress in its Diplomatic Journey, establishing itself as a key diplomatic hub.

"From modest beginnings in 1963 with just Six Missions abroad, Kenya now boasts of 70 Missions worldwide, reflecting our expanding influence and the critical role of international partnerships. Our achievements, from serving as a logistical hub during World War II to becoming a core state in the region, are noteworthy milestones," he stated.

Additionally, Hon. Musalia Mudavadi officially launched the 2024 Protocol Manual, the ICT Policy, and the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan for the State Department for Foreign Affairs.



Prime Cabinet Secretary H.E. Musalia Mudavadi visits the State Department for Economic Planning Booth at the Kenya's Diplomatic Journey Celebrations held at KICC on 2nd December, 2024

The ICT Policy emphasizes on the importance of building a robust Cybersecurity Framework, safeguarding the privacy and security of the Kenyan Citizen's while the Protocol Manual will ensure that official and unofficial occasions, visits, meetings and functions are conducted in accordance with the set of rules that are formally, socially and culturally acceptable by the parties involved.

The event brought together stakeholders from various sectors including Government Officials, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Private Sector, Civil Society and the public.

The week-long Celebrations also included a host of events and activities such as; the Ministerial Open day, Business and Cultural Exhibitions, Launch of the Foreign Service Academy as a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency, Diaspora Engagement Forum and Tree Planting just to name a few.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary also toured the exhibition booths, where he appreciated the State Department for Economic Planning efforts, especially in the development of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027 and the National Indicator Handbook.



2024 KIPPRA Day Celebrations

By PCD

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) celebrated KIPPRA Day on 6th December, 2024, at the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD). The event was graced by the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Economic Planning, James Muhati.

During the ceremony, two key initiatives were launched: the Reviewed KIPPRA-Treasury Macro-economic Model (KTMM) and The KIPPRA Young Professionals' Alumni Portal.

The KTMM Model will enhance policy simulation and medium-term forecasting for macroeconomic indicators, including; inflation, interest rates and exchange rates to mention a few. Additionally, the KIPPRA Young Professionals' Alumni Portal will form a platform for strengthening engagement among alumni.

This year's KIPPRA Day theme 'Leveraging on Public Policy to Accelerate Achievement of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda' resonates with the Country's Development Agenda and the collective journey of improving the people's welfare as articulated in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) of the Kenya Vision 2030.

In his address during the event, PS Muhati acknowledged KIPPRA's key role within the MTP IV Framework in supporting evidence-based policy making through; upgrading of the KTMM model, undertaking forecasting on key macro-economic variables, capacity building on macro-economic modelling and forecasting as well as dissemination of economic development progress reports and position papers.



Economic Planning PS, James Muhati flanked by the KIPPRA Chairperson, Prof. Paul Wachana and KIPPRA Acting Executive Director, Dr. Eldah Onsomu cutting a cake to mark the KIPPRA Day Celebrations on 6th December, 2024 at KICD, Nairobi

"This forum, therefore, fosters a collaborative environment between government, private sector, development partners, civil society, and the academia to ensure that the evidence generated translates to improved service delivery," PS Muhati said.

KIPPRA, in collaboration with Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), has strengthened public policy formulation across various sectors. The Institute's work on public investment efficiency and its input into the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Framework has been instrumental in ensuring that government resources are utilized effectively to achieve national priorities.

"I congratulate KIPPRA for recently being awarded the Best Think Tank in Policy Influence in Africa," PS Muhati stated.

In attendance during the event were: KIPPRA Board Chairperson, Prof. Paul Wachana, Ag. KIPPRA Executive Director Dr. Eldah Onsomu, and KIPPRA Board Members, among others.

Kenya's Economic Reboot: Forging Growth Through Value Chains



Mukuru Met Site Social Housing Project in South B, Nairobi

By Frank Jara

Kenya is embarking on an ambitious journey to revitalize its economy, placing its bets on a strategy centered around value chain development. At the recent launch of the FY 2025/26 Medium-Term Budget Preparation Process, the Principal Secretary for Economic Planning, James Muhati, elaborated on the goal of this strategy.

This is in line with the government's broader objective of the implementation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) as envisaged in the Fourth Medium-Term Plan 2023-2027. BETA aims to ignite economic recovery and growth by focusing on specific sectors and nurturing each stage of their value chains, from production to processing and marketing. The government believes that this holistic approach will unlock the full potential of key industries and create a ripple effect of prosperity across the nation.

The Finance and Production Sector adopts a value chain approach focused on enhancing production, value addition and market access and attracting both local and foreign investments. A value chain describes the production to market linkages, generating value to the consumer while

increasing revenue generated by producers. The key value chains under Finance and Production Sector include; Leather and leather products, Dairy, Tea, Textile among others.

PS Muhati portrayed a picture of progress, citing tangible results in several crucial areas. Maize production has witnessed a significant boost, soaring from 34.3 million bags in 2022 to an impressive 47.6 million bags in 2023. This surge is attributed to the strategic distribution of subsidized fertilizers, empowering farmers to increase their yields.

The Leather Industry, long ripe with potential, is also receiving a major push. Increased deliveries of hides and skins to tanneries signal a growing momentum in this sector. But the real game-changer is the almost-completed Kenya Leather Industrial Park (KLIP) in Kenanie, Machakos County. This flagship project is poised to revolutionize the industry, transforming raw materials into finished goods and creating a wealth of job opportunities. The government envisions KLIP driving the leather industry's annual contribution to the economy from the current 15 billion shillings to a staggering 175 billion shillings, while simultaneously boosting employment opportunities from 17,000 to 100,000.

The Dairy Sector is another beneficiary of this value chain focus. Marketed milk production has seen a healthy increase, rising from 754.3 million litres in 2022 to 806.6 million litres in 2023. Even more encouraging is the improvement in average milk yield per cow per day, now at 3.77 litres, indicating enhanced productivity and efficiency.





Kenya Leather Industrial Park at Kenanie, Machakos County

Beyond these key sectors, the government is also tackling the critical issue of Affordable Housing. The completion of 815 housing units, including homes for government employees and police officers, demonstrates a commitment in addressing this pressing need. The strategy involves promoting low-cost mortgages, strengthening the capacity of the Jua Kali sector to produce high-quality construction materials, and incentivizing developers to build more affordable homes.

Recognizing the importance of skilled personnel in driving this transformation, the government has invested in capacity building. A recent training program equipped 106 technical officers from various Ministries and Agencies with expertise in the KIPPRA-Treasury Macro Model (KTMM), enhancing their ability to conduct policy simulations and macroeconomic forecasting for the MTP IV.

However, the path to economic transformation is not without its hurdles.

PS Muhati candidly acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead, including the ever-present threat of climate change, the slow adoption of emerging technologies, and the increasing number of litigation cases that delay crucial projects. Inadequate human resource capacity also poses a significant obstacle.

Despite these challenges, the Kenyan Government remains steadfast in its commitment to prioritize the value chain approach and other BETA Sectors. Kenya aims to unlock its economic potential and create a brighter future for its citizens by focusing on key sectors, investing in infrastructure and capacity building, as well as addressing the challenges head-on. The success of BETA and MTP IV will depend on the effective implementation of these strategies and the resilience of the Kenyan people in overcoming the obstacles that lie ahead.



Changamwe Interchange, Mombasa

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2024 Hamburg Sustainability Conference, Germany



Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati (left) with other participants during the Conference

By Lekakeny Karoi

Kenya's participation in the Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2024, held in Germany on 9th October, 2024 was marked by a significant contribution to global discussions on advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati represented the Country at the Annual conference which brought together leaders from around the world.

Attending on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, the National Treasury and Economic Planning, FCPA John Mbadi, PS Muhati joined leaders from around the world at the annual event aimed at advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through collaboration and investment.

In the trade session, experts discussed strategies for leveraging trade to drive the SDGs progress, with calls for greater alignment between trade policies and climate action. The need for stronger coordination between the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the UN Climate Change processes was emphasized to support sustainable trade reforms.

During a closed session presided over by President Emeritus of the Centre for Global Development, Sir Masood Ahmed, select Countries, including Kenya, explored pathways for a fairer International Financial System. The session highlighted the need for World Bank reforms to address issues like debt sustainability and climate resilience which are vital for achieving both the SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063.

A session on Artificial Intelligence led to the Hamburg Declaration on Responsible AI for the SDGs, a commitment to ensuring AI serves sustainable development equitably. The declaration calls for accessible and ethical AI practices, particularly to address technology gaps in underserved regions. An additional session on 'AI and Mobility Data for All' focused on establishing data-sharing frameworks to support equitable access to mobility data, vital for enhancing connectivity and development in less-resourced areas.

The outcomes of the 2024 HSC marked an important step in Kenya's dedication to sustainable development. The insights gained will inform ongoing efforts to ensure that Global Financial Reforms and Technological Advancements contribute meaningfully to the Country's development goals.



Participants at the 2024 Hamburg Sustainability Conference

The 2024 conference focussed on "Reshaping the International Financial Architecture, Unleashing Investments for the SDGs, and Leveraging Transformation." Following up on the United Nations Summit of the Future held in September, the conference was attended by over 1,600 participants from 102 Countries, engaging in more than 60 Sessions.

The German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz and other key speakers outlined the objectives and highlighted the need to align global financial and trade systems with climate and development goals.

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National School Census Wraps up in Kajiado County



Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu (center) addressing participants during the official closing ceremony of the National School Census exercise on October 4, 2024, in Kajiado County

By Lynn Mutwiri

The official closing ceremony of the National School Census Exercise took place on 4th October, 2024 at Enoomatasiani Girls Secondary School in Kajiado. The closing ceremony marked the conclusion of the nationwide survey that began on 23rd May, 2024. The Census which was launched to gather critical data on educational institutions across the Country, aimed to create a comprehensive inventory of both private and public basic educational institutions in Kenya.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Basic Education, Dr. Belio Kipsang, who presided over the ceremony, emphasized the importance of the exercise, noting that the collected data would be instrumental in planning and policy development for the education sector.

PS Kipsang said that the exercise was aimed at collecting data which will be used to create a complete inventory of all private and public basic educational institutions in the Country.

Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati said that the census enhanced the mandate of the State Department for Economic Planning in National Statistics Management.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Economic Planning Secretary, Timothy Gakuu, PS Muhati lauded the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) for accomplishing the survey.

“The data collected from the census will enable national, sectoral and county planning as well as enhance monitoring and evaluation of various programmes at all levels of government. The government is committed to education reforms as outlined in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027 of the Kenya Vision 2030.” PS Muhati said.

KNBS Director General, Dr. Macdonald G. Obudho said that the census will aid in validating the existing NEMIS data providing up-to-date information for education planning, policy formulation and decision making. He added that the census will generate information about learning institutions, enrollment, staff establishment, ICT infrastructure, financial information, and access to roads among others.

“The Bureau endeavors to provide quality statistics for evidence-based decision-making,” Dr. Obudho said.

The exercise was carried out by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) in collaboration with other stakeholders including the Ministry of Education, UNICEF, World Bank, Teachers Service Commission (TSC), National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) among others.

In attendance at the event were: the County Commissioner of Kajiado County, Mr. Taari Rwaria, Directors from the Ministry of Education, TSC and KNEC, Council of Governors Representatives, among others.



Embracing the ‘Pact of the Future’: A New Dawn for Kenya’s Sustainable Growth

By Jane Jerop

During the "Summit of the Future" held in New York from 22nd to 23rd September, 2024, the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for the restoration of multilateralism, emphasizing the importance of global collaboration to address pressing challenges.

The summit culminated in the adoption of the 'Pact of the Future,' which includes key components such as the “Global Digital Compact” and the “Declaration on Future Generations,” highlighting the need for urgent reforms in global governance systems.

The adoption of the pact signaled the recognition of the transformative shifts within the global landscape and the demand for urgent but necessary collaboration, innovation, and strategic vision. Recently, the world has been facing 21st Century challenges that include: raging and multiplying conflicts, climate crisis, emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the place of future generations in sustainable development.

According to Guterres, the geopolitical divides, nuclear posturing, and new weapon developments are diverting



The UN Secretary General, António Guterres addressing the SDG Moment event at UN Headquarters in New York City on 24th September, 2024

key resources and investing them in death and destruction. Many developing countries are drowning in debt and unable to support their people whilst the inequalities continue to exacerbate vulnerabilities.

The pact is a forward-thinking global initiative calling for a renewed commitment to multilateralism and sustainable development. The initiative holds significant promise for UN member states in aligning with the aspirations for progress and sustainable prosperity. The Pact ushers in a collective global commitment to tackle pressing challenges such as climate change, inequality and economic vulnerability. It seeks to reinforce shared responsibility urging countries to adopt policies rooted in inclusivity and solidarity—values essential for long-term peace and prosperity.

“So, what is in the pact for Kenya, we ask?” This initiative resonates strongly with the nation’s ongoing development journey, especially in the implementation of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027. Although the Country has made significant strides in sectors such as education, healthcare, and technology, it still faces obstacles in poverty reduction, economic inclusivity, and climate resilience. The pact offers Kenya a comprehensive framework to strengthen policies, harness international partnerships, and mobilize resources to overcome these challenges and foster sustainable growth.

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Kenya's engagement with the pact underscores its commitment to deepening multilateral partnerships. By fostering cross-border collaboration, the Country stands to enhance alliances with international development agencies, regional bodies, and the private sector. The reforms in the Security Council will lay the foundation for peace operations that are fit for purpose especially in the Horn of Africa.

Kenya's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will gain new momentum under the pact. While the nation has made commendable efforts, certain areas have lagged behind, particularly in reducing inequality and ensuring widespread economic opportunities.

The reform of the International Financial Architecture will provide an effective global safety net for developing countries at a time when many of them are suffocating in debt and unable to make progress on the SDGs. The pact's principles encourage policies that focus on sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, and social equity, helping Kenya move past these hurdles. This renewed focus will translate into more coordinated efforts across sectors, driving progress toward the SDGs and ensuring sustainable economic growth.

One of the most impactful aspects of the pact is its emphasis on inclusivity, especially for youth and women. With a demographic characterized by a young, vibrant population, Kenya is well-positioned to channel this energy into transformative growth.

By crafting policies that empower marginalized groups, the nation will unlock the full potential of the abundant human capital, foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and social cohesion. This inclusivity will be crucial in addressing long-standing disparities and building a more resilient and equitable society.

The Declaration on Future Generations echoes the call of the United Nations Charter to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, committing governments for the first time to take the interests of our descendants into account in the decisions we make today.

Additionally, Global Digital Compact is based on the principle that technology should benefit everyone. The pact therefore commits to the establishment of a universal agreement on the international governance of AI and the establishment of networks and partnerships to build capacity in developing countries.

To fully leverage the pact, Kenya must integrate its principles into national strategies, focusing on policies that promote multilateralism, innovation, and inclusive growth. This requires transparent governance, robust policy frameworks, and inclusive dialogues with stakeholders across society, including civil organizations and the private sector. Strategic investments that prioritize technology and job creation are essential to achieving economic resilience in line with the pact's vision.

The "Pact of the Future" is more than just an aspirational framework; it is a roadmap for Kenya's continued journey toward shared prosperity and sustainable development. This is Kenya's moment to seize the opportunities ahead and lead by example, fostering a brighter, more sustainable future for its people and the world through commitment.

“Unlocking catalytic investments while focusing on areas that unleash most synergies is crucial and will require reforms in funding architecture & financial institutions to make them fit for the purpose. Political goodwill & commitment will provide better solutions to the world.”

PS Muhati



2024 SDG Moment: Embracing Just Transitions for Global Acceleration

By PCD

United Nations Secretary General António Guterres urged countries to honour their commitments of \$500 billion Annual Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) stimulus during the Fourth Annual 'SDG Moment' in New York City on 24th September, 2024. The event followed the conclusion of the 'Summit of the future' held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

The event themed "Driving Just Transitions for SDG Acceleration," brought together diverse voices including Heads of State, government officials, civil society representatives among others. The SDG moment aimed to rejuvenate the global push toward the SDGs amidst mounting challenges and slow progress. It also served as a critical reminder that achieving the SDGs by 2030 demanded renewed political commitment, strategic investments, and robust partnerships.

Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati represented Kenya during the event. He reiterated the nation's dedication to enhancing digital access and renewable energy. The PS called for strengthened partnerships to overcome interconnected challenges that include climate change, geo-political tensions and bio-diversity loss.

"Unlocking catalytic investments, particularly in education and empowering women, holds the potential to create multiplier effects for development," PS Muhati said.

The leaders emphasized the need for a comprehensive reform of international financial structures to enable broader access to resources. They noted that barriers such as limited fiscal space, high debt burdens, and slow economic growth continued to impede most Countries' progress, especially in the Global South. The transformation of food systems, renewable energy development, and digital connectivity were recognized as essential levers for sustainable and inclusive growth.

The event highlighted the importance of community and inclusive leadership.



Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati at the Fourth 'SDG Moment at UN Headquarters in New York City on 24th September, 2024

"We know what to do, now we must act," UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed said.

Although there are notable successes such as improved HIV/AIDS treatment and expanded broadband access, challenges such as hunger and poverty persist. The overwhelming resolution from the event was that there was a need for strategic and non-linear solutions, political will, multilateral collaboration, and a comprehensive approach to ensure that global development stays on track despite the obstacles.



Heads of State and Government and other leaders following the proceedings during the 2024 SDG Moment at UN Headquarters in New York City on 24th September, 2024



Kenya's Peace Mission to Haiti praised at 2024 OACPS Troika Summit



The Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati (3rd left) was among the delegates who attended the Troika OACPS Summit in New York City on 23rd September, 2024

By Jane Jerop & Kenneth Kimani

Kenya was lauded for leading the UN Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS) in Haiti during the 2024 Troika and Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Summit held on 23rd September, 2024 on the sidelines of the 79th UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

The Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati, who represented Kenya joined other leaders from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific to discuss strategic goals aimed at fortifying OACPS' effectiveness.

The Summit discussions focused on bolstering OACPS effectiveness through new financing models, internal restructuring, and appointment of dedicated champions among member states to lead key programs. In this regard, Botswana was named the OACPS Champion, tasked with rallying nations to support the group's objectives and ensuring that all Member States fulfill the commitment agreed upon to foster the successful results of the programme.

Some of the key issues deliberated on included; responses to new European Union trade regulations impacting exports, the urgent establishment of the Loss and Damage Fund for climate-affected nations, and fostering South-South Cooperation.

The member states expressed solidarity in addressing the emerging issues and challenges facing their citizens. The security situation in Haiti featured prominently with members expressing readiness to join Kenya and Jamaica in a show of regional unity. Kenya was encouraged to amplify these efforts at the UN Security Council to enhance the Mission's success.

The commitments and strategic resolutions from this summit are poised to enhance OACPS's capacity to confront shared challenges through cooperative action and resilience, reinforcing its role in the global stage.



Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program for Results (EARSPforR) Meetings Held in Nairobi



Participants attending the EARSPforR meetings in Nairobi led by Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu (3rd right) at the Treasury Building on 18th September, 2024

By Joel Reyia

The Second Program Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of the Eastern African Regional Statistics Program for Results (EARSPforR) took place at the Treasury Building on 18th September, 2024 with a focus on promoting economic integration in the East African Community through the adoption of common statistical methods across member countries.

While chairing the meeting, the Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati, emphasized that the Steering Committee would play a critical role in providing oversight, reporting, and strategic guidance throughout the implementation of the program in Kenya.

In his opening remarks, PS Muhati said that the Steering Committee will provide oversight, reporting and strategic guidance during the implementation of the programme in Kenya.

Constituted in September 2023, the Program Steering Committee comprises of technical teams drawn from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the National Treasury and Economic Planning and the World Bank.

The development objective of the Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program-for-Results (PforR) Project for Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, East African Community (EAC), and Africa Union is to strengthen the regional harmonization, dissemination and use of core economic and social statistics for Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

The Principal Secretary, who chairs the biannual meetings of the committee, observed that the national statistics bureau plays a crucial role as the collector and custodian of official statistics.

“Under the programme, the government is committed to fund KNBS through the exchequer, due to the critical role it plays in providing data for national development,” PS Muhati said. He added that this will strengthen the regional statistical systems, harmonize, disseminate, and enhance the use of core economic and social statistics.

The Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program for Results is also being implemented by Rwanda and Tanzania.



Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati, chairing the EARSPforR meeting at the Treasury Building on 18th September, 2024

Inaugural Africa Public-Private Partnerships Forum Launched in Nairobi

By Joel Reyia & Lynn Mutwiri

The Inaugural Africa Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Units Forum was launched on 16th September, 2024 at a Nairobi Hotel. The two day forum themed, “Developing and Implementing Climate Resilient PPPs” was organized by African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) to support the government in developing bankable and sustainable PPP projects.

It offered a platform for development partners to explore innovative financing mechanisms available to PPP units and governments.

The Principal Secretary for the National Treasury, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, was represented by Economic Planning PS James Muhati who presided over the launch.

In a speech read on his behalf, Dr. Kiptoo emphasized the need to develop PPP frameworks that effectively facilitate the structuring and implementation of viable and sustainable projects.

He added that PPPs should endeavour to develop projects which are not only bankable but also climate resilient.

“Our nations have made remarkable strides in establishing PPP frameworks to support infrastructural growth, but challenges in ensuring that these frameworks effectively facilitate the structuring and implementation of viable and sustainable projects that can withstand the climate related challenges of our times remain,” PS Kiptoo said, adding that PPPs play a vital role in mobilizing the private sector’s expertise and capital to address Africa’s infrastructure needs.

He reiterated that PPPs should pay attention to critical areas including feasibility, risk and regulatory support to foster climate resilience.

While applauding the African Legal Support Facility for the technical support, PS Kiptoo recognized that Kenya has made strides in mobilizing innovative financing solutions that support climate adaptation efforts such as in the Sosian and Globeleq’s Menengai Geothermal Power Plants.

“If we are to build resilient and sustainable infrastructure, it will require the concerted effort of all stakeholders in the development value chain,” PS Kiptoo said.

ALSF Chief Executive Officer Olivier Pognon called for more effective partnerships to support initiatives that respond to increasingly challenging climate realities. He also emphasized ALSF’s commitment to assisting African governments in creating well-structured PPPs to tackle the Continent’s infrastructure challenges through providing both advisory and capacity building support.



Economic Planning PS Muhati delivering a keynote address during the inaugural Africa PPP forum launch at a Nairobi Hotel on 16th September, 2024



Participants during the innagural Africa PPP forum launch in Nairobi

Kenya's First International Development Agency to drive Regional Development



Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati (4th right) poses for a photo with State Department for ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui (4th left) and UNDP Resident Representative Anthony Ngororano (3rd right) during a consultative meeting at Treasury Building on 14th September, 2024

By Martin Muthuri

The creation of essential frameworks for Kenya's enhancement of economic growth is underway. In a consultative meeting which took place at the Treasury Building on 14th September 2024, chaired by the Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati, included contributions from Trade Principal Secretary Alfred K'Ombudo, ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui, and UNDP Kenya Resident Representative Anthony Ngororano.

The meeting laid the foundation for the establishment of an Official Development Assistance (ODA) Framework to drive development by harnessing resources from various sources. The Framework will lead to the creation of the Kenya International Development Agency (KIDA), which will offer technical assistance and financial support in thematic priority areas, including supporting private sector players.

The ODA framework will play a key role in boosting trade, particularly with nations in need of technical support by fostering stability. The foreign assistance offered by KIDA will also enhance the Country's influence, reputation and standing in the global community.

KIDA is expected to be a government-run agency similar to other International Development Agencies. The agency will enable Kenya to share its expertise, support regional development, and enhance its international influence. Its interventions will focus on digital transition, green transition, and technical support for Low-Income Countries in East Africa, as well as fostering international cooperation.

The Principal Secretaries resolved to constitute an Inter-Ministerial Technical Team to develop a roadmap towards establishing the agency. The technical team was expected to convene to discuss the concept note on establishing the agency before meeting the executive arm of Government.

The formation of KIDA is informed by the role that Kenya has played in supporting several Nations in various development aspects including security.

Among those present during the meeting were Economic Planning Director, Festus Wangwe and Technical staff from the State Department for Trade, State Department for Economic Planning and State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy.

Launch of the 2024 Kenya Economic Report



Economic Planning PS, James Muhati officially launching the 2024 Kenya Economic Report on 12th September, 2024 at the Kenya School of Government, Kabete

By Maureen Kenga & Parin Wanjiru

The 2024 Kenya Economic Report (KER) was officially launched on 12th September, 2024. The report themed, “Enhancing Productivity for Sustained Inclusive Growth in Kenya” aims at presenting evidence-based Public Policy options that can foster sustainable and inclusive growth in Kenya by boosting productivity across various sectors. KIPPRA has been producing the statutory flagship report annually since 2009. The report provides a review of Kenya's economic status, that further informs the country's development plans.

While officiating the event at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), in Kabete, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Economic Planning, James Muhati stated that enhancing labour productivity will ensure the growth of economic activity from a broad sector approach. This will result in economic turnaround and inclusive growth thus improving livelihoods for Kenyans as enshrined in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV), which is aligned to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The Report captures productivity in agriculture, manufacturing, and the informal sectors, which are key in eradicating poverty and sustaining inclusive growth.

Some of the key macroeconomic findings in the 2024 KER were; The economy grew by 5.6 per cent in 2023 compared to 4.9 in 2022, the inflation rate in 2023 averaged at 7.7 per cent, the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 3.75 per cent to 12.5 per cent in 2023, and Diaspora remittance inflows increased from Kshs. 478.5 billion in 2022 to Kshs. 591.2 billion in 2023.

The evidence-based policy recommendations in KER are crucial in supporting initiatives that enhance productivity at both National and County levels. With the Launch of the MTP IV in March 2024, the policy recommendations in the KER offer options on possible policy directions to attain and sustain an inclusive growth trajectory. Focusing on productivity will enable Kenya to maximize its output with the available resources.

Additionally, PS Muhati presided over the KIPPRA 21st Graduation Ceremony for the Young Professionals Programme 2023/24 Cohort on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary FCPA John Mbadi. The programme aims to improve technical competence in evidence-based policy process and build research capabilities. It targets participants from both public and private sectors who are in the early stages of their career. PS Muhati further acknowledged the outstanding contributions and potential of Kenya's next-generation policymakers.

Present during the launch were; KIPPRA Board Chair, Prof. Benson Ateng', KIPPRA Executive Director, Dr. Rose Ngugi, SDEP Economic Planning Secretary, Timothy Gakuu, Private Sector representatives, Development Partners, and County Representatives among others.

Malawi National Statistics Office Delegation Visits Kenya



The Economic Planning Principal Secretary James Muhati chairing a meeting between the State Department for Economic Planning and the Malawi National Statistics Office Delegation at the Treasury Building on 20th August, 2024

By Maureen Kenga

In a continued drive to promote collaboration and strengthen National Statistical Programs, a delegation from Malawi, led by Commissioner of Statistics Shelton Kanyanda, on 20th August, 2024, met with the Principal Secretary James Muhati and Officials from the State Department for Economic Planning at the Treasury building.

The visit, which included key officials from the Malawi National Statistics Office, forms part of Kenya's broader efforts to exchange knowledge and enhance statistical systems in developing nations.

While addressing the delegation's fact finding mission, PS Muhati emphasized the importance of data in making informed decisions. The team was taken through the mandate and functions of the State Department for Economic Planning as well as the linkage between the State Department and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

The week-long study mission in Kenya that took place from 19th to 23rd of August, 2024 is part of the South-South Cooperation among developing countries.

The meeting resolved to collaborate and partner in building capacity for the implementation of National Statistical Programs such as censuses and surveys. The exchange of knowledge enabled the Malawian delegation to learn strategies that Kenya employ in conducting these programmes efficiently in the advent of quick technological transition.

In addition, the delegation shared their experiences on the collection, analysis, reporting, dissemination, and use of administrative data, in their country. They appreciated that Kenya is miles ahead in the adoption of modern technology as witnessed during the 2019 Census where electronic gadgets (tablets) were used to collect census data countrywide. This move not only simplified the process of data collection in every household mapped up in the sampling frame but also showcased accuracy and timeliness.

The Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu, KNBS Director General Dr. McDonald Obudho, KNBS alternate Board member Director Benson Kiriga, Senior officials from KNBS and several Directors of Planning were in attendance.



Treasury Set to Enhance Tax Reforms and Revenue Collection

By Carolyn Macharia

The National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary, FCPA John Mbadi, has pledged to accelerate key reforms to broaden the tax base and improve revenue collection.

Speaking during the handover ceremony at the Treasury Building, on 12th August, 2024, where he officially took over from the outgoing Cabinet Secretary, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, CS Mbadi outlined his commitment to sustaining the reforms already set in motion, particularly in public financial management and tax policy.

In his remarks, CS Mbadi acknowledged the significant challenges ahead, including operating without the Finance Act, 2024. He, further, emphasized that the priority would be to complete the ongoing reforms, particularly the integration of government payrolls into the Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS). He stated that the fast-tracking of this reform would enhance the efficiency and transparency of government financial operations.

One of the key areas the CS highlighted was the ongoing effort to expand the Country's tax base. He reiterated the government's commitment to building a tax system that is fair and inclusive, ensuring that both the formal and informal sectors contribute to national revenue. He further promised to focus on developing tax policies that are predictable yet non-distortive to market dynamics.

The outgoing CS Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, who led the Ministry through a challenging period of economic instability, was praised by his successor for his significant role in stabilizing the economy. Under his leadership, inflation eased and the Kenyan shilling strengthened against major world currencies. Prof. Ndung'u expressed confidence that the reforms he initiated would continue under CS Mbadi's leadership.

"The economy is now on a more stable footing, with inflation controlled and the currency stronger.



The National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi (left) with former Treasury CS Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (third right), and Principal Secretaries Dr. Chris Kiptoo and James Muhati during the Ceremony

"I am confident that the foundations we have laid will continue to support Kenya's growth and I trust that CS Mbadi will build on these achievements," Prof. Ndung'u said.

Prof. Ndung'u also emphasized the need for a tax policy that effectively integrates the informal sector without distorting market forces, a view that CS Mbadi fully supported.

"A predictable and fair tax policy is essential for fostering business confidence and ensuring economic stability," Prof. Ndung'u added.

In his address, the Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati thanked Prof. Ndung'u for his exemplary leadership and expressed trust in the new leadership.

The government aims to improve public financial management, enhance transparency, and promote business confidence. Broadening the tax base for both the formal and informal sectors will contribute more effectively to the national revenue. The continuity of these reforms under CS Mbadi's leadership is crucial for ensuring that Kenya's economic stability is maintained.

Present during the ceremony were; The National Treasury Principal Secretary, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati, Economic Planning Secretary, Timothy Gakuu and Senior staff from the Ministry.

Kenya Relaunches South-South Cooperation Technical Standing Committee



A South-South Cooperation Conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

By Evelyne Kerina

The State Department for Economic Planning relaunched the South-South Cooperation (SSC) Technical Standing Committee on 20th June, 2024 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi.

The South-South Cooperation is a United Nations initiative where developing countries share knowledge, skills, and technology to boost trade and investment amongst themselves.

The Cooperation was formally adopted in 1978 with the aim of reducing reliance on traditional North-South aid by fostering mutual support and resource sharing. The SSC framework encourages collaboration among the developing countries initially within the framework of the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) guided by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA).

The Technical Standing Committee on South-South Cooperation was established in 2007. It was expanded in 2009 when Kenya successfully hosted the UN High-Level Conference on SSC (UNOSSC) in Nairobi. The re-launch of an expanded Standing Committee on South-South and Triangular Cooperation therefore aims to enhance SSC management.

The SSC activities in Kenya are coordinated by the State Department for Economic Planning with the committee members drawn from various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). Despite the relaunch, Kenya faces challenges of a coordinated institutional framework to manage SSC activities effectively, leading to fragmented efforts and weak coordination of Triangular Cooperation.

In his address during the launch, the Economic Planning Secretary (EPS) Timothy Gakuu said that Kenya continues being handicapped in sustaining these initiatives despite having hosted the 2009 UN Conference on South-South Cooperation thus informing the efforts to institutionalize SSC through a Standing Committee and a South-South Centre in the Country.

“The Country now seeks to re-launch a Standing Committee to better manage this Cooperation, aiming to improve on the coordination and establish a robust institutional platform,” EPS Gakuu said.

Kenya has, however, made some achievements in the SSC initiatives such as: hosting capacity building workshops for the African region to share the best practices in managing SSC; participating and sharing experiences in the capacity development forums hosted by the UNOSSC in collaboration with JICA and Brazil; and hosting one of the Sessions of the South-South Development EXPO.

Among those present were the Economic Planning Director in charge of International Economic Partnerships and Frameworks Coordination James Maina, and representatives from various State Departments, Ministries and Agencies.



First Cohort of Project Evaluation Trainers Graduate



Economic Planning Secretary Timothy Gakuu opening the Training of Trainers on Evaluation in Nairobi on 16th October, 2024

By Frank Jara and Petronilla Kibigo

The capacity building for the First Cohort of Project Evaluation trainers took place in Nairobi on 16th October, 2024. The event brought together key participants from the State Department for Economic Planning (SDEP), the State Department for Livestock Development (SDL), representatives of the American Institute for Research (AIR) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati, said that the government will equip public officers with the requisite skills to position them for better service delivery. In a speech read on his behalf by Economic Planning Secretary, Timothy Gakuu, during the official opening, the PS congratulated the first cohort of trainees upon their successful completion of the rigorous course.

The workshop was part of a broader capacity-building initiative by SDEP, in collaboration with USAID, under the Development Cooperation Framework Agreement between the Government of Kenya and USAID. It aimed to equip officers with essential tools and knowledge in evaluation concepts, the evaluation process, and problem-solving during Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

The PS emphasized the significance of the Pilot Evaluation involving the Kenya Livestock Insurance Program (KLIP).

“KLIP is the first project to be evaluated under Kenya’s National Evaluation Plan for FY2022/23 - FY2026/27. The evaluation is an opportunity for hands-on learning for the technical officers involved,” PS Muhati said.

He highlighted the alignment of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) of the Kenya Vision 2030 with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which focuses on inclusive economic growth. He stressed that leather and leather products are one of the key areas of interest, emphasizing that the insights gained from the pilot evaluation will play a crucial role in improving the implementation of the value chains.

“I expect this team to be the trainer of trainers on Project Evaluation who will assist Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Public Investment Directorate (MELPID) in cascading the training to Central Planning and Project Monitoring Units and County Planning/Monitoring Units,” PS Muhati said.

The Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Public Investment Management Directorate, under SDEP, is tasked with overseeing Kenya’s National Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. The Directorate has made considerable strides in establishing evaluation systems and standards for the public sector.

In his closing remarks, PS Muhati expressed his gratitude to USAID, the TWENDE MBELE programme, and the State Department for Livestock Development for their support in organizing and facilitating the training.

The event was attended by representatives from USAID, trainers from the American Institute for Research, officers from the State Department for Economic Planning, and the State Department for Livestock Development, among others.

SDEP Records Management and Procedures

By Mary Njenga

Records Management is an administrative function given the mandate to assist in achieving economy and efficiency in the creation, receipt, maintenance, use, and disposal of the records of an organization throughout their entire life cycle.

According to Government of Kenya Security Manual No. 2GKSM, Security means safeguarding of classified information, materials and people who have access. In the same manual Chapter 3 stipulates that, an official document must be protected if harm would result from the disclosure to an unauthorized person of information it contains using classification system.

Profitability of organizations is ultimately dependent on the effectiveness with which they exchange, gather, process, retrieve, link, control, share, manage and, above all, protect their data and information

Records facilitate formulation of policies, business transactions, promote accountability and transparency in management of resources and documents individuals' interests. Records provide valuable information for critical decision making within organizations.

All these processes, however, require that the right information be made available to the right person or entity at the right place and at the right time.

One of the functions of Records Management Unit is to ensure that information materials are secured and classified accordingly. Document classification assigns a document to one or more pre-defined categories based on its content. This is crucial to identifying the right category for a document based on the features of its text, image, or whatever else it might contain.



At the State Department, records are categorized based on their sensitivity and level of protections required as guided by Government of Kenya Security Manual. There are four grades of classification; top secret; secret; confidential; and restricted. All these information materials with security classification are known collectively as classified documents.

In line with Access to Information Act of 2016, SDEP ensures that access and handling of documents is only permitted to persons who have been security vetted.



How Artificial Intelligence is Transforming Kenya's Economy

By Antony Gacanja

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is defined as the ability of machines or software to simulate human capabilities through "learning and automation". AI gives machines the ability to think intelligently like human minds by studying the patterns of the human brain and by analyzing the cognitive processes.

To some extent, AI could solve Kenya's most prevalent challenges such as poverty, education, diseases, healthcare and food security. It can be critical in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Kenya which include; Reduction of Poverty and Hunger, Improvement of the Quality of Education, Provision of Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions among others.

In Kenya, AI is applied across several sectors such as agriculture, health, education and finance, just to mention a few.

Kenya's agricultural sector has several AI applications. These include the Third Eye project which uses drones to monitor soil needs and identify pests and diseases in crops. It detects minute changes in crops that are not easily discerned by humans and enables early detection which saves crops.

In the finance, AI is heavily relied upon in fintech in determining whether or not to grant loans to borrowers. AI through machine learning in this case is used to determine a borrower's likelihood of default through assessment of a borrower's micro behavioural data and assessment of information obtained from the borrower's device including contacts, SMSs, SD card content, gallery, and application downloaded in the device.

In the health sector, AI can be used to improve healthcare in Kenya by providing more accurate diagnoses, developing new treatments, providing personalized diagnoses and treatment plans, and making healthcare more accessible.

In the education sector, AI has several applications that include Angaza Elimu which is a UNICEF funded e-Learning platform that relies on AI to provide students with personalized learning experience designed to meet their needs. It gives students access to learning notes and assignments designed to fit their unique learning experience and enables them to track their performance. Tutors are also able to assess students' capabilities and provide them with customized learning resources.



Artificial Intelligence machine at work

Despite the myriad benefits that AI promises, it still faces challenges in its adoption in Kenya. These challenges include the lack of quality data to train algorithms; lack of a regulatory framework; adequate skills to foster utilization of AI and lack of adequate investment in research. These challenges derail the further development of AI in the country and if left unaddressed, will deny major sectors the various benefits they stand to accrue.



How Effective Individual Planning Contributes to National Development

By Judys Kemunto

Maya had always been a planner. As a child, she would meticulously organize her school assignments, set clear goals or targets, and map out her path to achieve them. This is a culture learnt from her parents and other elders in a community. She always believed that life needed a direction, and the best way to stay on course was through careful planning.

As she grew older, Maya continued applying this mindset to her personal goals: she strategically mapped out a timeline for her education, career progression, and even her financial goals. Every decision, she believed in, contributed to her larger vision of a fulfilling life. However, the challenge comes in where this kind of plan doesn't work as planned, what happens? Is there a Plan B or C? Food for thought!

After school life, Maya got her first job at a private sector corporation. She quickly noticed that the organization had inadequate and incoherent direction. Employees worked as individuals, with no teamwork. Projects were often delayed, and resources wasted. Despite her position being in the low-cadre, she took the initiative and started planning her tasks rigorously, setting timelines, allocating resources wisely, and anticipating challenges before they arose.

Gradually, her manager noticed her effectiveness and assigned her to more complex projects. Maya's planning skills became contagious; her department began to adopt more structured planning practices, seeing improvements in staff productivity and morale.

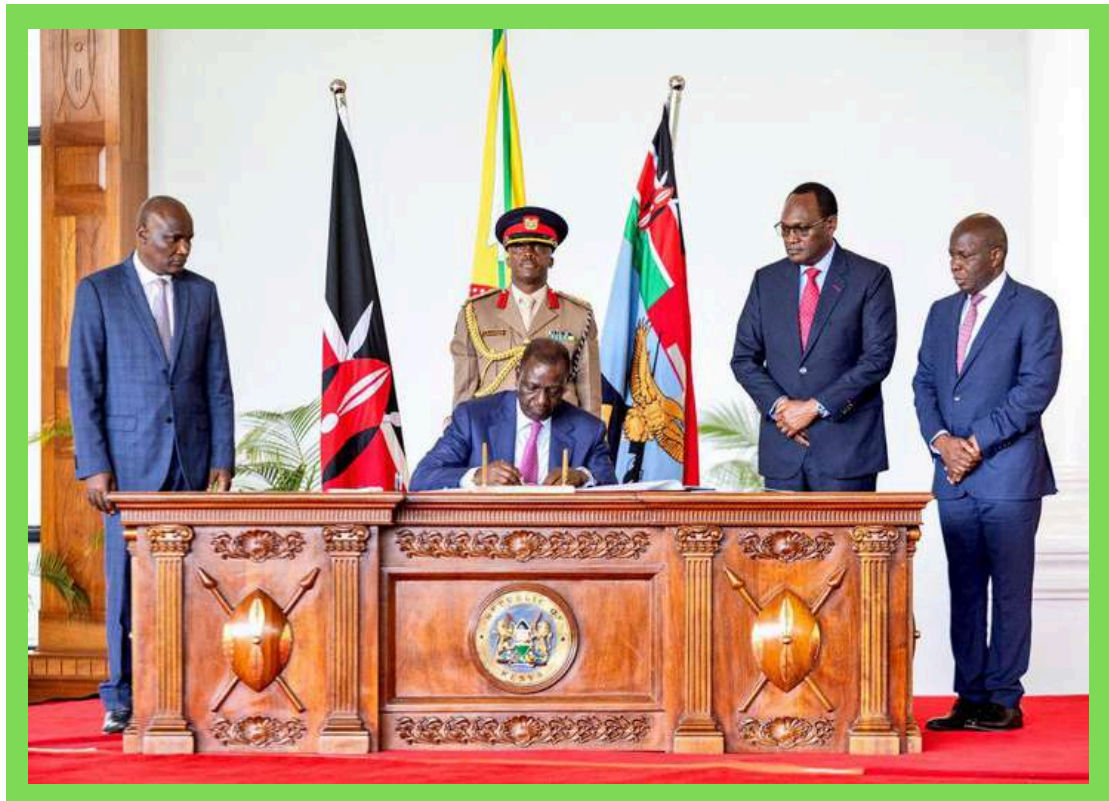
With her team working more efficiently, the company's performance skyrocketed. Seeing this impact, the organization began implementing structured planning processes across departments. Maya's approach trickled up to the executive level, inspiring the leadership to set clear long-term goals, optimize resource use, and strategize for sustainable growth.

Over time, the success of Maya's organization gained the attention of national stakeholders. Recognizing the economic benefits of an organization that prioritized effective planning, the government invited Maya's company to join a task force on national development planning. Through that platform, Maya saw firsthand how organizational planning strategies could impact national policies. She began contributing her insights on resource allocation and workforce training, emphasizing the power of setting measurable goals at every level.

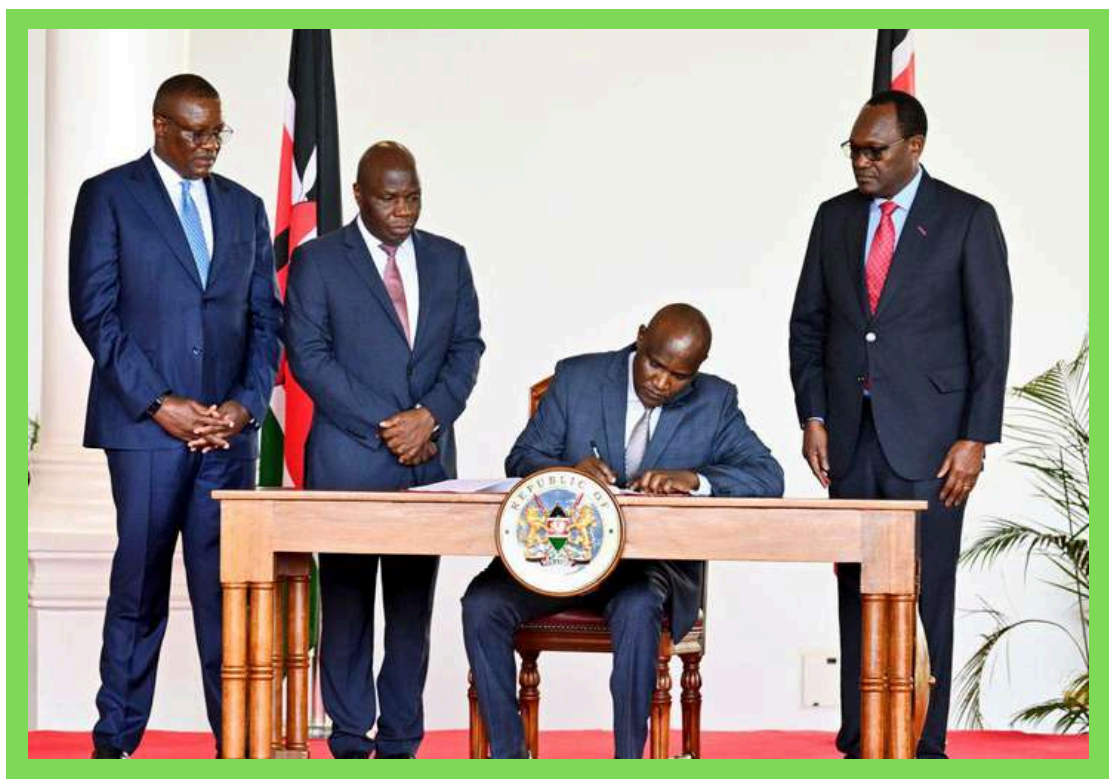
Years later, Maya could look back on her journey with pride. Her commitment to planning had not only shaped her own life and career but also influenced her organization, which in turn contributed to the country's economic growth and development planning. Her life demonstrated how personal planning skills, when shared and scaled, could have a powerful, rippling effect—reaching far beyond one individual to benefit an entire nation.



Performance Contracts



President William Ruto signs The National Treasury and Economic Planning Performance Contract at State House, Nairobi on 19th November, 2024



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Swearing in ceremony for Prof. Kithure Kindiki as Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya at KICC Nairobi on 1st November, 2024

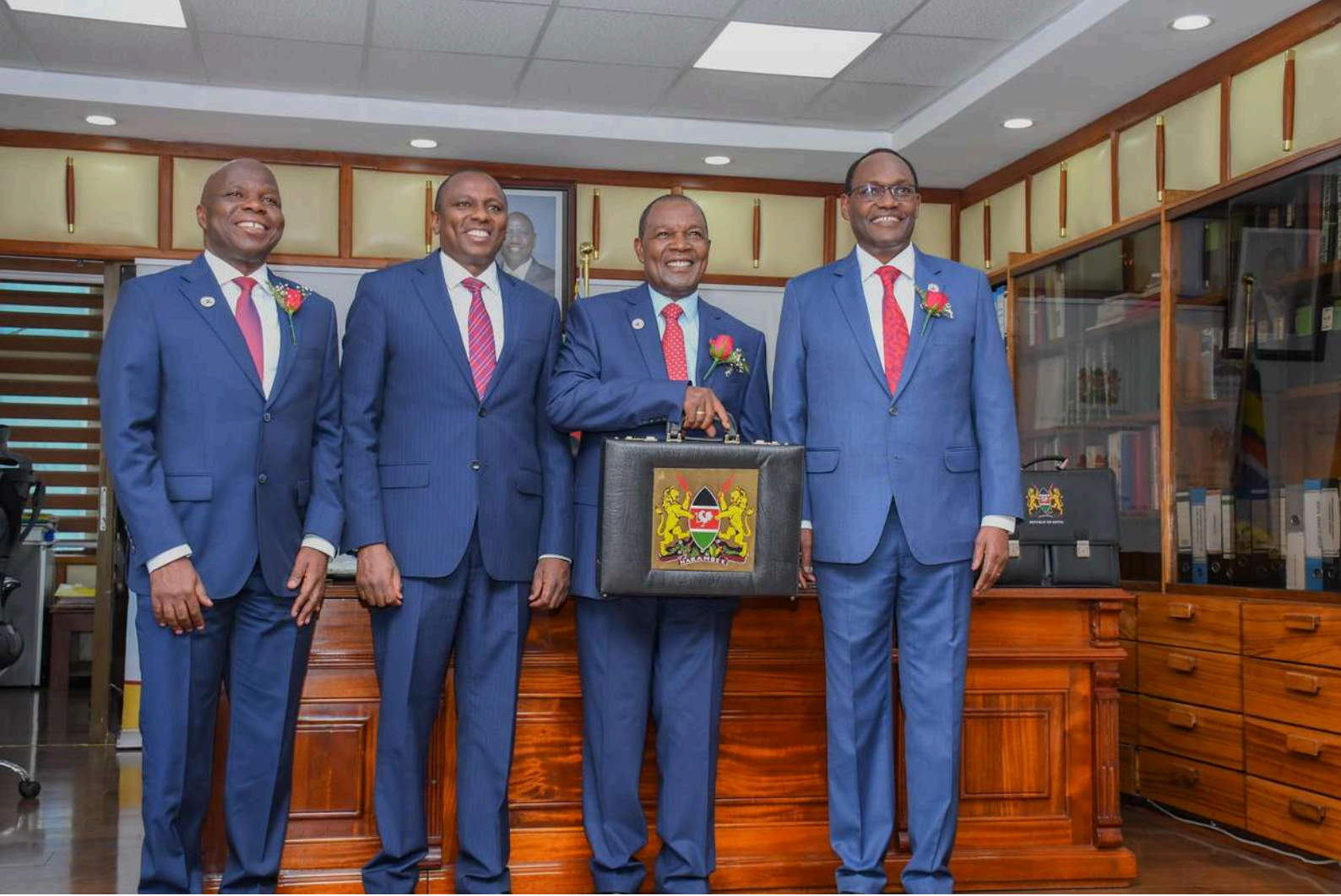
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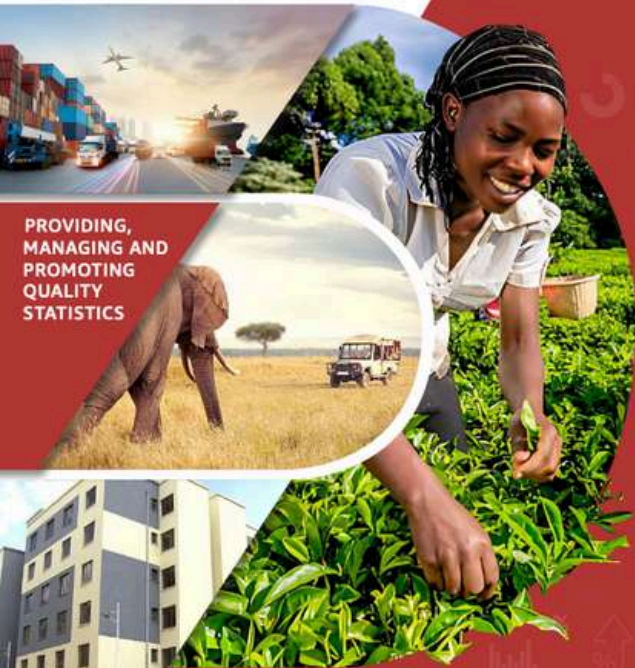
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