



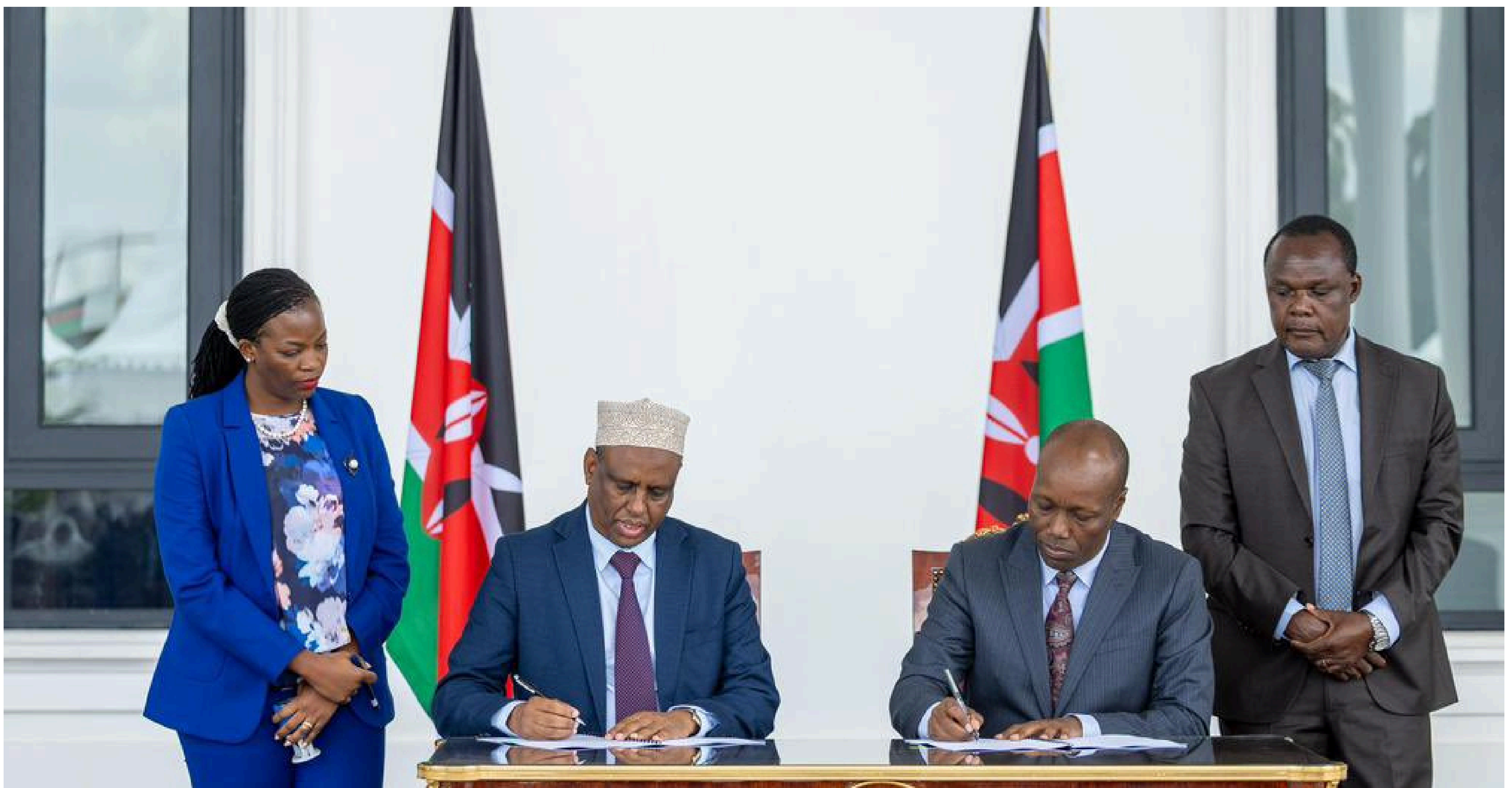
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*Above: MITI CS Lee Kinyanjui and COG Chair Ahmed Abdullahi sign Intergovernmental Agreement for establishment of Phase II CAIPs, at State House, Nairobi.*

*President William Ruto*

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## STRENGTHENING INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

**K**enya prides in one of the youngest populations in the world and a globally recognized talent in Information, Communication and Technology (ICT).

The Kenyan youth have build globally competitive technologies, that continue to be celebrated. Though, the path of innovation, industrialization and technological leadership remains least traded, innovations needs to be well linked to industry for mass production of products.

The countries that dominate the world such as Singapore, Japan and South Korea became prosperous through deliberate investment in science, technology, education and innovation and not by chance.

There remains room to position Kenya as Africa's leader in artificial intelligence, cyber security, software engineering, cloud computing and digital entrepreneurship, with ICT playing a central role in driving this transformation.

Our Universities and research institutions must not operate in isolation from the needs of the economy, but rather become an innovation hub connected to industry clusters, incubators startups and manufacturing zones.

Our education system must also produce graduates with practical competencies in artificial intelligence, robotics, biotechnology, data science, green manufacturing, semi-conductor production, engineering design and advanced digital skills. These skills and competencies continue to characterise today's industry needs and research without industry linkages, will only produce papers instead of products.



*Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana*

Science must become central to solving our National challenges as it is not a luxury for developed nations but an engine of National survival and prosperity. This is why we must nurture a culture that celebrates scientists, researchers, inventors and innovators, and inspire a new generation of Kenyan innovators who will design African solutions to African challenges.

A triple helix partnership where academia, industry and government work together to solve national challenges and create globally competitive enterprises, is what we need. To achieve this, Kenya must implement these bold and practical policies that strengthen industry-academia linkages:



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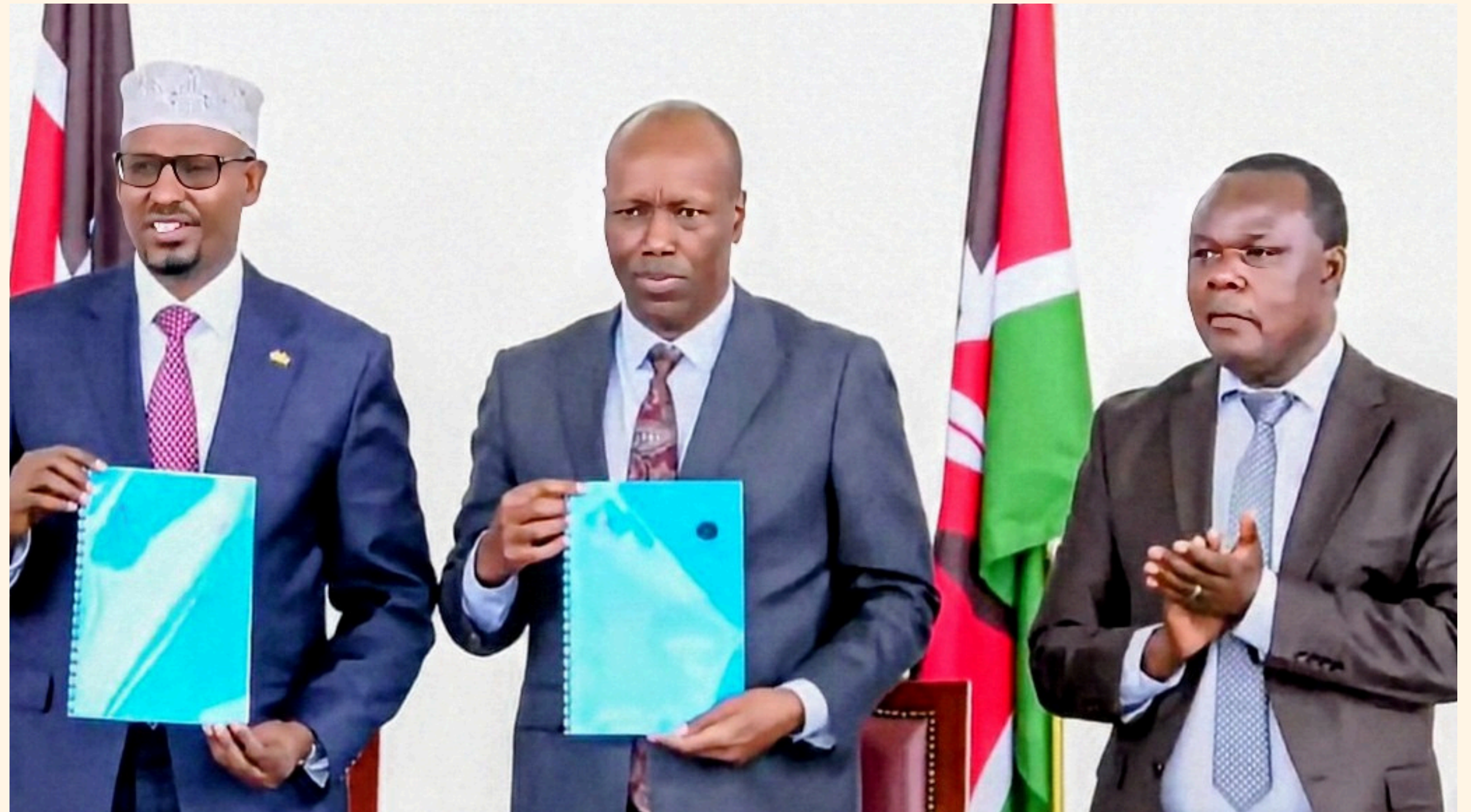
These counties are Meru, Embu, Kirinyaga, Migori, Trans Nzoia, Garissa, Kiambu, Kisii, Machakos, Kwale, Busia, Bungoma, Homabay, Nakuru and Uasin Gishu

“These industrial parks will significantly expand value addition to agricultural and natural resources at the County level, reduce post-harvest losses, create jobs for thousands of our young people”, President Ruto noted.

He added, “the parks will also lead to the expansion of market access for local products, attract private investment into manufacturing and agro-processing, strengthen exports and enhance the competitiveness of counties and Kenya.”

The President further assured the Council of Governors, led by Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi, that in the coming financial year, each county would receive between Kshs. 100M-150M, to bring on board common user facilities for the priority value chains in every CAIP. This, he said, would begin from July, once all the Counties had identified the common user facilities required for their enterprises and for value addition.

“With the Ksh. 100 million being provided by the Government, we can have sufficient equipment to support the Micro Small and Medium Industries in your Counties, to be able to process milk and vegetables; package products such as nuts and fruits and other goods that you produce”, Dr. Ruto further remarked.



MITI CS Lee Kinyanjui is flanked by Industry PS Dr. Juma Mukhwana (right) and COG Chair Ahmed Abdullahi during the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on CAIPs establishment, at State House, Nairobi.

“With the modern markets that we have already built and are in use by our traders, this is where we are going to be taking the processed and value added goods from these CAIPS”, the President said adding that, post-harvest losses would now be a thing of the past, with the cold rooms built in the CAIPS and modern markets being used to manage the losses more efficiently. This, he noted, will increase earning for farmers and traders.

President Ruto’s remarks were further cemented by MITI CS Lee Kinyanjui, who said, “This National project is a great example of how a nation can be self-reliant. The CAIPS, CS Kinyanjui noted, were perfect examples in Kenya and beyond, of how devolution can work to change a country.

On his part, CoG Chairman, Wajir Governor, Ahmed Abdullahi, noted that operationalization of the common user facilities was needed to enable small-scale industrialists begin their operations smoothly.

The signing of agreement followed a confirmatory visit by Industry Principal Secretary (PS), Dr. Juma Mukhwana, to the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPS), across the country, in preparation for their commissioning by President William Ruto in the coming weeks.

Dr. Mukhwana, who has spearheaded the CAIPS project since its inception, assured manufacturers of continued Government support in the growth of Industry, saying that manufacturing machinery will now be imported duty free, with affordable financing also being offered by the Kenya Development Corporation, for manufacturers and business owners.

For the Meru and Embu CAIPS, PS Mukhwana noted, during his visit, the Isiolo International Airport, was an added advantage and would serve as an export point for processed goods to international destinations, for the investors.

CAIPS, are a National Government initiative, meant to create value chains for each of the 47 counties, based on their competitive vantage points, specifically focusing on the agro-industry, which is one of the biggest employers in the country and encompasses a large part of the economy and Kenya’s exports.

CAIPS are in line with achieving the Government’s, Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), with manufacturing as a key driver of economic growth and a source of employment creation for the youth.





# From Policy to Production: Spurring manufacturing through SDI

By Gloria Gicheru

The State Department for Industrialization (SDI) is mandated, among other responsibilities, to spearhead activities that champion industrialization in the country.

In line with the country's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the department seeks to create thousands of jobs for the youth through Micro, Small, and Medium Industries (MSMIs), while using manufacturing as a key driver in increasing the country's GDP contribution to over 20%.

Kenya's Vision 2030 aims to transform the country into a middle-income economy through industrialization. The strategy focuses on value addition and enhancing the competitiveness of local industries on the global stage. To achieve this ambitious goal, the SDI and its agencies must work together to ensure that transformative policies are supported by skills development, technological research, and innovation.

Speaking during an interview in his office, SDI Secretary Administration Karanja Njora emphasized the need to encourage middle-level technical training in higher learning institutions. "This will pique more interest in innovation, research, and blue-collar jobs," he said

If Kenya is to achieve its desired industrialization vision, the country must revisit its approach to technical training and encourage younger generations to view blue-collar jobs as equally prestigious and rewarding. Njora noted that many former technical training institutes have shifted focus away from equipping learners with practical technical skills. "It is time to have the conversation to ensure that we have enough technical skills to match the growing demand in the industrial sector," he added.



Secretary Administration, Karanja Njora

At the same time, targeted policies that promote value addition, skills development, and access to finance enable firms to move up the production chain and compete more effectively in regional and global markets. When these efforts are coordinated and consistently implemented, they create an environment where manufacturing can expand sustainably, generate employment, and contribute meaningfully to long-term economic growth.

SDI, through the Enterprise Development Directorate, should continue intensifying advocacy efforts for locally manufactured goods. Strengthening the local content strategy also requires collaboration with agencies such as the Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM). Changing consumer attitudes is essential in ensuring industries continue to grow into wealth-creating enterprises

"The State Department for Industrialization must not only formulate policies but also ensure their effective implementation". It should also strengthen monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to support their implementation and address challenges proactively. Additionally, the department must remain adaptive to economic dynamism in order to help the country build competitive and sustainable industrial ecosystems

## In Brief...

### KIRDI

Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute, **KIRDI** has partnered with Kericho County to revive the Roret Pineapple Plant in Bureti. The facility will feature 600kg/hr juice, jam/sauce processing and 5,000L/day water bottling, boosting market access, incomes & jobs, reducing losses & agro growth.

### KEBS

In an era shaped by artificial intelligence, big data, and the Internet of Vehicles, **KEBS** is positioning standardization as a driver of innovation, ensuring Kenya is not left behind but actively engaged in shaping the future of mobility.

### NMC

With the mandate of commercial production of steel, engineering design and development of machinery and components Numerical Machining Complex, NMC, has engaged in several projects. One such project is the development of the Mavuno water pumps. The Mavuno Water pumps is tailored for small scale farmers and those wishing to venture into agricultural based projects. The Mavuno water pumps are petrol driven and include the 5.5, 6.5 and 9HP. The water pumps are locally manufactured and tailored to meet the customer's needs.

KEBS Kenya Bureau of Standards  
Standards for Quality Life

## NUT AND NUTS PRODUCTS WORKSHOP

Theme: Elevating the Nuts industry through Quality Assurance

Registration link

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
9:00am-12:00pm

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## INDUSTRY PUSHES FOR ADOPTION OF GREEN HYDROGEN USE IN MANUFACTURING

By Theuri Mwangi

**K**enya has intensified its efforts to incorporate green hydrogen in the manufacturing sector in its efforts towards decarbonisation of steel and cement industries, considered to be heavy polluters.

Discussions at the Green Hydrogen Symposium held in Nairobi, focused on Green Hydrogen as a Catalyst for Industrialization and Economic Development in Kenya.

The Symposium, aimed at promoting coordination, implementation and investment in Kenya's Green Hydrogen ecosystem, through partnerships and Government support.

Industrialization Secretary, Prof. Erastus Gatebe, who represented Industry Principal Secretary, Dr. Juma Mukhwana at the event, noted that the use of Green Hydrogen, would strengthen industrial competitiveness, reduce dependence on imported industrial inputs, adding that it would also create new manufacturing ecosystems while creating jobs for the youth.

Professor Gatebe further emphasised on the need to adopt the use of Green Hydrogen for sectors such as fertilizer, chemicals, steel, cement and transport, which are key players in the development of Kenya's economy.

"As demand for low-carbon products grows globally, green steel production is expected to become an important component of future industrial competitiveness", the IS noted, adding that countries that move early to develop green industrial capabilities, would be better placed to attract investment and access green lead markets.



*Industrialisation Secretary, Professor Erastus Gatebe ,addresses participants during the 4<sup>th</sup> Green Hydrogen Symposium , held in Nairobi.*

Further, the IS noted, the Government was committed towards creating and supporting policies promoting innovation in the industrial ecosystem, while also supporting sustainable industrial growth.

"Success will depend on strong collaboration. Government alone cannot deliver this transition. We require close partnership with industry, investors, financial institutions, academia,

and development partners to build an ecosystem that supports innovation, infrastructure development, skills transfer, financing, and market creation," he noted. He called on the private sector to continue partnering with the Government in its efforts towards ensuring a smooth transition towards green energy, to advance Kenya's vision for sustainable industrial transformation.



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## NATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY REVIEW

By Victoria Katheu

State Department for Industry led by Secretary Administration, Mr. Karanja Njora, today took part in the validation of the Zero draft to the National Industrialization Policy, under review. The changes to the 2012 National Industrialization Policy, has been necessitated by global economic dynamics, with the need to capture green manufacturing, technological advancements, and inclusivity as factors that characterize today's manufacturing.

Mr. Njora regretted the low value raw commodities that characterized Kenyan export basket, calling for a revamped policy to spur value addition.

The Administrator, who represented the PS for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana at the event, noted that changes in governance; regional and global trade dynamics; change in the climatic environment; and Information & Technology landscape, necessitated the change of the 14 year industrial policy.

## Multi-Agency Team Seek to Bar Illicit Trade at Kenya's Entry Points

By Joshua Muricho

Officials from the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, together with the Anti-Counterfeit

Authority and other public and private sector agencies, met to strengthen coordinated efforts against illicit trade and counterfeit goods at Kenya's points of entry. Representing ACA was Mr. Daar Bulle, Regional Head, Mombasa, who emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration in protecting consumers and legitimate trade.

"Combating counterfeiting at points of entry requires strong coordination, timely intelligence sharing and collective vigilance among all border agencies. ACA remains committed to working with partners to ensure counterfeit goods are intercepted before they reach consumers," said Mr. Bulle. The engagement focused on enhanced collaboration, use of smart technology, data sharing, training and capacity building to improve cargo security, promote compliance and support a safer, more trade-friendly environment.

Deputy Director of Domestic Trade, Mr. Mathew Komen, said the Government remains committed to sealing loopholes at border points and strengthening the integrity of global supply chains.

KPA Manager of Security Services, Mr. Tony Kibwana, representing Managing Director Capt. William Ruto, noted that joint efforts have contributed to curbing illicit trade at the Port of Mombasa and other key facilities.

The meeting brought together stakeholders including ACA, Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Ships Agents Association, State Department for Transport, and the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry.



Officials from the ministry of investments, trade and industry, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), Kenya ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and other stakeholders during a meeting in Mombasa to strengthen coordinated efforts against illicit trade and counterfeit goods at Kenya's points of entry

## KIPI MARKS WORLD IP DAY 2026 IN ELDORET AND ITEN

By Phoebe Ogolla



Secretary Administration, Karanja Njora (Left), is assisted by KIPI Board Chairman, Allan Kosgey (Right), in launching the Youth-led MSMEs Project during the World Intellectual Property day, 2026 Celebrations at the Eldoret National Polytechnic.

The Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI),

Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) and Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), celebrated World Intellectual Property (IP) Day 2026 for the first time outside Nairobi. Under the theme "IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate", two ceremonies were held at Eldoret National Polytechnic in Uasin Gishu County on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and at Iten Vocational Training Centre in Elgeyo Marakwet County on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The events targeted sports stakeholders, youth, and MSMEs in Kenya's "Home of Champions" region.

In Eldoret, KIPI launched a new project with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to support youth-led micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The project will provide funding, training, mentorship and IP skills to enterprises in the creative and sports sectors. KIPI Chairman Allan Kosgey said the initiative aligns with the President's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda and underscores KIPI's continued support for youth and MSMEs.

Dr. Juma Mukhwana, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Industry, in a speech read by Karanja Njora, Secretary Administration, highlighted sports as a lucrative career comparable to medicine and engineering. He stressed that effective IP protection enables athletes, innovators and clubs to invest in their talent without fear of infringement. He urged athletes to protect their name and image, innovators to register patents and designs early, and sports federations to treat trademarks and copyright as core assets. "This is where IP in the form of copyright, patents, industrial designs, utility models, and trade marks comes in and that is why we are here today," he said.

The Iten ceremony focused on post-career benefits of IP rights for athletes. KIPI officers led by Board Members challenged sportsmen and women to secure their IP to continue earning after retirement. The events drew representatives from national and county governments, ACA, KECOBO, KEPHIS, Egerton University, Moi University, University of Kabianga, KEMRI, NRF, and the public. KIPI Board Chairman Allan Kosgey, Board Members Richard Muteti, Lawrence Njenga and Evelyn Mbaabu, and other dignitaries attended. Cultural performances by Assis Dancers closed the Iten event.

# EAC Assembling and Manufacturing of Products Regulations, 2023(EAC AMPR 2023)

By Theuri Mwangi

origin raw materials and components; import duty incentives linked to local content use; and exclusion of locally available parts from CKD/SKD import kits.

The Government has already signed a Ksh. 13.1 billion Samurai bond with Japan, meant to enhance the growth of the automotive industry's electronic mobility sector as it prepares to put into action the EAC AMPR, 2023.

On their part, automotive sector investors called on the Government to create and implement policies and regulations that not only attract more investors but also protect them.

The private sector also noted that there was need for the Government to give incentives to investors, saying that this would caution them against high production costs.



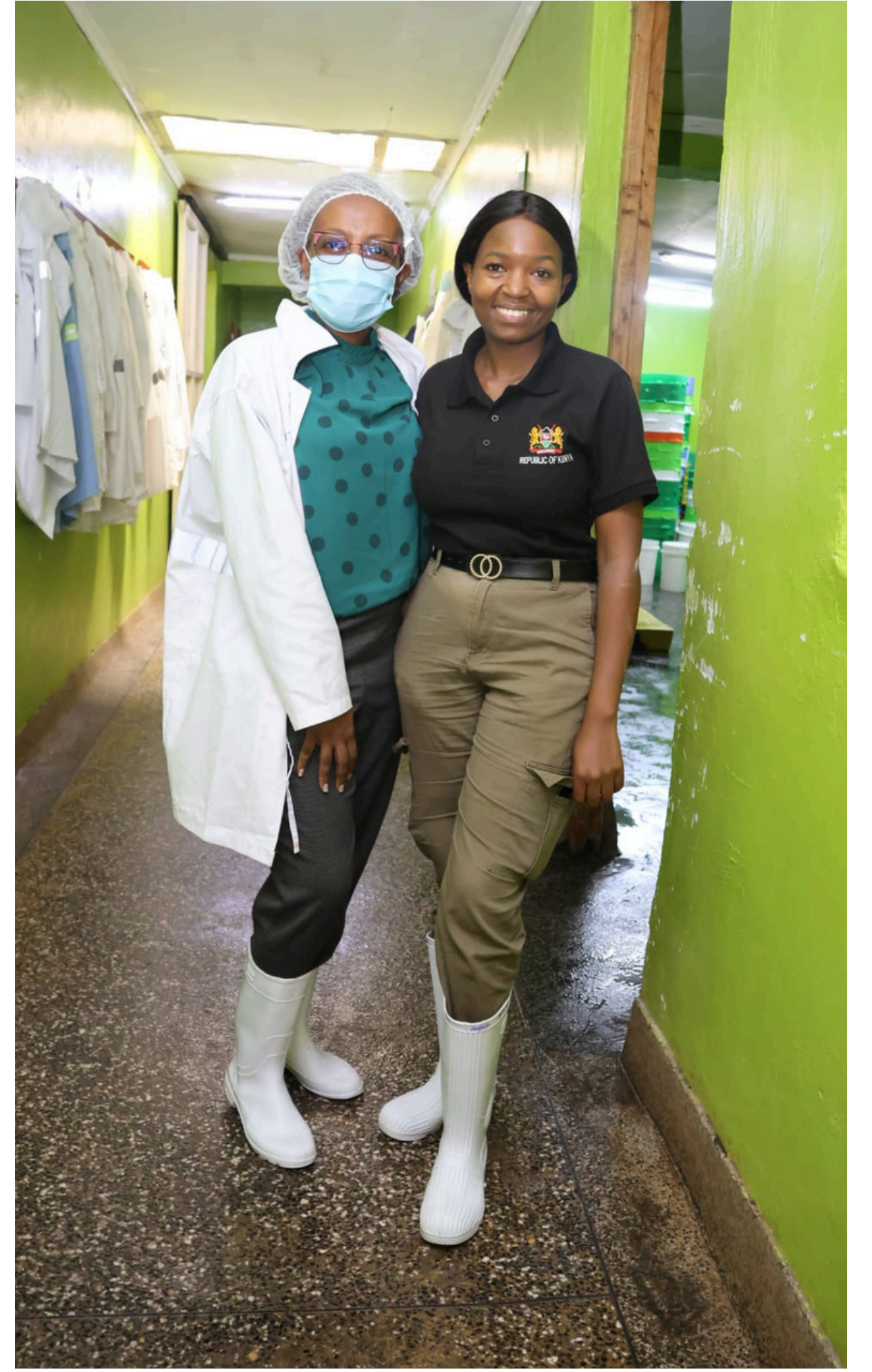
*Stakeholders in the automotive sector engage during a sensitization forum on the new EAC regulations.*

The State Department for Industry(SDI), today had a sensitization forum with Automotive sector representatives and Government officials from Transport, Roads and the National Treasury on the EAC Assembling and Manufacturing of Products Regulations, 2023(EAC AMPR 2023).

Deputy Director, Engineering, Benson Waweru, representing Industry Principal Secretary, Dr. Juma Mukhwana, noted that, " The Government's role is to facilitate and promote Industrialisation through the manufacturing sector as a key driver", adding that the automotive sector played a major role in the process.

The regulations, noted Mr Waweru, are set to take effect from the 1st of July this year, proposing for the registration and licensing of all assemblers and manufacturers within the EAC, mandatory sourcing of specified EAC-







## AIM2030 in Action :KENAS,FullCare Team up to Build Africa's Next Manufacturing Hub

By Phoebe Ogolla



*KENAS team led by CEO Dr Walter Ongeti engage with fullcare Medical Kenya officers at their Tatu City laboratories.*

The principle mandate of KENAS is to accredit and exercise oversight over organizations both private and public, that carry out conformity assessment activities. These organizations include testing laboratories, calibration laboratories, medical laboratories, certification bodies, and inspection and verification bodies.

FullCare is a practical example of AIM2030 in action, turning the President's push for local manufacturing and health security into jobs, investment, and products made in Kenya that can compete beyond the country.

At the Africa Initiative for Medical Access and Manufacturing (AIM2030) in Nairobi, President William Ruto said Kenya is deliberately strengthening its pharmaceutical and health manufacturing ecosystem to become a regional hub serving both domestic and African markets. He stressed that Kenya's location, logistics, and investment environment make it attractive for companies producing medicines, vaccines, and medical supplies locally rather than relying on imports.



*President William Ruto Champions for pharmaceutical manufacturing at the AIM2030 Forum in Nairobi.*

**K**enya Accreditation Service (KENAS) conducted a strategic facility tour at FullCare Medical (Kenya) SEZ Ltd in Tatu City, where its technical team engaged with management on conformity assessment and quality assurance systems.

The visit highlighted the role of accreditation in strengthening quality systems, enhancing trade readiness, and boosting global competitiveness in medical manufacturing. KENAS highlighted how such engagements support the Made in Kenya agenda by building credible quality infrastructure for local production.

During the KENAS tour, the technical team assessed FullCare's laboratory and production processes against international standards. This direct engagement helps manufacturers close gaps in documentation, testing, and traceability early.

By aligning local systems with global accreditation requirements, Kenya firms reduce technical barriers to trade and gain faster access to regional and international markets.

The alignment between KENAS's quality infrastructure work and AIM2030's industrial policy creates a clear pathway for growth. As more SEZ-based manufacturers meet accreditation benchmarks, Kenya strengthens its reputation as a reliable source of quality medical products. The result is a stronger health security net for Kenyans and a more competitive export sector that supports long-term economic development.

# KLDC, KEBS Seek Quality in Value-added Leather Products

By Gloria Gicheru

**T**he Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) in collaboration with Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) convened a strategic meeting that brought together stakeholders in the leather sector at the Council's offices. The meeting aimed to explore and unlock new opportunities within Kenya's leather industry in an effort to ensure production of leather products that meet global standards.

The collaborative engagement forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the leather value chain and position the sector as a key driver of industrial growth, job creation, and economic transformation for Kenyans, especially the youth. Kenya's leather industry is still suffering from stunted growth regardless of the country being ranked as the third-largest livestock herd in Africa, producing an estimated 3 million hides and 18 skins annually. The biggest challenges include post-slaughter damage, waste, and a reliance on imported finished leather products and lack of global markets due to manufactured products not meeting the required global standards.



Acting KLDC CEO Jimmy Odhiambo



*Officers drawn from the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) engage their Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) counterparts on the leather sector development.*

Standardization is not a barrier to trade; it is the foundation of quality, consumer confidence, and global competitiveness for Kenya's leather industry", said an official from KEBS. "Through collaboration between KEBS and KLDC, we can strengthen compliance, enhance product quality, and position Kenyan leather products favourably in international markets," he added.

The leather industry has the potential to grow from generating Ksh 15 billion to Ksh 120 billion annually through the establishment of the Kenanle Leather Industrial Park,(KLIP).

The park aims to harness the full potential and surpass Ksh 175 billion through full value-chain development of leather products. The participants also discussed key growth areas that will increase production rates while strengthening existing production capacities and the impact that would be realized from fostering strategic partnerships in the leather development sector.

KLDC officials noted that the engagement reflects it's commitment to supporting innovation, investment, and sustainable growth within the leather industry which is aimed at creating a more coordinated and enabling environment for the leather businesses.

Through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda,(BETA) Kenya continues to prioritize value addition and industrialization as the gateway to economic independence .

# KENAS to strengthen accreditation and quality systems in the manufacturing sector

By KNA

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) has stepped up its engagement with the manufacturing sector, underscoring the critical role of accreditation in driving quality assurance, regulatory compliance, and global competitiveness. This follows a strategic visit to FullCare Medical (Kenya) SEZ Limited at the Tatu City Special Economic Zone, where KENAS officials highlighted the importance of internationally recognized conformity assessment systems in supporting Kenya's industrial growth.

The visit forms part of KENAS' ongoing stakeholder outreach programme aimed at deepening awareness of accreditation requirements across priority economic sectors. The initiative also seeks to enhance the capacity of conformity assessment bodies to deliver services that meet global standards. FullCare Medical, a Kenyan-based manufacturer with more than 20 years of experience in producing and distributing medical care and protective equipment, has recently commissioned a modern facility at Tatu City SEZ.

The 5,000-acre mixed-use industrial hub continues to position Kenya as a regional manufacturing and export destination. The new facility represents an investment of USD 30 million in its first phase and has already created approximately 1,800 jobs, with projections of up to 7,000 jobs in subsequent phases.

“Accreditation... is a market access requirement - Dr. Ongeti KENAS CEO

Designed to serve both regional and international markets including Africa, Europe, and the United States, the plant is expected to generate export output worth USD 60 million annually. The scale of such investments, KENAS noted, highlights the growing need for robust conformity assessment systems to ensure product safety, regulatory compliance, and acceptance in global markets. Special Economic Zones such as Tatu City are playing a strategic role in strengthening Kenya's industrial base, where adherence to international standards is essential for trade facilitation and improved market access.



From Left to Right: Fiona Munyalo, FullCare Medical (Kenya) SEZ Limited, KENAS CEO Dr Walter Ongeti, KENAS Chief Manager Laboratories Lucy Namu, KENAS Manager Testing Laboratories Felista Nyakoe

FullCare Medical's investment also reflects confidence in Kenya's industrial ecosystem, supported by USD 100 million in financing from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank Group. Speaking during the visit, KENAS Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Walter Ongeti, emphasized that accreditation has become a critical requirement for market access in today's global economy. "Accreditation is no longer a technical formality, it is a market access requirement. It determines whether products are trusted, accepted, and traded across borders. Our engagement with industry is therefore intentional, to ensure that no compliant manufacturer is excluded from markets due to lack of internationally recognized conformity assessment systems," he said.

Dr. Ongeti noted that Kenya's industrialization and export agenda, including opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), depends on a strong and credible quality infrastructure system. "To compete effectively in global value chains, Kenya must continue strengthening its quality infrastructure. Accreditation remains a key pillar in achieving this objective," he added. Chief Manager, Laboratories at KENAS, Ms. Lucy Namu, highlighted the importance of laboratory competence in supporting industrial growth and export readiness

"What we observed at FullCare Medical reflects the increasing sophistication of Kenya's manufacturing sector. Our role is to ensure that laboratories supporting such industries are competent, reliable, and internationally recognized through accreditation," she said. Ms. Namu stressed that strong laboratory systems are fundamental in building trust in products and markets. "When laboratory systems are strong, industries are strong. This translates into safer products, stronger regulatory confidence, and improved access to both local and international markets," she added

Manager, Testing Laboratories at KENAS, Ms. Felista Nyakoe, underscored the importance of testing systems in safeguarding product integrity and compliance. "Testing laboratories are central to verifying that products meet required standards before reaching the market. As manufacturing becomes more advanced, particularly in high-risk sectors such as medical products, testing systems must remain robust, responsive, and aligned with international



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