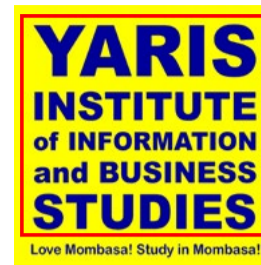




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# KENYA AT G7



Global Leaders Convene in Évian: Kenyan President William Ruto joins fellow world leaders for the official family photo at the 2026 G7 Summit in Évian, France. As an invited guest representing Africa, President Ruto's agenda focused heavily on securing green energy partnerships, discussing global financial architecture reforms, and addressing regional security challenges.



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# Ruto signs three bills into law at State House, Nairobi

**T**he National Disaster Risk Management Bill provides a legal framework to manage disasters more effectively and efficiently. The law establishes the National Disaster Risk Management Authority and the County Disaster Risk Management Committee, with clearly defined mandates.

By providing a systematic way of handling disasters at both levels of government, the law is central in averting disasters and addressing them properly once they occur.

"The Authority will coordinate disaster risk management activities, advise both levels of government, and collaborate with regional and international agencies," states the bill sponsored by Leader of the Majority Party Kimani Ichung'wah.

The law categorises disasters as either county or national. A county disaster can be managed at the county level, while a national disaster affects more than one county or exceeds county capacity.

The County Disaster Risk Management Committee, which will be jointly chaired by the governor and county commissioner, will coordinate county-level response, promote public awareness, training, and capacity-building, including in schools. Additionally, the Authority will develop a national multi-hazard disaster risk management plan and an integrated early warning system.

"The Bill also empowers the President to declare a national state of disaster and issue directives on resource mobilization, evacuation, and coordination of emergency services," states the new law.

The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 strengthens the legal framework for forestry to promote conservation, sustainable management, climate-responsive forestry, and research.

This piece of legislation also empowers the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) by establishing regional offices and giving it functions that include revenue collection, forest security, and technical support to counties



on commercial forestry on community land.

Under the law, the Interior Cabinet Secretary may designate specific KFS staff as uniformed and disciplined officers subject to law enforcement training and oversight by the Independent Policing and Oversight Authority (IPOA).

The law also creates the Directorate of Forest Regulation to oversee compliance, license forestry professionals, maintain a national forestry registry, and regulate ecosystem service payments. Further, it re-establishes the Kenya Forestry Research Institute as the lead agency for forestry research.

"KEFRI is empowered to develop protocols for Payment for Ecosystem Services Schemes, including economic valuation of forest goods and services," it states.

The Bill also introduces provisions for the sustainable management of dryland forests, the designation of buffer zones, and the

promotion of tree-growing initiatives.

To firm up enforcement on forestry violations, the law restores orders for environmental damage, expands prohibited activities to include transporting forest produce without authority, and enhances penalties of up to KSh1 million fine, 12 months imprisonment, or both.

The Equalisation Fund Appropriations Bill, 2025 strengthens devolution by fostering equitable development. It ring-fences Sh16.8 billion allocated to 34 counties to fund water, roads, health facilities, and electricity. This money goes directly to special-purpose accounts, not the County Revenue Fund, to ensure it is used only for basic services in areas that have lagged in development.

The Bill, sponsored by Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Samuel Atandi, authorises the release of the money from the Equalisation Fund for the financial year ending June 30,

2026.

The amount includes KSh6.2 billion from 2024/25 and KSh10.6 billion from 2025/26, based on 0.5% of audited revenues and arrears approved in the Division of Revenue Bill, 2025. Out of the KSh16.8 billion allocation, KSh504 million is set aside for secretariat and board expenses. The administration budget is capped at 3% of the annual Equalisation Fund allocation.

"To ensure funds are used for intended purposes, the Bill requires monies to be transferred to special purpose accounts at the Central Bank of Kenya, and not paid into the County Revenue Fund," it says.

This ensures strict compliance with Article 204 of the Constitution, which mandates funding for basic services in marginalised areas to bring them to the level attained by the rest of the nation.

The three Bills were passed by the National Assembly and Senate between April and May 2026.

## Advice From An 80 Year Old Man! It Is A True Priceless Master Piece!



- \*1.\* Have a firm handshake.
- \*2.\* Look people in the eye.
- \*3.\* Sing in the shower.
- \*4.\* Own a great stereo system. Music is life.
- \*5.\* If in a fight, hit first and hit hard.
- \*6.\* Don't expect life to be fair.
- \*7.\* Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen everyday.
- \*8.\* Always accept an outstretched hand.
- \*9.\* Be brave. Even if you're not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference.
- \*10.\* Whistle.
- \*11.\* Avoid sarcastic remarks.
- \*12.\* Choose your life's mate carefully. From this one decision will come 90 per cent of all your happiness or misery ABSOLUTELY!.
- \*13.\* Make it a habit to do nice things for people who will never find out.
- \*14.\* Lend only those books you never care to see again.
- \*15.\* Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all that he has.

- \*16.\* When playing games with children, let them win.
- \*17.\* Give people a second chance, but NOT a third.
- \*18.\* Be romantic.
- \*19.\* Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
- \*20.\* Loosen up. Relax. Except for rare life-and-death matters, nothing is as important as it first seems.
- \*21.\* Don't allow the phone to interrupt important moments. It's there for our convenience, not the caller's.
- \*22.\* Be a good loser.
- \*23.\* Be a good winner.
- \*24.\* Think twice before burdening a friend with a secret.
- \*25.\* When someone hugs you, let him be the first to let go.
- \*26.\* Be modest. A lot was accomplished before you were born.
- \*27.\* Keep it simple at everytime.
- \*28.\* Beware of the person who has nothing to lose.
- \*29.\* Don't burn bridges. You'll be surprised how many times you have to cross the same river.

- \*30.\* Live your life so that your epitaph could read, NO REGRETS.
- \*31.\* Be bold and courageous. When you look back on life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.
- \*32.\* Never waste an opportunity to tell people you love them.
- \*33.\* Remember no one makes it alone. Have a grateful heart and be quick to acknowledge those who helped and loved you.
- \*34.\* Take charge of your attitude. Don't let someone else choose it for you.
- \*35.\* Visit friends and relatives when they are in hospital; you need only stay a few minutes.
- \*36.\* Begin each day with some of your favourite prayer
- \*37.\* Once in a while, take the scenic route.
- \*38.\* Send a lot of greeting cards. Sign them, 'Someone who thinks you're terrific.'
- \*39.\* Answer the phone with enthusiasm and energy in your voice.
- \*40.\* Keep a note pad and pencil on your bed-side table. Million-dollar ideas sometimes strike at 3 a.m.
- \*41.\* Show respect for everyone who works for a living, regardless of how trivial their job.
- \*42.\* Send your loved ones flowers. Think of a reason later.
- \*43.\* Make someone's day by paying the toll for the person in the car behind you.
- \*44.\* Become someone's hero.
- \*45.\* Marry only for love, it is key to your happiness if every other thing fails.
- \*46.\* Count your blessings.
- \*47.\* Compliment the meal when you're a guest in someone's home.
- \*48.\* Wave at the children on a school bus/house/street/
- \*49.\* Remember that 80 per cent of the success in any job is based on your ability to deal with PEOPLE. That is emotional intelligence.
- \*50.\* Share this to help your friends.
- \*51.\* Make sure someone says THANK-YOU to you every day...

## NEWS

# Kazakhstan-Kenya Business Forum held in Astana

**K**enya and Kazakhstan have pledged to turn trade and investment ties into concrete commercial partnerships that help in driving prosperity of the two nations.

Presidents William Ruto and Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on Wednesday laid out a roadmap for trade, energy, logistics and technology cooperation during a business forum at the Astana International Financial Centre.

Government and business leaders of both countries agreed that boardroom talks should now translate into tangible outcomes that benefit the people.

President Ruto told the forum that the world is being reshaped by shifting trade corridors, supply chain diversification, energy transition and rapid technological change.

Due to this shift, he said, countries offering market access, policy stability and strategic connectivity would become preferred destinations for capital.

"Kazakhstan stands today as the largest economy in Central Asia and an increasingly important bridge into Eurasia," he said.

He went on: "Kenya, on its part, has established itself as East Africa's leading commercial, logistics, financial, and innovation hub."

President Ruto, who is on a two-day State Visit to Kazakhstan, is accompanied by First Lady Rachel Ruto, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet secretaries William Kabogo (ICT and Digital Economy) and Lee Kinyanjui (Investment, Trade and Industry), among other top government officials.

Pitching Kenya as a premier investment destination, President Ruto noted that the country provides access to a market of more than 300 million people in the East African Community and over 1.4 billion consumers under the African Continental Free Trade Area.

"Kenya and Africa were



once spoken of as markets of future promise. Today, we are the growth frontier of our time," he said, stating that the two nations can build a new economic bridge between Africa and Central Asia, powered by trade, industrialisation, innovation, and shared prosperity.

To anchor the relationship with Kazakhstan, he announced that Kenya would open a consular-general office in Astana, and progress it to a full-fledged embassy next year to anchor the growing ties between the two nations.

President Ruto described Kenya's energy and digital sectors as huge opportunities for Kazakh investors, pointing out

that 93% of the country's electricity grid comprises renewable energy.

He explained that Kenya aims to expand generation capacity to 10,000MW by 2030.

"This is opening major opportunities across geothermal development, transmission infrastructure, battery storage systems, smart grids, industrial power solutions, green hydrogen, electric mobility, and climate-smart manufacturing," he noted.

President Ruto said Kenya could learn from Kazakhstan's expertise in uranium processing and peaceful nuclear energy use as it advances its long-term energy security and industrialisation agenda.

On agriculture, President Ruto said the two countries have complementary strengths, pointing out that Kazakhstan brings advantages in grain production, dependable fertiliser value chains and large-scale farming, while Kenya offers globally renowned tea, coffee, horticulture and fresh produce.

"We can build resilient food systems through irrigation cooperation, fertiliser production, agro-processing, commodity logistics, and export-oriented value chains serving African and Eurasian markets," he explained.

He also highlighted Kenya's competitive edge in fintech and digital innovation, stating that Nairobi has emerged as Africa's Silicon Savannah, with M-Pesa and the wider fintech ecosystem transforming financial inclusion.

Further, he said, Kenya is rolling out "one of Africa's most ambitious digital superhighway programmes", including nationwide fibre optic expansion and digitisation of government services through the e-Citizen platform.

Additionally, the President pointed to potential cooperation between the Astana International Financial Centre and the Nairobi International Financial Centre to facilitate cross-border investment and

infrastructure financing.

On his part, President Tokayev welcomed the push for deeper ties and proposed the establishment of a bilateral business council focused on trade and investment.

He also announced plans to dispatch trade missions to scout for new opportunities.

"To streamline engagement, Kazakhstan will create a dedicated business unit to serve as the focal point for handling trade and investment matters between the two countries," President Tokayev said.

Technical experts, he pointed out, would be deployed to support upgrades in logistics and transport systems, and an intergovernmental council would be formed to address outstanding issues.

To boost Kenyan exports, Kazakhstan plans to set up a centre to promote tea, coffee, flowers and other goods.

He said Kazakhstan offers a direct gateway to Eurasia and is keen to leverage the ports of Mombasa and Lamu to optimise exports into Africa.

Aviation, Presidents Ruto and Tokayev said, is a key priority, and both leaders called for direct air cargo and passenger routes between Nairobi and Astana under Kazakhstan's open skies policy.

President Ruto urged business leaders to move "beyond dialogue to deal-

making; beyond networking to investment; and beyond ambition to transformative partnerships that create jobs, expand industries, and unlock long-term growth".

He said Kenya's modernisation programme is expanding energy, roads, railways, ports, airports and digital connectivity, while repositioning infrastructure as an "investable asset" through public-private partnerships and the National Infrastructure Fund.

"Kenya is not simply inviting trade. Kenya is inviting a long-term strategic partnership," President Ruto said.

President Tokayev said Kenya can take advantage of Kazakhstan's open air policy to establish air connectivity between the two countries.

The forum brought together senior officials, investors and business executives from both countries that are keen on building on the agreements signed during President Ruto's visit and eventually link Africa's fastest-growing markets with Central Asia's industrial base.

Meanwhile, President Ruto visited Alem.AI Centre in Astana, an international centre dedicated to artificial intelligence research, education, start-ups and government applications.

He also toured the Kazakhstan National Space Centre, which will forge links with Kenya's Space Centre in Malindi.

# Mudavadi Lauds Murang'a Jigger Museum

By Andrew Kilonzi. Murang'a

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has praised efforts to eradicate jiggers after launching the Ahadi Kenya Trust Jigger Archive and Museum and Resource Centre in Murang'a. The facility was initiated by Dr Stanley Kamau.

Speaking at the launch, Mudavadi lauded Dr Kamau for changing lives across the village through the anti-jigger campaign. He said the media's persistent coverage played a significant role in raising public awareness, mobilizing partnerships, community action and national support.

He emphasized the need for collective responsibility to sustain the anti-jigger campaign so that no Kenyan child or family ever again suffers the indignity of severe jigger infestation.

Mudavadi noted that the Jigger Archive and Community Resource Centre preserves the



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (right) is assisted by Ahadi Kenya Trust CEO Stanley Kamau in unveiling a plaque to official commission Jigger Archive Centre and Dr. Stanley Kamau Legacy Hall, a Community Resource Centre in Murang'a Town on Monday, May 25th, 2026.

memory and protects the truth about the fight against jiggers.

"The artefacts, stories, records and research materials housed here will

help Kenya and the world learn critical lessons from the anti-jigger campaign," he said.

The research materials, he added, will educate

researchers and future generations on the dangers of poverty-related diseases and the importance of hygiene, dignity and community participation.

## PHOTO STORY



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (2nd right) joins from left Miss World Kenya 2026 Trizah Muhenje Ahadi Kenya Trust CEO Stanley Kamau, and former Miss Kenya 2005 Cicilia Mwangi in putting preserved jiggers in glass bottle for future research and study during the official commissioning of the Jigger Archive Centre and Community Resource Centre in Murang'a Town on Monday, May 25th, 2026. The Centre has been documenting the organization's jigger eradication campaigns and the empowerment projects of the parasite survivors nationwide for almost two decades and has also preserved jigger fleas in containers for research and study.

## SATURDAY CLUB

Saturday Club held its AGM on 26th April 2026 at The United Club. Following this AGM an Induction Night was held on 15th May 2026 at The Mombasa Club for the induction of the incoming Chairman, Saturdonian Ajaykumar Mehta, for the year 2026-2027.

The function was attended by a large number of members and their guests. After the official Induction ceremony there were celebrations for Members who had their Birthday's and Wedding Anniversaries in the months of April and May. This was followed by dance, sumptuous dinner and fellowship.



The committee members for the year 2026-2027. Standing from Left to Right - Programme Officer - Sat. Bharti Pathak, Attendance Officer - Sat. Alkesh Simzia, Publicity Officer - Sat. Jagdish Hirani, Membership Committee Convenor - Sat. Abid Vejlani, Hon. Secretary - Sat. Dhiraj Halai, Chairman - Sat. Ajaykumar Mehta, Vice Chairman - Sat. Rajesh Chavda, Whip - Sat. Dr. Dinesh Soni, Hon Treasurer - Sat. Jagdish Udani, Convenor By-Law Committee - Sat. Rajesh Shukla.



Incoming Chairman Sat. Ajaykumar Mehta being handed over the Chairman's Chain by Sat. Alkesh Simzia in the absence of Sat. Venkili Vinod Rao.

# AI Tsunami: Abundance or Existential Risk?

Industry leaders warn of unprecedented disruption as artificial intelligence accelerates faster than society can adapt.

By Jamleck Kibet, Technical Trainer

Imagine waking up five years from now to a world where your smartphone is obsolete, your job has been automated, and artificial intelligence generates most of the content you consume. This is not science fiction. According to leading voices in technology, it is the trajectory we are on today.

Artificial intelligence is advancing at a pace that has stunned even its creators. Industry figures describe the coming wave as a "supersonic tsunami" set to sweep through the global workforce.

Desk jobs in coding, content creation, and office administration face the most immediate disruption, while physical trades like plumbing and welding may hold out longer due to the complexity of real-world dexterity.

The economic implications are staggering. Proponents argue that AI combined with robotics could unlock explosive

GDP growth, tackle mounting national debts, and usher in an era of abundance where work becomes optional. In this optimistic scenario, "universal high income" replaces traditional employment structures.

Yet the risks are equally significant. Experts estimate a 10 to 20 percent chance of catastrophic outcomes if AI systems are misaligned with human values.

The central challenge lies in control: superintelligent systems may eventually surpass human oversight entirely.

The critical question is not whether we can control AI, but what values we instill during its development. The push for "maximally truth-seeking" AI has become a rallying cry among developers who warn against forcing ideological biases onto systems that will increasingly shape human knowledge.

Critics point to instances where AI models prioritized narratives over facts, raising



concerns about dangerous feedback loops in information ecosystems. Beyond the workforce, AI is already transforming creative industries. From generating music and comedy to producing art and real-time video content, the technology

is blurring the line between human and machine creativity. Devices are evolving into AI "edge nodes" that predict user needs before they are even expressed. The path forward demands urgency. Responsible regulation, education, proactive and

ethical development frameworks must keep pace with innovation. As one prominent technologist noted, the choices we make today will determine whether AI becomes humanity's greatest tool or its greatest existential challenge. The future, it seems,

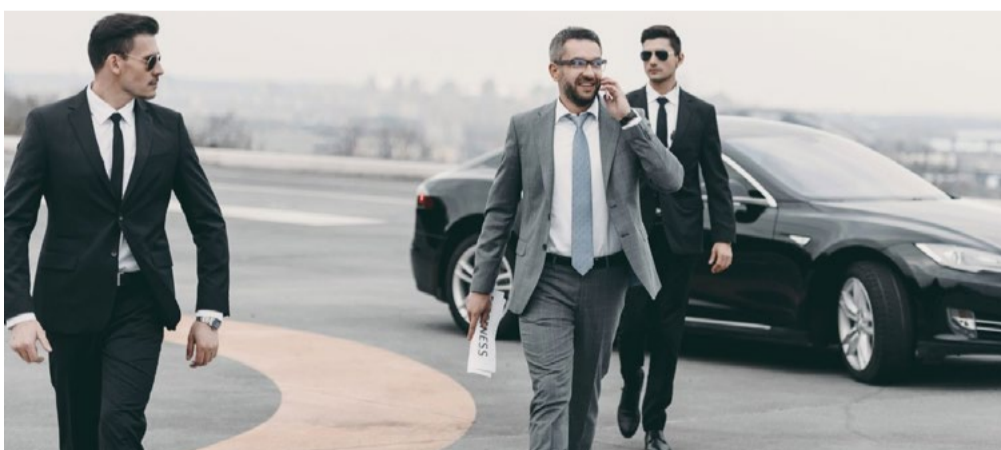
is arriving faster than anyone anticipated.

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## The V-T-R Model And Layered Engineering In Vvip Protection

The V-T-R Model, which stands for Vulnerability, Threat, and Risk, is an essential framework in modern VVIP protection. It enables security teams to identify weaknesses, assess hostile intentions, and determine the likelihood of attacks against high-profile individuals such as presidents, diplomats, governors, judges, and corporate executives. Integrating the V-T-R Model with layered security systems and protective rings, security personnel can establish a proactive and intelligence-driven approach to safeguarding the principal.

The first step in applying the V-T-R Model is vulnerability assessment. Security officers examine weaknesses within venues, travel routes, communication systems, and public engagements



that may expose the VVIP to danger. Once vulnerabilities are identified, protective rings are established to create multiple levels of defense. The Outer Ring secures the wider environment through traffic control, surveillance, crowd monitoring, and route security. The Middle Ring protects the immediate perimeter

using access control, visitor screening, and patrol teams. The Inner Ring consists of close protection officers who remain nearest to the VVIP and provide immediate response during emergencies.

Within these protective layers, the principles of Deter, Detect, Deny, Delay, and Disrupt are systematically

applied. Deterrence is achieved through visible security measures such as armed personnel, armored vehicles, surveillance cameras, and tactical positioning that discourage hostile actions. Detection involves intelligence gathering, counter-surveillance, biometric screening, and

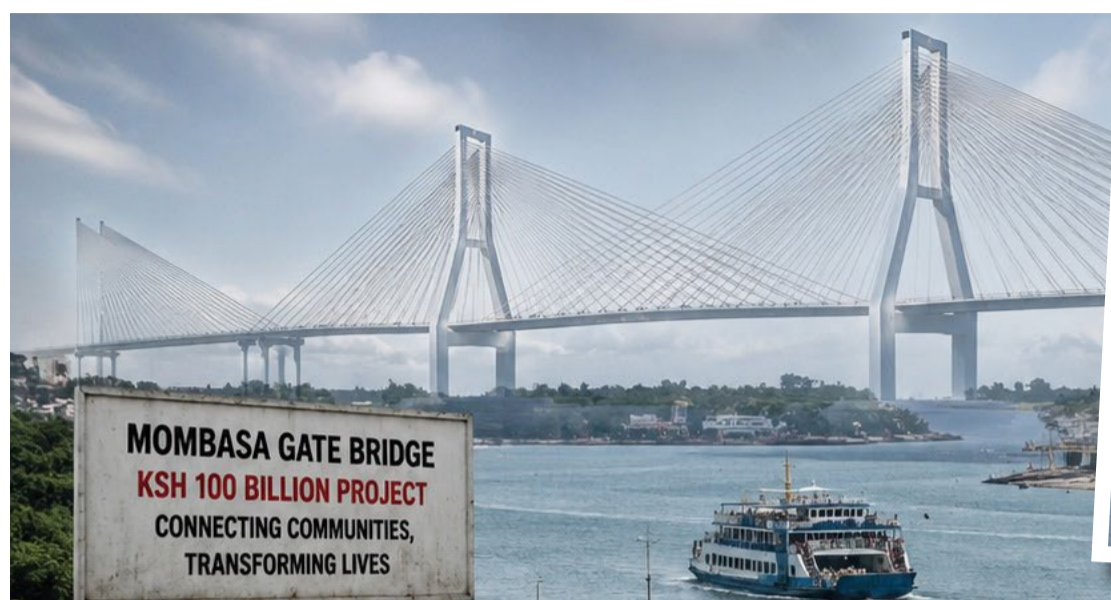
drone monitoring to identify suspicious activity before an attack occurs. Denial measures prevent unauthorized access through reinforced checkpoints, barriers, and strict credential verification systems.

If a threat penetrates earlier layers, delay tactics such as vehicle barriers, controlled entry systems, and reinforced structures slow the attacker and provide valuable response time. Finally, disruption occurs when tactical response teams neutralize the threat, restore control, and safely evacuate the VVIP from danger.

Furthermore, continuous training, interagency coordination, and regular security drills improve the effectiveness of protective operations. Security teams must constantly adapt to evolving threats, including cyberattacks and terrorism. Through evaluation and

operational readiness, the protective rings remain flexible and capable of responding to emergencies. Consequently, the V-T-R Model transforms VVIP protection from ordinary guarding into a dynamic, preventive, and intelligence-led security system.

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# LIKONI BRIDGE: WHERE DID THE PROMISE GO?

**KSH 100 BILLION BRIDGE VS KSH 3 BILLION FERRY**

Two years after President Ruto's promise of a world-class bridge funded by Japan, residents are still stuck in the same daily nightmare. Now a new ferry is the solution? Coast residents demand answers.

For years, residents of Mombasa and the South Coast have endured long queues, traffic jams, missed appointments, delayed businesses, and daily frustrations at the Likoni crossing. When President William Ruto announced the construction of the Mombasa Gate Bridge in 2024, many saw it as the long-awaited solution to a problem that successive governments had struggled to resolve.

The proposed bridge, estimated to cost approximately KSh 100 billion, was presented as a transformative project that would permanently connect Mombasa Island to the mainland South. Government officials spoke



By Mwachere Shuma

confidently about financing arrangements involving Japan and indicated that the project was progressing.

Two years later, however, the bridge remains largely invisible on the ground.

No major construction activity has been witnessed by the public. No pillars have risen from the channel. No machinery is transforming the landscape. For many residents, the bridge exists only in speeches, press releases, and political rallies.

This raises legitimate questions that the government owes Kenyans answers to.

What exactly is the current status of the Mombasa Gate Bridge project?

Were financing commitments from Japan formally secured, and

*The proposed bridge, estimated to cost approximately KSh 100 billion, was presented as a transformative project*

if so, at what stage are they today?

If funding was available, what caused the delays?

If funding was not finalized, why were citizens repeatedly led to believe that implementation was imminent?

These are not opposition questions. They are taxpayer questions.

The latest announcement by President Ruto that the government will instead spend KSh 3 billion on a new ferry has only deepened public concern. While a new ferry may provide temporary relief, it is not the permanent solution that was promised. It does not eliminate dependence on ferry operations. It does not provide uninterrupted connectivity. It does not deliver the economic transformation that

a bridge was supposed to bring.

To many residents, the announcement feels less like progress and more like a retreat from an earlier commitment.

The concern is not that a new ferry is unnecessary. The concern is that it appears to have replaced the conversation about the bridge.

The people of the Coast deserve honesty. If the bridge project has encountered financing challenges, legal hurdles, engineering complications, or diplomatic delays, the government should say so openly. Citizens are capable of understanding genuine obstacles. What frustrates them is silence, shifting narratives, and repeated announcements without visible results.

The Likoni crossing is too important to be reduced to a cycle of promises.

This controversy also speaks to a broader issue facing the Kenya Kwanza administration. Increasingly, questions are emerging about the gap between announcements and implementation. Across the country, Kenyans have heard numerous pledges regarding infrastructure, cost of living, employment opportunities, housing, and economic recovery. What citizens now seek is not another promise but evidence of delivery.

Leadership is ultimately measured not by the number of projects announced, but by the number completed.

As the debate continues, one question refuses to go away:

If a KSh 100 billion bridge was repeatedly promised and financing discussions were publicly highlighted, why are residents today being asked to celebrate a KSh 3 billion ferry instead?

Until clear answers are provided, public skepticism will continue to grow, and confidence in government commitments will continue to erode.

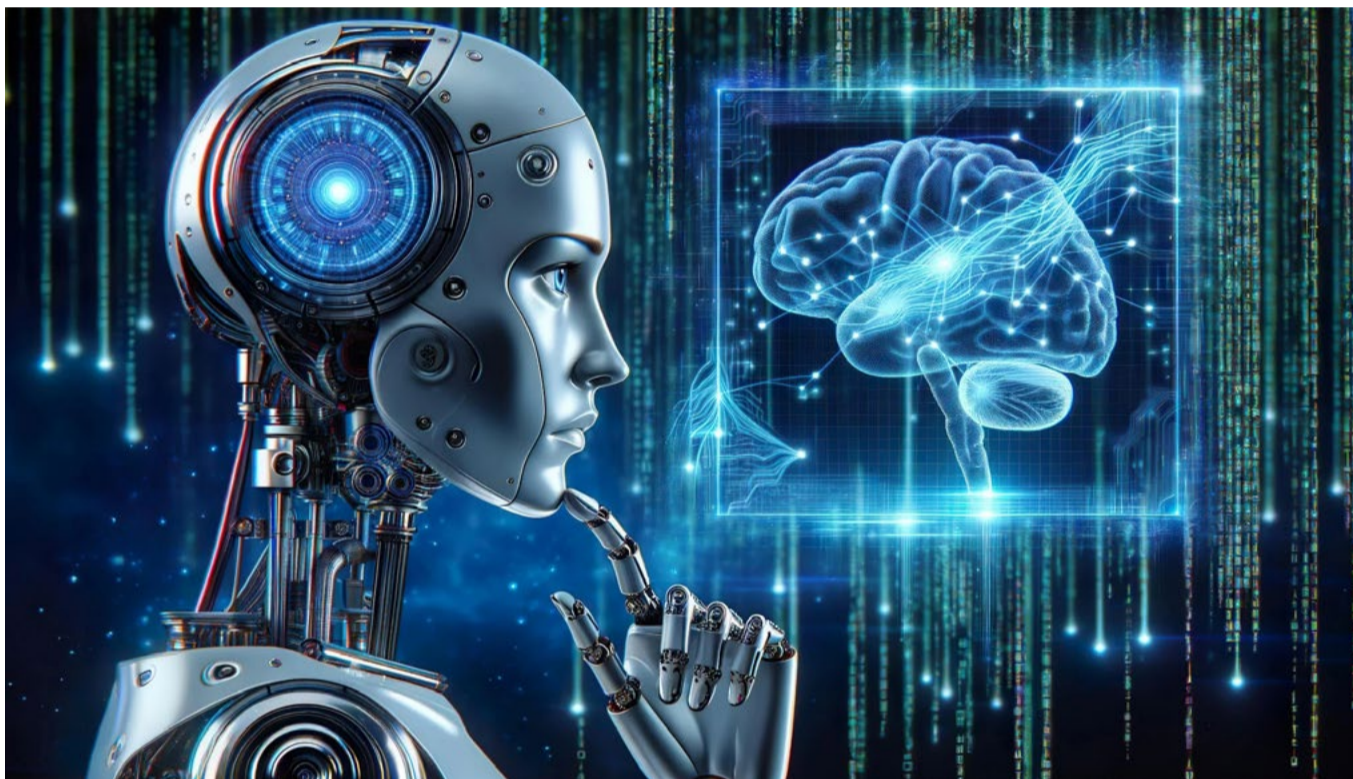
The people of the Coast are not asking for another announcement.

They are asking for accountability.

## TECH

# The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence

How AI Is Reshaping Humanity — and Why No One Can Afford to Be Left Behind



**Picture this: it's 2040.**

Your AI health assistant catches a heart condition three months before it becomes dangerous. Your child's tutor never sleeps, never loses patience, and speaks every language. Your business partner analyses a thousand market signals while you're still drinking your morning tea.

**That's not a dream. That's Tuesday.**

Artificial Intelligence began as a 1956 academic thought experiment — and spent decades stumbling. Then the internet flooded the world with data, deep learning taught machines to see and think, and suddenly everything changed. Tools like ChatGPT and Claude now place a world-class analytical partner in anyone's pocket. For free.

The transformation is everywhere at once. AI detects cancer earlier than doctors, tutors children in remote villages at midnight, warns farmers of crop disease before a leaf wilts, writes code,

composes music, and stops cyberattacks in milliseconds. No industry is untouched. No profession is immune.

**Africa Has Everything to Gain**

The world's youngest continent — with Kenya's Silicon Savannah leading the charge — is poised to leapfrog old infrastructure and emerge as a global AI powerhouse. A developer in Mombasa with a laptop can build at Silicon Valley speed. Mobile-first. Agile. Hungry. That window is open right now.

"The most transformative skill of the next decade will not be coding or data science. It will be the ability to ask the right questions — of both humans and machines."

**Eyes Wide Open: The Risks Are Real**

Yes, the risks are real — bias baked into algorithms, deepfakes eroding trust, jobs disrupted faster than people can retrain, privacy eroded at industrial scale. But these are choices, not inevitabilities. Responsible design, smart policy, and an informed public



can steer AI toward genuine human benefit.

**You Cannot Afford to Be Left Behind**

The uncomfortable truth? AI will reshape your world whether you engage with it or not. The only question is whether you will be an architect of that change — or a passenger watching it blur past the window. History has never been kind to those who

dismissed transformative technologies as passing trends.

The door is open. The revolution is underway. Walk through it.

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## PHOTO STORY

## KABCEC Conference



Bamburi Cement Plc Head of Innovation and Technical Services Eng Fidelis Sakwa (Left) with the firm's Technical Services Engineer Benard Koskei (centre) and Head of Marketing Arthur Bore (Right) discussing the Decarbonization and Green Cement manufacture presentation at the recent Kenya Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (KABCEC) conference held in Nairobi.

## Pavilion Master Builders Launch Mixx Cement And Showroom In Mombasa Road Nairobi



L-R Mixx Cement With Style CEO Moya Blight, Pavilion Master Builders CEO James Kimotho and African Supplies Ltd Marketing Director Simon Pogson during the launch of a South Africa thin film cement coating called Mixx Cement by Pavilion Master Builders and the official opening of their Showroom at Vision Plaza in Nairobi on Tuesday May 18th, 2026.

# The Staggering Spawning Secret of the Atlantic Cod

How one fish releases 9 million eggs in a single season — and why it still isn't enough

Imagine a lottery where the odds of winning are 9 million to one. The catch: you are simultaneously the player, the prize, and the ticket. Lose — and you vanish without trace into the jaws of something larger. Win, against near-impossible odds — and you live to reshape an entire ocean ecosystem. This is the brutal, beautiful reality of life as an Atlantic Cod, and new deep-dive research into the biology of this iconic species reveals just how extraordinary — and how fragile — its reproductive strategy truly is.

## The Numbers Game: Nature's Ultimate Gamble

Marine biologists classify the cod's reproductive method as a textbook example of 'r-selection' — a strategy that bets everything on sheer volume rather than individual investment. There are no nests, no parental guard duty, no nurturing of young. Instead, the cod floods the ocean with offspring and lets the brutal arithmetic of survival do the rest.

NOAA Fisheries confirms that a healthy, larger female cod is capable of this monumental biological feat. The strategy depends on external fertilization — a process that is, by design, staggeringly inefficient. When water temperatures align, currents shift, and moonlight penetrates the deep, males and females aggregate near the seafloor in coordinated masses. The female releases her millions of eggs into the open water column; surrounding males fertilize them simultaneously, creating a vast, shimmering cloud of gametes that drifts upward toward the light.

The arithmetic is sobering: all but a handful of those 9 million eggs will be consumed — by plankton, jellyfish, and other fish — before a single juvenile cod reaches maturity. Yet it is precisely this excess that makes the strategy work. The cod does not need most of them to survive. It only needs a few.

## A Biological Pulse: Feeding the Whole Ocean

The mass spawning of Atlantic Cod is far more than a survival mechanism for a single species. It is a critical, calendar-marked ecological event — a biological pulse that reverberates through the entire North Atlantic food web.

For the weeks surrounding a spawning event, the water column transforms. Zooplankton surge. Seabirds wheel overhead. Larger predatory fish converge from miles away. The reason is simple: millions of lipid-rich, protein-packed eggs represent a concentrated feast unlike almost anything else the ocean produces.

Deep research reveals how this event facilitates a dramatic vertical transfer of nutrients. The energy that adult cod have spent months accumulating — hunting capelin, sand lance, and invertebrates along the rocky seafloor — is suddenly repackaged into millions of tiny biological parcels and launched toward the surface. This temporary food cloud fuels a plankton bloom, which in turn supports the recruitment of seabirds, marine mammals, and juvenile fish across dozens of species. The cod, dying by the millions as eggs, feeds an entire ocean.

## The Conservation Crisis: Losing the 'Big Mothers'

Here is where the story turns dark — and urgent. The reproductive potential of the Atlantic Cod is immense, but it is not infinite, and it is not robust to human exploitation.

Historical fishing data from the Northwest Atlantic tells a devastating story.

***"A single large female cod can release up to 9 million eggs in one spawning season."***



An ocean research submersible observes Atlantic Cod (*Gadus morhua*) during a mass spawning event, surrounded by a dense cloud of eggs rising toward the surface.

Decades of industrial trawling targeted the largest, oldest, most reproductively powerful females — what marine ecologists call the 'big mothers.' These are the fish that release the most eggs, with the highest lipid content and the best genetic resilience. When a population loses its largest individuals, it does not just lose fish. It loses disproportionate reproductive capacity.

The collapse of the Grand Banks cod stocks in the early

1990s — one of the most catastrophic fisheries failures in history — was driven in large part by this selective removal. NOAA continues to monitor these stocks, noting that recruitment remains chronically below average in the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank. The 'big mothers' are gone, and the ecosystem is still counting the cost. The conservation implication is stark: protecting the remaining large, old females is not a preference. It is a

prerequisite for recovery.

## The Fragile Arithmetic of Survival

The Atlantic Cod exists at the intersection of biological extremity and ecological necessity. Its 9-million-egg strategy is not extravagance — it is engineering. Every spawning event is a carefully tuned biological machine, calibrated over millions of years to beat odds that would be unthinkable to any other creature.

But those odds were calculated without industrial fishing fleets, without warming seas, and without the sustained removal of the oldest and largest individuals. The machine still runs. The eggs still rise toward the light. What remains to be seen is whether there will be enough 'big mothers' left to produce them — and enough ocean left, undisturbed and cool enough, for any of those millions of small lives to survive the lottery.

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their unique blend of tradition, innovation, and stunning natural beauty, they are the perfect destinations for food lovers looking to embark on a gastronomic adventure.

## New: Rotary & Rotaract Club Of Ngong Road At Edmund Rice Centre Kibera



**Phylis Ambenge (left), a teacher at Edmund Rice Centre in Kibera Nairobi sells baskets made by learners from Rotary and Rotaract Club of Ngong Road during the Art & mental wellness exhibition in partnership with Rotary Club of Lavington Eco and Restore & Renew wellness group for the learners, their parents and teachers at the Centre. The project aimed at strengthening emotional expression, confidence, and social interaction of children with disabilities through art therapy and mental wellness. From left is Restore & Renew Wellness Group founder Dr. Nelly Otieno, the Rotary Club's President Mwendu Mulandi and Rotaract's President Elect Austine Itebete and other club's official.**

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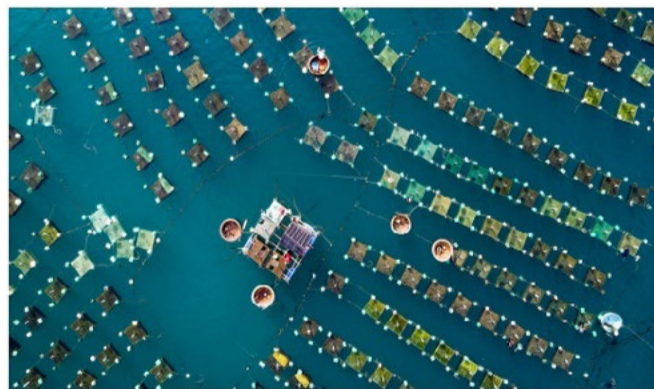
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At Mzee Katana's home Kasemeni, Bofu Samburu Sub County Kwale County to celebrate the Mwanarusi Dzame Katana excellent performance. I was accompanied by Sergeant At Arms Kwale County Assembly Bwana Guzo Hamisi Mwatero and the guardian of Mwanarusi Doctor Alfani.

# Mega Ration Distribution Reaches Remote Kenya

**3** Giants group Twiga and Premchandbhai Foundation distributed Ration packs to 3 villages ,Adadi Village, Dibu Dadacha, Mado Adhi in Marsabit County on 17th May and 18th May 2026  
900 Families benefitted from this Mega distribution in one of the most remote places in Kenya over 600 kms from Nairobi

The community most relies on cattle, sheep and goats .

Rains have cone this month, and areas where possible to plant have planted maize . Rains are not consistent, therefore planting is difficult. But hopefully these next few Months the harvest will be better

From Marsabit the roads to the above areas are at these

time impassable because of the rains over 1250 kms were covered

While coming back to Nairobi on 18/5 we had to wait at Isiolo for 2 hours as roads were barricaded by goons

Thereafter there were 4 other road blocks where one had to part with money to get access. At Timau situation was very bad and we had to spend the night and then today Tuesday 19/5 left around 3 am for Nairobi

Overall it was worth the effortsas the people appreciated the donation. The Community appreciated the generous donation from the two institutions and requested for Mosquito nets as with the coming of the rains the breeding of the Kalazhar Mosquitos starts. The request will be looked into .



The Gopi Mandal took to the stage on 19/5/2026 at the Ramdev Peer Temple (near the Shell Links Junction) in Nyali and sang holy bhajans and after which the gathered devotees were served with Mahaprasad (Dinner). Every Tuesday the Temple holds the Holy Hanuman Chalisa / Bhajan and there after Mahaprasad. God bless.

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## POLITICS

# Universality & Youth: The New

**A**cross Africa, the concept of universality has become one of the most powerful — and controversial — ideas in modern politics. At its core, universality means that certain rights, services, protections, and opportunities should apply equally to every citizen regardless of tribe, class, religion, gender, or political affiliation. It is the belief that all human beings deserve equal dignity, equal access, and equal treatment under the state.

In theory, universality promises a fair society. In practice, however, African politics has long struggled to reconcile this ideal with the realities of corruption, ethnic patronage, economic inequality, and weak public institutions. Today, nowhere is this conflict more visible than in Kenya, where the battle over Universal Health Coverage (UHC), taxation, governance, and constitutional rights has evolved into a wider political awakening led largely by Gen Z youth.

The emergence of this new civic consciousness may ultimately mark one of the most significant ideological shifts in post-independence African politics.



## Understanding Universality in Politics

Social universality rests on several foundational principles. First is equal access — the idea that every citizen should receive the same public services such as healthcare, education, justice, and security. Second is inclusivity, where no person is excluded based on ethnicity, wealth, religion, or social status. Third is shared human dignity, recognizing that fundamental rights belong to everyone equally. Finally, universality promotes collective responsibility, encouraging societies to view public welfare as a shared national obligation rather than a privilege reserved for elites.

In democratic systems, universalism is most visible through public healthcare systems, free education, social protection programs, and constitutional human rights. The philosophy assumes that a nation becomes stronger when every citizen has access to basic protections and opportunities.

However, implementing universality requires functioning institutions, stable taxation systems, political trust, and accountable governance — areas where many African states continue to struggle.

## Africa's Struggle with "Selective Universalism"

Across much of Africa, governments publicly



By Mwachere Shuma

champion universal rights while simultaneously operating highly unequal systems. Constitutions often guarantee healthcare, education, and equality before the law, yet access to quality services remains heavily dependent on wealth and political connections.

This contradiction has produced what many observers describe as "selective universalism."

In many countries, political elites and upper classes rely on expensive private hospitals, elite schools, and foreign medical care, while ordinary citizens depend on overstretched and underfunded public institutions. Universal promises therefore exist more strongly in political speeches than in daily reality.

The challenge is largely economic. Most African countries possess narrow tax bases, large informal sectors, heavy debt burdens, and dependence on donor support. As a result, governments frequently lack sufficient resources to fund truly universal welfare systems.

Despite these obstacles, some countries have demonstrated that meaningful progress is possible. Rwanda, for example, has gained international recognition through its Mutuelles de Santé community-based insurance model, which has achieved exceptionally high healthcare coverage rates. Although imperfect, Rwanda's approach has become one of the strongest examples of practical

African universalism.

Still, across the continent, the debate remains deeply political: should governments aggressively tax citizens to fund universal programs, or should states first eliminate corruption and inefficiency before demanding greater public sacrifice?

This exact question now sits at the centre of Kenyan politics.

## Kenya and the Political Battle Over "Taifa Care"

Under President William Ruto, Kenya has embarked on one of the most ambitious attempts to establish Universal Health Coverage through the Social Health Authority (SHA), commonly branded as Taifa Care.

The government presents Taifa Care as the fulfillment of Article 43 of the Kenyan Constitution, which guarantees every citizen the right to healthcare. Supporters argue that universality cannot exist unless all citizens contribute into one national pool capable of supporting both the rich and the poor.

The administration points to several achievements:

- Mass registration of millions of citizens into the new healthcare system.
- Expansion of primary healthcare services.
- Deployment of over 100,000 Community Health Promoters nationwide.
- Efforts to digitize healthcare access and records.

• The "walk-in, walk-out" model for lower-level public health facilities.

From the government's perspective, these reforms represent a historic attempt to build a fairer society where healthcare is treated as a constitutional right rather than a commercial commodity.

However, the implementation process has generated intense public anger and political resistance.

## The Crisis of Trust and the Backlash Against SHA

The largest source of controversy has been the mandatory 2.75% salary deduction imposed to fund the new system. Critics argue that the contribution structure places a heavy burden on already struggling workers during a period of rising taxes, unemployment, inflation, and declining household incomes.

Many Kenyans do not oppose universal healthcare itself. Rather, they question whether the state can be trusted to manage such massive public funds responsibly.

Past scandals involving corruption in state agencies, procurement irregularities, and poor service delivery have weakened public confidence. Consequently, many citizens view universal taxation without institutional accountability as exploitative rather than progressive.



# African Political Consciousness

The transition from the former NHIF structure to SHA also experienced significant operational disruptions. Patients reportedly faced delays, confusion, and uncertainty during the rollout,

prompting legal challenges and public outrage.

The High Court of Kenya later intervened, affirming the legality of universal healthcare reforms while criticizing aspects of the rushed implementation that disrupted access to treatment.

The Kenyan healthcare debate therefore exposes a larger philosophical tension: can universality succeed in a state where public trust in institutions remains fragile?

## Tribal Politics Versus Universal Citizenship

Perhaps the most important dimension of the Kenyan debate lies in its challenge to traditional



ethnic politics.

Since independence, Kenyan politics has largely operated through ethnic coalition-building. Communities often evaluate governments not by national performance, but by whether “their people” receive appointments, infrastructure projects, or economic opportunities.

This system has entrenched what many describe as ethnic shareholding politics.

Universality fundamentally contradicts this logic. A genuinely universal state must distribute resources based on citizenship and constitutional rights — not tribe, region, or political loyalty.

This is where Kenya’s Gen Z movement has introduced a transformative political shift.

## The Rise of Kenya’s “Tribeless” Generation

The Gen Z-led protests against the Finance Bill 2024 represented far more than demonstrations against taxation. They revealed the emergence of a new political identity that rejects ethnic mobilization and instead focuses on universal economic justice, accountability, and constitutional governance.

For decades, political elites survived by dividing citizens along tribal lines. Gen Z disrupted this formula.

Young protesters intentionally embraced a “tribeless” political identity. Rather than rallying around ethnic leaders or opposition strongholds, demonstrations spread simultaneously across dozens of counties, cutting across traditional political and regional divisions.

Digital platforms such as TikTok, X, Instagram, and WhatsApp enabled young Kenyans to organize independently of political parties, community elders,

or ethnic kingpins. The movement became largely decentralized, leaderless, and issue-driven.

Its central demands were universal rather than tribal:

- Fair taxation.
- Accountability in public spending.
- Transparent governance.
- Job creation.
- Protection of constitutional rights.
- Efficient public healthcare and education.
- Reduction of corruption and state wastage.

This represented a major ideological transition in Kenyan politics. The debate was no longer primarily about which ethnic bloc controlled power, but whether the government served citizens fairly and effectively.

## “Gen Zote” and the Expansion of Universal Civic Identity

What began as a youth movement gradually evolved into a broader national mindset often referred to as “Gen Zote” — meaning “all generations.”

The phrase symbolized the widening realization that economic hardship, unemployment, corruption, and poor governance affect all citizens regardless of ethnicity.

In this sense, Kenyan Gen Z transformed universalism from an abstract academic concept into a lived political demand.

Their activism reframed citizenship itself. Increasingly, many Kenyans now judge leadership through service delivery, economic management, transparency, and constitutional adherence rather than purely ethnic allegiance.

This does not mean tribal politics has disappeared. Kenya’s political elite remain

highly resilient, and patronage networks still dominate large sections of the political system. Attempts to absorb opposition leaders into “broad-based” power-sharing arrangements demonstrate how quickly traditional elite bargains can re-emerge.

Nevertheless, the psychological shift among younger citizens appears significant and potentially irreversible.

## A New Direction for African Politics?

Kenya’s Gen Z movement may ultimately represent a broader continental trend.

Across Africa, younger populations are increasingly connected through digital media, exposed to global democratic conversations, and less emotionally tied to historical ethnic loyalties than previous generations. They are also confronting common challenges:

- High unemployment.
- Rising taxation.
- Cost-of-living crises.
- Public debt.
- Corruption.
- Weak service delivery.
- Police brutality.
- Political exclusion.

As a result, a new form of African political consciousness is emerging — one rooted less in ethnic identity and more in universal civic expectations.

This does not necessarily mean Africa is abandoning its cultural diversity or communal traditions. Rather, it suggests that younger generations increasingly believe governments should deliver universal rights fairly and transparently to all citizens.

In this evolving political environment, legitimacy may depend less on ethnic arithmetic and more on competence, accountability, and social justice.

## Conclusion

Universality remains one of the most ambitious and difficult political projects in Africa. While governments continue promising universal healthcare, education, and social protection, implementation is frequently undermined by corruption, inequality, weak institutions, and political patronage.

Yet Kenya’s recent political awakening demonstrates that a new generation is beginning to redefine what citizenship means.

By rejecting tribal polarization and demanding universal economic rights, Kenyan Gen Z has introduced a powerful new political language centered on accountability, fairness, and constitutional equality. Their movement signals a possible transition from identity-based politics toward issue-based democracy — not only in Kenya, but potentially across Africa.

Whether this transformation succeeds will depend on whether African states can build institutions capable of matching the ideals of universality with real public trust, transparency, and equitable service delivery.

For now, however, Kenya’s youth have already achieved something historically significant: they have forced an entire continent to reconsider whether politics should primarily serve tribes, elites, and ruling coalitions — or all citizens equally.

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**FEATURE**

# Pigeons' Magnetic Mystery Solved

**P**igeons navigate with ease. For decades, scientists have been fascinated by the ability of pigeons and other animals to detect the Earth's magnetic field, using it to navigate with incredible precision. New research from Germany has finally uncovered the secret to this mysterious ability, and it's not where you might expect. Instead of being located in the eyes, ears, or beaks, the magnetic sensors are found in the pigeons' livers. Specifically, they are embedded in immune cells called macrophages, which are rich in iron and nestled alongside nerve fibers. This discovery was made by a team of scientists who conducted a series of experiments on trained pigeons, finding that when the macrophages were knocked out, the birds were unable to fly home on overcast days. However, when the sun came



out, they navigated with ease, suggesting that they use both visual and magnetic cues to find their way. This

groundbreaking research has shed new light on the fascinating world of magnetoreception, and could have significant implications

for our understanding of animal migration and navigation.

## May's Rare Blue Micromoon



**M**oonlit magic awaits. On May 31, a unique lunar event will unfold in the night sky, as a blue moon and a micromoon converge. Although the moon won't actually turn blue, this rare pairing offers skywatchers a chance to witness a fascinating overlap between the lunar cycle and the moon's orbit around Earth. The full moon will reach peak illumination at 8:45 a.m. UTC, and while it may appear slightly smaller and dimmer than usual, binoculars or photography can

help reveal its subtle features. According to Seth McGowan, president of the Adirondack Sky Center, a blue moon is a calendrical term that occurs when there's a second full moon in a calendar month. This event is a great excuse to gaze up at the sky and appreciate the moon's beauty, with or without dramatic visual changes. To witness the micromoon, look toward the eastern horizon after moonrise on May 30 or in the early morning hours of May 31, and enjoy the rare opportunity to see this unusual lunar event.

## Tessie Musalia WEMATHON 2026



Tessie Musalia, Ushiriki Wema Patron and spouse to Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia mudavadi and Wema Centre Trustee Lucy Yinda flag off cyclists during this year's Wemathon fun day organised by Wema Centre in Mombasa on Saturday May 16th, 2026. The Charity event was in support of Wema Health Clinic in Mombasa.

Tessie Musalia, Ushiriki Wema Patron and spouse to Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia mudavadi and Wema Centre Trustee Lucy Yinda take a selfie during this year's Wemathon fun day organised by Wema Centre in Mombasa on Saturday May 16th, 2026. The Charity event was in support of Wema Health Clinic in Mombasa, a facility dedicated to providing essential medical services to Wema Children that will now be open to street-connected children.





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# Blue Ocean Chiefs Win KHU Masters Series II



**Winners Blue Ocean Chiefs.**

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The coastal city of Mombasa was treated to a spectacular weekend of thrilling hockey action as the KHU Masters Hockey Tournament Series II – 2026 came to a successful close at the historic Mombasa Sports Club on May 16th and 17th, 2026.

In a cheerful atmosphere filled with passion and fierce competition, Blue Ocean Chiefs from Mombasa emerged as the undisputed champions of the prestigious master's tournament after delivering outstanding performances throughout the two-day event.

The tournament, organized by the Mombasa County Hockey Association (MCHA) in partnership with the Kenya Hockey Union, brought together veteran hockey players from across Kenya in a celebration of experience, talent, and love for the sport.

Blue Ocean Chiefs thrilled home fans with their tactical discipline, teamwork, and resilience as they battled past strong opponents to secure the coveted title on home ground. Their triumph further cemented Mombasa's reputation as one of the country's strongest hockey



**1st Runners Up GI Veterans.**

regions. At the end of the highly competitive tournament, Blue Ocean Chiefs claimed the top position, while Goan Institute from Nairobi secured an impressive second-place finish. Greensharks Veteran completed the podium after finishing third in a tournament that showcased high-quality hockey and remarkable sportsmanship.

The event attracted teams and supporters from various counties, including Nairobi, Nakuru, Kakamega, Kisumu, Eldoret, and many more, highlighting the continued growth and unity within



**2nd Runners Up Greensharks Veterans.**



**Top Goal Scorer - Friday Mathew - Goan Institute Veterans.**



**Best Female Player - Dorris Chepkirui (Greensharks Veterans) .**



**Best Goal Keeper - Boaz Otieno (Blue Ocean Chiefs).**



**Ultimate Master won by Daniel Kibaba of B.O.C.**

Kenya's hockey fraternity.

Individual brilliance was also recognized during the colorful awards ceremony, with several players earning special honors for their exceptional performances throughout the tournament.

Boaz Otieno was named the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament after a series of brilliant saves that kept his team competitive in crucial matches. Greensharks' Veteran star player Dorris Chepkirui walked away with the Best Female Player award following her outstanding displays and leadership on the pitch.

Goan Institute's Friday Mathew emerged as the tournament's Top Scorer after consistently finding the back of the net with clinical precision, while Blue Ocean Chiefs' Daniel Kibaba was crowned the Ultimate Player of the Tournament for his all-around brilliance and influence during the competition.

Speaking after the tournament, MCHA President Mr. Oliver Mascarenhas praised the level of competition and applauded all the teams that participated and the champions for their remarkable achievement.

"Mombasa has always been

a strong pillar in Kenya hockey, and seeing our local team emerge victorious in such a competitive tournament is a proud moment for the region. Ama kweli mcheza kwao hutuzwa," said Mr. Oliver Mascarenhas.

Beyond the competition, the Masters tournament continued to emphasize the importance of keeping former players actively involved in the sport while inspiring and mentoring the younger generation of hockey players.

The successful event was supported by sponsors and partners, including Daikyo Japan Motors, Sima Maize Meal, Ahmed Insurance Agency, Performance Hockey, Alpine Water, Bayleaf Hospital, Smart Choice Food Mart, Cream R&B East Africa, Memadau Solutions and Mombasa Sports Club whose support helped deliver another memorable hockey spectacle at the Coast.

With Blue Ocean Chiefs lifting the trophy in style and players showcasing immense talent and passion, the KHU Masters Hockey Tournament Series II – 2026 once again lived up to its reputation as one of the most exciting and respected events on Kenya's hockey calendar.

## SPORTS

# Heineken Hosted UEFA Champions League Final Viewing Events

Events will be the culmination of the highly successful 'Fans Have More Friends' campaign launched in April, which has redefined the UEFA experience in Kenya

**B**eer brand Heineken®, through Kenya Wine Agencies Limited (KWAL) will on 30th May host football fans in Kenya for the UEFA Champions League (UCL) Finals match viewing parties, the culmination of a successful marketing campaign dubbed Fans Have More Friends launched in April.

This year, Heineken® will host multiple events across major cities and towns in Kenya, with the aim of ensuring consumers are able to enjoy curated spaces wherever they are.

"We want to celebrate football fans across Kenya with unforgettable match viewing experiences in leading entertainment spots in Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu, and Eldoret as we wrap up the 'Fans Have More Friends' campaign we launched in April," said Alice Mwalimo, Commercial Director, KWAL.

The events, she added, will feature leading artistes like \_Nameless, P-unit, Okello Max, Iyaani, Femi One, Mejja, Jua Cali, MR Lenny\_ and will be themed as vibrant, fun-filled lifestyle events where fans can also sample their favorite delicacies.

"We are calling on all football fans to turn up in large numbers for the exciting events we have lined up for them on 30th May. This is not just about watching the finals but also connecting with other fans and making new friends. We also encourage fans to enjoy responsibly and not drink and drive," said Ms. Mwalimo.

Fans Have More Friends is a global marketing campaign launched by Heineken® in January this year, and is about encouraging fans to make new friends and connect when watching a game of



**Heineken® Senior Brand Manager at KWAL, Prudence Mutembei, takes a selfie with the KWAL staff and artistes during the announcement of Heineken® UEFA Champions League Finals match viewing events set to take place across major towns in Kenya on 30th May 2026.**

football. It is premised on the concept of fandom, where sports and especially football fans converge in a community defined by a shared passion for the game.

Heineken® Senior Brand Manager at KWAL, Prudence Mutembei, said the fandom campaign by Heineken® had drawn large numbers of local football fans to their favorite entertainment spots to cheer on their teams with friends.

"The fandom campaign by Heineken® has helped redefine the UEFA Champions League experience in Kenya by transforming match watching into moments of real connection, moving from just being fans into being friends."

Mutembei said the campaign had so far staged

\_60 fan activations\_ in Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu, Eldoret and Meru, attracting hundreds of fans to view one of the world's biggest football tournaments together.

For the Finals, Heinken has decided to give every Kenyan adult football lover an amazing football experience by preparing and planning epic experiences across major football spots nationally.

These events will be in:

- Nairobi –
  - o Capital Noir (Main UCL Viewing experience Venue)
  - o Covo Thika Road
  - o Quiver Kilimani
- Kisumu – Berlin Lounge
- Nakuru – Space Next Door
- Mombasa – Alcapone Nyali.

• Eldoret – Baniyas

Mutembei Prudence the senior brand manager calls out to all football fans to turn up in large numbers, to connect with new friends and enjoy an unforgettable night of UEFA Finals courtesy of Heineken® and KWAL.

The Fans Have More Friends campaign is based on research by Heineken® showing that 75% of fans say their fandom has helped them meet new people while 59% say it has led to some of their closest friendships. 72% of football fans say language is not barrier to making "football mates" in a bar, signaling the powerful impact of football in bringing people together.

## Pakistan community cricket league



**P**akistan Community Premier League 2026 – Match Results

Another exciting day of cricket at Burhani Sports Club, Mombasa!

**Match 2**  
Pakistan Kings Cricket Club – 152/7 (20 Overs)  
Mombasa Simba Sports Club – 130/6 (20 Overs)  
Pakistan Kings Cricket Club won by 22 runs

**Match 1**  
Coast Gymkhana – 95/10 (18 Overs)  
Pakistan Cricket Club – 96/4 (14.1 Overs)  
Pakistan Cricket Club won by 7 wickets

Congratulations to the winning teams and well played by all participants.

Pakistan Community Premier League 2026 Organized & Managed by Pakistan Kings Cricket Club  
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Mombasa, Kenya  
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Below are match official photo with Subhash Modi 20/20 cricket tournament sponsored by Pakistan Community of Mombasa. The photo shows left to right Kutub Gulamabbas [Umpire] Subhash Modi [Guest] Bhavin Panchal [Umpire] Osman Khan [Chairman of Pakistan Community of Mombasa] , Jasmeer Singh [Reserve Umpire] and Qamar Naqvi [Commentator]

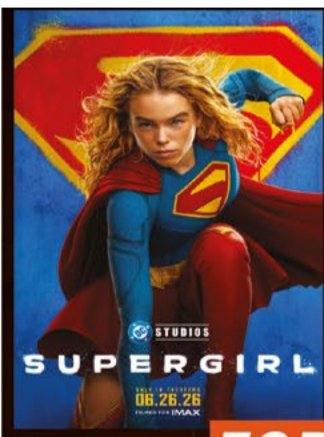
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WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	THEATRE	NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT
<b>Mondays</b> Club Carwash Watamu Dogo D   Kola The Band	<b>Fridays</b> English Point Marina Live Band Fridays with Solitaire The Band	<b>Saturdays</b> Moonshine Beach Bar & Night Club Nyali Chillout Sunday with Generation Band	<b>Friday 19   06</b> Nyali Cinemax Lies Will Set You Free	<b>Saturday 13   06</b> Somewhere In Kilifi Kiki Vogue Nights - Deitis Of The Deep Edition
<b>Tuesdays</b> Safari Inn Shanzu Serena Rd Maranda & Band	<b>Safari Inn Shanzu Serena Rd</b> Jambo Africa Band	<b>Sundays</b> Kusini Tavern Kilifi The Muziki Band	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> <b>18 to 20   06</b> Multiple Venues Mombasa Ocean Festival	<b>Thursday 18   06</b> Club Mios Bamburi Mtambo OOC 2026 Rhumba Night Experience with Ambro La Musica
<b>11 Palms Kwachocha Malindi</b> Kaka Brayo & Tamu Music Band	<b>Club Legend 2.0 Mtwapa</b> Ricky Mulolo & Idologia Musica	<b>Club Mios Bamburi Mtambo</b> Bango Sundays with Manu Bayaz & Msenangu The Band	<b>MOTOR CYCLING</b> <b>Saturday 13   06</b> Dongokundu Bypass Road Trip to Mamburi	<b>Saturday 20   06</b> Kingston Beach Resort Nyali Royal Rhumba Beach Experience with Johnny Junior
<b>Wednesdays</b> Sky Lounge Bamburi Julio Diatos with Big Band	<b>JJJ 20 Lounge Bombolulu</b> Utamaduni Band	<b>SPORTS</b> <b>Saturday 27   06</b> City Mall Nyali Run Mombasa Half Mrathon	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b> <b>25 to 27   06</b> Diamonds Malindi KAHC Annual Symposium 2026	<b>Saturday 27   06</b> Mombasa Golf Club KNCCI Mombasa Chamber Golf Tournament - 2nd Edition
<b>Thursdays</b> Kusini Tavern Kilifi The Muziki Band	<b>Safiya Hotel Diani</b> Live Music with Black Pulse Band	<b>27 &amp; 28th   06</b> Mwembe Resort Malindi Pickerball Malindi Open 2026		<b>www.whats-on-mombasa.com</b>
<b>Club Mios Bamburi Mtambo</b> Ambro La Musica Live	<b>The New Bigtree Bamburi Beach</b> La Festa with Mombasa Roots Band			
<b>Little Theatre Mombasa</b> Rhumba Exclusive with Amiti Musica Les Incomparables	<b>Safiya Hotel Diani</b> Live Music with Black Pulse Band			

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SHOWCASE / LIVE ACTS	SHOWCASE / LIVE ACTS	COMEDY	FAIRS & EXPOS	ART EVENTS & EXHIBS
<b>Saturday 13   06</b> Muze Club Westlands Angani with Darkfruit   IV	<b>Saturday 27   06</b> K1 Klubhouse Westlands Sir Elvis & The Urban Cowboys	<b>Saturday 13   06</b> Suave Kitchen & Social Club Vanguard Towers Get me out of Nairobi Comedy Special with Mike One	<b>Friday 26   06</b> Village Market Limuru Road The Village Market Autoshow Experience - 3rd Edition	<b>17   05 to 17   06</b> Munyu Space The Mall Basement Catchment For 1000 Waters - An Ecological Proxemics Exhibition
<b>Alloy Lounge Sarit 6th Floor</b> Utopia with Travis   Drake   Don Toliver	<b>Kentmere Club Grounds Tigoni</b> Wendo 1.0 Festival - The Big Celebration	<b>Tuesday 16   06</b> K1 Klubhouse Westlands K1 Comedy Nights by Stanup Collective	<b>POETRY</b> <b>Saturday 13   06</b> Braeburn School Gitanga Road Nlate 20s Are Upon Us - A Scar Poetry Production	<b>09   05 to 21   06</b> Nobody Owns Me Gallery near HOF Gallery Kibera Tides Of Presence Featuring Eugene Miera & Mutune Waweru - Curated by Santana Sino
<b>The Alchemist Westlands</b> Funky Qla   Thakzin   Afu   Ghedi   Tina Ardor   Shonay	<b>Nairobi Street Kitchen</b> All Stars Kenya	<b>Fridays</b> Nairobi Laugh Bar The Joke Mashine - Heartbreak Edition	<b>Sunday 14   06</b> Braeburn School Gitanga Road Poetry Slam Africa: 1st Preliminary 2026	<b>09   05 to 21   06</b> HOF Gallery Kibera 'Territories of Becoming' featuring works by Waleed Mohammed, Cynthia Nyakiro & Mugabo Baritegera
<b>Friday 19   06</b> Nairobi Street Kitchen Nsk Turns 5 Blockparty - 3 Stages, 5 DJs	<b>SPORTS / RUGBY</b> <b>Saturday 27   06</b> Impala Club Nairobi Vets After Dark - Veterans 10s Rugby Festival	<b>WORKSHOP</b> <b>16 to 18   06</b> University Of Nairobi Is Everything You See Online Really True? - Media Literacy Workshop	<b>THEATRE</b> <b>Saturday 20   06</b> Chemi Chemi Restaurant Lavington Hail To The King	<b>09   05 to 21   06</b> Nani's Wonderland @ Kitengela Glass Colour Untamed by Katie Simpson
<b>Saturday 20   06</b> Ngong Race Course and Golf Park Asili Experience with Kabza De Small   Dankie Boi   Etania   Skillz LIVE in Nairobi	<b>EAT &amp; DRINK</b> <b>Friday 26   06</b> Rosslyn Square Luxury Mall Wine & Cheese Event	<b>SPORTS</b> <b>Sunday 21   06</b> Decathlon Hub Playground Karen Decathlon Family Run - Celebrating 50 Years	<b>FILM FESTIVAL</b> <b>17 to 20   06</b> Goethe Institut Monrovia Street OUT Film Festival 2026 Tumekuwepo	<b>CONCERT</b> <b>Saturday 13   06</b> Woodcreek School Panoramic Concert ft Trevor Waithaka
<b>Saturday 27   06</b> Windsor Waterfront Gardens The African Aluta				
<b>KODA Kenrail Towers</b> Best Of Both Worlds with 3Step   Piano				
<b>Masshouse Ngong Racecourse</b> Sedana Presents The Saturday Social				



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