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Why you need to invest in Nyeri County

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BY JOSEPH WAMBUGU

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effort to create a conducive environment for conducting business in the county.

Plans of organizing an investor's conference this year are underway, a platform which will showcase business opportunities in the county.

This will not only create more job opportunities but also improve the county's economy. It is for this reason that you are welcomed to invest in this great county.

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Agriculture

Agriculture directly contributes 26% of Kenya's annual GDP and another 25% indirectly. In Nyeri County, the docket currently employs 32.84% of the population. With an agricultural potential of 758.5 square kilometers of arable land, agribusiness is one of the main economic activities within the county.

• Coffee/Tea Value Addition



Opportunities for niche markets such as green tea, orthodox teas, ready to drink (juice tea) and organic tea for local and export consumption exist. Similarly, opportunities for coffee milling, blending, packaging and coffee specialties exist for both export and local consumption. Investing in the two value-chains, which have not been fully exploited, can be achieved by shifting to higher value-added activities within the chain, an expansion referred to as vertical process integration.

• Milk Processing



Nyeri County annual milk production of over 113 Million litres per year and the number of dairy animals is over 172, 000. However, the county only has few institutions doing value-addition of milk to powdered milk, cheese, butter, ghee, yoghurt, ice-cream and flavored condensed milk which aids in reducing milk glut.

• Contract Farming

There is an unexploited opportunity in contract farming to produce horticultural products for export e.g. vegetables and flowers. Other products that are suitable for contract farming include: herbs and spices, gadam sorghum for breweries, bakers, and flour blending, beekeeping and coffee farming.

• Feeds Manufacturing

There exists an investment gap in the production of quality and affordable animal feeds. The objective is to enable farmers to have access to quality and affordable animal feeds thus reducing their production and operational costs and consequently improving their output.



• Poultry Processing Plant

Value-addition through processing chicken to reduce the rudimentary form that is not ideal for human consumption is a crucial initiative. Chicken is widely consumed in many households, hotels, schools and

restaurants. Nyeri County has a current poultry production of 100,000kgs per year.

• Avocado Processing/ Packaging of Macadamia Nuts



There is a need for more investment in large-scale avocado production and value addition into finished products such as body oils. Nyeri is located in a strategic central location hence can facilitate transport of Avocados and Macadamias from Muranga, Kiambu, Meru, Kirinyaga, and Nyandarua Counties.

• Biofuels from Croton

Despite the fact that there is an already existing investment in biofuels from croton seeds in Nyeri County, the production is on small scale and it leaves a significant unexploited market for large scale production of biofuels from these seeds.

• Charcoal Briquettes using Agricultural Wastes

Using waste from coffee, macadamia and sawdust will encourage green business as well as play a role in environmental conservation. The products from such an investment would be in great demand in rural and urban areas as an alternative source of affordable energy.

• Processing of Honey and Honey by-products



This business idea involves the processing of honey into refined products and by-products. Processing organic honey, manufacturing bee-keeping equipment, and promoting bee products is in high demand in developed markets.

• Meat Processing and Canning

Nyeri borders the ASAL counties which are a large source of live animals. It is also 52% Semi-Arid. Communities in these semi-arid regions mainly practice animal rearing. The location of the county makes it a feasible investment ground for meat processing and canning.

• Fish Farming

The county has the potential to produce over 500,000 metric tons of fish annually. This can be achieved through promotion of cage fish farming, fish



ponds and fish farming in dams. The county has one processing plant and there exists an opportunity to improve fish farming and processing through investing in modern equipment.

• Food Consolidation Stores

In some other parts of the county, farming of similar products exists on a small scale. There exists an opportunity to construct food consolidation stores where all farmers can consolidate their produce hence enabling them to have a stronger bargaining power for better market prices.

Energy

Nyeri County is 52% Semi-Arid which implies that there is ample sunlight for solar energy production in the following areas:

• Renewable Energy Generation

Business opportunities exist for the generation of solar energy especially in Kieni areas.

• Photovoltaic Solar Assembly

Opportunities exist for the importation, assembly and sale of photovoltaic solar products.

• Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Storage & Refilling Plant

Kieni East and West sub-counties would offer better liquefied Natural Gas storage and refilling plants, which is high in demand, due to storage and refilling space which is safe.

• Petrol Refilling Stations

and Service Centers

The increase in incomes and purchasing power is expected to occur as a result of completion of major projects around Nyeri which will lead to more employment opportunities.

Manufacturing

Nyeri is a home to most agribusiness manufacturing plants. Nonetheless, it is a perfect investment location for the establishment of agro-chemical plants given the fact that most of its neighbouring counties are also agriculture based. There is also room for other unexplored manufacturing plants including agrochemicals, building equipment and spices processing.

Mining



Mining is an upcoming economic frontier in the county. The government is focused on a housing program primarily using bricks made from both black soil and cement. As such, there's a need to get on board and be part of the mining boom, a lucrative investment that provides an alternative and cheaper building technology. In addition, the availability of clay soil in parts of Nyeri County makes it a viable investment ground for the pottery making venture.

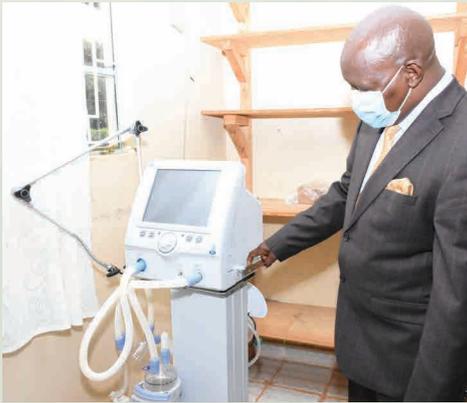
Health

With the rising cases of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and prevalence of cancer the health sector creates a huge investment opportunity.

• Gyms and Wellness Centers

Wellness centers provide fitness, meditation and spa experience services. With a growing middle class, wellness centers are becoming profitable business opportunities for investors.

• Medical Laboratory/ Imaging/ Medical Apparatus and Consumables



There is an increased need for modern diagnostic labs and a supply of medical apparatus and equipment.

• Private Hospitals & Funeral Homes

The opportunities for private hospitals that offer specialized medical services, world class funeral homes and end of life care services is unexplored. Investors are invited to invest in particularly a Cancer hospital through Public Private Partnership (PPP) which would serve the central region at large.

Tourism and Hospitality

The Tourism and Hospitality sector is one that has been earmarked by the county government to spur economic growth. As such, investment opportunities are welcomed in an effort to achieve the vision of making Nyeri a globally competitive tourist destination. Some of the efforts done include mapping new hiking routes to Mount Kenya and Aberdare ranges efforts, geared towards increasing and attract both local and foreign tourists. Other Hospitality establishments include: one-stop stations, coffee shops, themed restaurants e.g Halal restaurants, Indian restaurants, javas, fast foods among others.

The County also has investment opportunities in the subsectors of:

- Amusement parks & leisure gardens to provide areas for team building, and family events.
- Conference and convention centres for meetings, incentive conferences, tele-conferencing, congresses, expositions, conventions and exhibitions.
- Sports clubs with indoor and outdoor games, heated swimming pools, spa, saunas & Jacuzzi and a clubhouse with entertainment where members can unwind.
- Curios and Handicraft Shops which offer the following services, information center, refreshment joints, and stop overs for souvenirs and gift shops.
- Art galleries which would include a talent academy where locals would be trained on dances such as ballerina, salsa, drama, elocutions, film making. Other opportunities include a recording studio, an art gallery, music school, museums, libraries and music academies.

Education



Education sector is one key department with the leadership focused on improving education standards including supporting the 100% transition to CBC program by the National Government. With the growing population, mostly consisting of middle income earners, in Nyeri, there's a need for creation of more ECDE centres, primary and secondary schools which offer quality education. Further, there is need for a Skill Development Centre can organize various courses under one roof, i.e, cooking, music, arts painting, language and anything that helps people to improve their skills and market.

ICT

With the world rapidly evolving from traditional to digital mainstreams, there's a need to infuse technology in our organizations. Nyeri being an up and coming town has an unexploited market for investors interested in this venture. Investors should consider exploiting the market development and hosting of websites, web development and design related services and products for upcoming and existing organizations in the region.



Financial and Insurance Services

The specific sectors include; dairy farming, manufacturing, tea and coffee, and contract farming. There also exists a large opportunity for microfinance lending especially focusing on Micro and Small enterprises.

Transport and logistics

Warehouses can be used by manufacturers, importers, exporters, wholesalers, transport businesses and customs and Nyeri's strategic position makes it an ideal location for establishment of warehouses. Taxi services are always in high demand hence, a perfect business opportunity for potential investors.

Real Estate & Infrastructure

With the rapid growth of income earners and students, there remains a huge unexploited market within the real estate sector for investment. Nyeri is also in need of both low cost housing and gated communities, for students, executives and senior managers in town to meet the demands of a growing workforce from both governments as well as the private sector.

Multi-Storey Car Park

This investment opportunity will help decongest the central business district in Nyeri while at the same time generating profits for investors.

Other Business Opportunities include: Motor vehicle service centres, manufacture of Bamboo products and wood seasoning.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



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The County Government of Nyeri wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons to fill the following positions:

Department of Finance and Economic Planning

- Director of Accounting Services Job Group "R" - 1 Post

Department of Education and Sports

- ECDE Caregivers-15 posts

The full details of the job descriptions, requirements for appointment and the Employment Form can be accessed in the website www.nyeri.go.ke and in the County Government Headquarters and County Assembly notice boards.

How to Apply

Hard Copy of duly filled Employment Form together with the required documents should be sent or hand delivered to:

**THE SECRETARY,
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CELLPHONE : 0745342000 / 0733977003**

All applications (hand delivered or through post office) should be received on or before **3rd March 2021 at 5:00 pm**

NOTE:

1. Any communication from the County Public Service Board **SHALL** be through the above address and cellphone.
2. The County Public Service Board **does not charge** for any of the recruitment exercises, including shortlisting and appointment. **Any request for payment or favour should be reported to the police or to the County Public Service Board. You can use our cellphone numbers : 0745342000 / 0733977003 .**

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CoG / USAID consultative meeting on agriculture



The meeting in partnership with USAID as a development partner meant to highlight the implementation of various projects in the sector, support to county food security agenda, progress of the various bills and the tea and coffee sector reforms. At the same time, counties have been encouraged to embrace technology available in order to improve the quantity and quality of the production.

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined Council of Governors Chair H.E Martin Wambora and other colleague governors during a consultative meeting to discuss emerging pertinent matters in the Agriculture sector.

The two day meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture, Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET), AGRA and the Coffee Subsector Reforms Implementation Standing Committee (CSRISC) was to deliberate on the emerging issues in the Agriculture sector and forge partnerships in the sector.

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ment partner meant to highlight the implementation of various projects in the sector, support to county food security agenda, progress of the various bills and the tea and coffee sector reforms.

Speaking while making his welcoming remarks on behalf of the emeritus Agriculture Committee Chair H.E Muthomi Njuki, Governor Kahiga noted that there is need for the support of the sector since Agriculture is the backbone of this country's economy and the main economic stay for numerous households.

Agriculture is a devolved function and optimizing it will have a direct correlational effect to the economy

of the devolved units, thus strengthening the food baskets.

The Presidential Standing Committee on Coffee Reforms, CoG representative who is also the Nyeri Finance CEC Robert Thuo made a presentation on Coffee Reforms.

Thuo noted that counties have a role to assert and take

control of coffee matters,



hence, coffee growing counties must develop enforcement and compliance on new regulatory framework and encourage and support farmer based associations.

CoG Agriculture chair H.E James Nyoro chaired an afternoon session on 16th February and reiterated the committee's commitment to revamping Agriculture.

Further, the County Governments countrywide have the mandate to partner with development partners and private sector in order to improve food security and income for farmers.

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The consultative meeting between the counties and the development partners will ensure the 9 million farmers in the country will get help in improving crop production e.g of maize from 38 million to the targeted 64 million bags.

At the same time, counties have been encouraged to embrace technology available in order to improve the quantity and quality of the production.

The governors also noted that the need for transforming Agriculture requires collaborative efforts between the two levels of government, development partners and the private sector.

“We are therefore going to engage and lobby the National Assembly, the Senate and other relevant institutions for a total review of the architecture of some bills so as to ensure that counties are enabled to effectively offer services,” noted governor kahiga.

In this regard, the Council of Governors will also seek dialogue with H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta on the implementation of the Tea Act with the view to resolve the issues raised by the Council and thereby put the tea industry into high development trajectory.

Governor Kahiga reiterated the Agriculture Committee's Chair, Kiambu Governor H.E James Nyoro 's that there is need to introduce more subsidies to farmers instead of introducing taxation on agricultural machinery.

It is prudent for all stakeholders to be in harmony in their efforts towards a common goal, which is to enhance and optimize agriculture in the whole country by increasing productivity.



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THE COUNTY TREASURY**



INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to section 117(1)(5) and 125(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the County Government of Nyeri is in the process of preparing the **County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2021** and the **Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget for FYs 2021/2022-2023 /2024**.

In accordance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, which calls for openness, accountability and public participation in development matters, the Nyeri County Treasury, through this notice, invites members of the public, interested parties and all other stakeholders to public participation forums on **Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 at all the 8 sub county headquarters**.

The forums will take place on the date, time and venues indicated below:

| SUBCOUNTY | DATE | TIME | VENUE |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Nyeri Municipality | Tuesday | 9.00am - 12.30pm | YMCA Hall |
| Kieni East | 23/02/2021 | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Naromoru PCEA Hall |
| Kieni West | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Mweiga CDF Hall |
| Mathira West | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Kiriko PCEA Hall |
| Mathira East | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Karatina Town Hall |
| Mukurwe-ini | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Muhito PCEA Hall |
| Tetu | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Wamagana Education Hall |
| Othaya | | 9.00am - 12.30pm | Othaya CDF Hall |

All the proposals on projects and programmes to be considered in this framework must be clearly aligned to the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for FY 2021-2022. Submissions can be through oral presentations during the forums or in written memoranda which should be sent through the County Treasury, County Government of Nyeri, P.O. Box 1112-10100, Nyeri, or vide our email address - economicplanningnyeri@gmail.com to be received on or before **24th February, 2021**. The ADP for FY 2021/2022 can be viewed at the county website: www.nyeri.go.ke

All the M.O.H Protocols on Covid 19 apply and will be observed.



Robert Thuo Mwangi
County Executive Committee Member/Head of County Treasury
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

P.O BOX 1112-10100 NYERI-KENYA

TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from eligible firms to quote for the supply, installation and commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System at Various County Stations and Sites and Associated Works.

| Tender Reference | Neg. No. | Tender Descriptions | Eligibility | Bid Bond(Ksh) |
|----------------------|------------------|---|-------------|---------------|
| CGN/FIN/37/2020-2021 | 852440-2020/2021 | Supply, Installation and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System at Various County stations and sites and associated works. | Open | 267,820.00 |

Interested bidders can view the tender document in the County Government of Nyeri website (www.nyeri.go.ke) and/or the IFMIS tender portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke using the unique IFMIS negotiation number given above or <https://tenders.go.ke>.

Complete tender documents should be submitted through the IFMIS SUPPLIER Portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke so as to be received on or before **2nd March 2021 at 11:00am** as indicated in the IFMIS PORTAL.

Bidders **MUST** also submit a hardcopy of their bid in plain sealed envelope with the tender number clearly marked and bearing no indication of the identity of the tenderer and should be addressed to:

**THE COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
P. O BOX 1112 - 10100, NYERI**

And placed in the tender box located at the Governor's Office Ground Floor or sent by post to reach on or before **2nd March 2021 at 11:00am**. Submitted tender documents shall be opened publicly soon after the above stated closing date and time in the County Secretary Boardroom, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who may choose to attend. Late bids shall not be accepted or opened.

NB- Site visit is mandatory date: 23rd February 2021 at 10.00am as indicated in the bid document

County Secretary
County Government of Nyeri

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PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANJA

BY JOSEPH WAMBUGU

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga (*pictured*) was pleased to announce that the services at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital's ICU have now resumed.

This is after the County Government of Nyeri intervened and ensured the facility is operational.

Accompanied by the Health CEC Dr. Rachel Kamau

and the Health Director Dr. Nelson Muriu, he toured the facility to inspect it noting that the county government is committed to providing quality health care to the citizens of Nyeri.

“The challenge arose when the manufacturing company was unable to furnish the county with supplies in form of machine parts need-

ed. This was occasioned by a delay in shipment of parts because of the Covid-19 pandemic that affected shipment globally. We are however happy to announce that the services in ICU are back and the facility is operational,” noted the governor.

Governor Kahiga also interacted with a section of Nyeri residents and exchanged

progressive ideas with them. “It is through you, Nyeri residents, that we get to know what to prioritize and plan for. We are because you are and we are grateful to you for your immense support. Ahsanteni sana,” added the governor.

Mutual partnership between NMG & CGN

BY PRUDENCE MARUGA

A team of senior editors from Nation Media Group led by Managing Editor Pamela Sittoni, Head of Learning & Development Churchill Otieno, Enterprise Editor Alex Ndegwa and Nyeri Regional Editor Ken Kimanthi paid a

courtesy call to Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga in his office. The team held discussions on a mutual partnership between the two entities and how to cordially work to disseminate informa-



PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANJA

tion to the public as access to information is every citizen's right. The two teams have agreed to continue with the

formidable working relationship to enlighten and inform the citizenry.

Nyerians encouraged to exploit huge export potentials

The governor noted that there is need for the support of the sector since Agriculture is the backbone of this country's economy and the main economic stay for numerous households.

BY NJAMBI MUGO

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined members of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and the Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) for a trade facilitation and pain areas alleviation forum held in Nyeri town.

The forum sought to provide solutions to export constraints arising from the insights of exporters into the hurdles they face in their quest to establish themselves as employers and earn the much needed foreign exchange for the national economy.

Governor Kahiga noted that Nyeri has huge export potentials from crops such as tea, coffee, Hass avocados among others, however, there exists a huge informa-



tion gap amongst most of the producers in regards to the standards required by the international markets, the process of certification and licensing and the available international markets.

As such, he called upon the experts to work together

with the county government in finding appropriate solutions to the constraints faced creating awareness on markets and direct branding of products in Nyeri County for exports.

He further reiterated his commitment to do every-

thing it partakes to ensure a conducive environment for clean businesses to thrive for instance by providing right infrastructure further calling on Nyeri citizenry to think about conducting businesses beyond the local borders.

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Agreement between CGN and WSPU

BY FAITH HIUHU & IVY MURUGA

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was pleased to undertake the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County Government of Nyeri and the World Scouts Parliamentary Union (WSPU), Kenya.

The partnership is an important milestone that will strengthen the relationship between the two parties to continue working together in a mutually beneficial arrangement through a spirit of trust and cooperation. The agreement is significant as it will transform livelihoods through promotion of high moral values and wealth cre-

ation. Governor Kahiga noted that he will continue collaborating with entities such as WSPU whose programmes and projects aim at promoting scouting tourism in Nyeri County, which was the last home of the scout founder, Lord Baden Powell who was fond of saying Nearer to Nyeri, Nearer to bliss!

“My call has always been to foster collaboration and cooperation of as many people and agencies as possible to achieve maximum benefit for our people. My government is committed to opening even more relations and avenues to continue to work

closely with all partners present today, including ensuring the successful implementation of this MoU, for the benefit of our county,” noted the governor.

WSPU Kenya Chapter President Hon. John Kiarie lauded the governor Kahiga-led administration noting it is not only a working government but also a performing one.

He further added that the continued collaboration from the county government officers led by Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio, CECs Diana Kendi (Trade, Tourism & Co-operative Development) and Esther Ndong’u (Gender, Youth & Social Services) have culminated into the signing of the MoU which will guide the work plan of the proposed plans.

Senator Petronilla Were, WSPU Vice President thanked officers from the county government for their continued collaboration add-

ing that Nyeri County is the first to sign this MoU and will provide a roadmap for use by the other counties.

Nyeri Town MP Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu applauded the governor for his exemplary performance in leading Nyeri County as well as the cordial working relationship that his government has offered. He further added that this collaboration will help in creating a safe haven for the youth in Nyeri and the country at large.

The governor further noted that his government is committed to forging partnerships based on collective effort to ensure competitiveness as a vibrant tourism destination through tourism development as well as focusing on youth all round development as inculcated by scouts values and principles.

The MoU signing was overseen by County Attorney Kimani Rucuiya and WSPU Kenya CEO Poppins Misoi.



PHOTO | PETER WANGARI

45th Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological society (KOGS) Annual Scientific Congress



BY IVY MURUGA & PRUDENCE MARUGA

H.E Governor Kahiga officially opened the 45th Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (KOGS) Annual Scientific Congress held in Nyeri town.

Nyeri County has achieved significant strides in maternal, child health and family planning indicators. Our immunization coverage stands at 92%, contraceptive uptake -73%; with 98% of the deliveries occurring in a health facility under the care of a skilled birth attendant. The County Government of Nyeri is also determined to reduce maternal mortality ratio to a double/single digit in line with SDG 3.1.

This meeting came at a critical time following a pan-

demie that is ravaging the world. This forum provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the achievements and focus on what needs to be done to accelerate progress towards sustainable development goal three as well as Universal Health Coverage where Nyeri County was a pilot.

The health sector has played a critical role in contributing to the gains we have made and those of you present here today deserve our acknowledgement.

Governor Kahiga thanked the health care workers in Nyeri who have had a good working relationship with the county government through continuous engage-

ment and mutual respect. This has seen industrial unrest avoided and uninterrupted service delivery. He also expressed his commitment towards working together with them to ensure that no woman dies while giving life.

He noted that the County Government of Nyeri is ready to work with KOGS and all other health care workers in Kenya in fostering meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships, networks and linkages which is a key foundation of this professional society.

The governor invited KOGS to partner with Nyeri County through annual surgical camps for purposes of

knowledge and skills transfer and mentorship for the staff.

He also urged KOGS to start a collegiate training program for obstetricians and gynaecologists equivalent to the COSECSA program to ease the burden of costs associated with training and strengthen county-level mentorship and training.

He further expressed his gratitude to the society for choosing to hold their 45th Annual Scientific Congress here in Nyeri whose theme was 'Addressing Reproductive Health Barriers and Closing the Gaps in the Wake of Covid-19 Pandemic and beyond'.

Collaboration between CGN and KNCCI

The governor noted that there is need for the support of the sector since Agriculture is the backbone of this country's economy and the main economic stay for numerous households.



PHOTO: PETER WANGARI

BY NJAMBI MUGO

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was pleased to host a team from the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) led by the Chamber President Richard Ngatia and 2nd Vice Chamber President Fatma Elmaawy. The team was in Nyeri County to follow up on an MoU signed between the Council of Governors and

the Chamber last year. Governor Kahiga pledged to continue working closely with the Chamber on matters development, budget making and business expansion opportunities post Covid. He also called for public private partnership with the entity noting that there are various existing gaps which the Chamber can take advantage of with an aim of support-

ing local mwananchi such as linking the county with external markets for coffee, tea, macadamia, Hass avocados among others. The Chamber President thanked the governor for his continued collaboration adding that they will work closely and look into value addition of export crops as well as linking the county products to markets both lo-

cally and internationally. Nyeri County Chapter Chair Ibrahim Ndegwa lauded the governor naming his leadership as transformational and improvements of infrastructure pointing out that the fruits of his good management are being leaped across the county.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

For those in Mathira East, Mathira West, Mukurwe-ini, Othaya and its environs, incase of a fire tragedy kindly contact;

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For those in Nyeri Central, Kieni West, Kieni East, Tetu and its environs, incase of a fire tragedy kindly contact;

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Eat More Fish Campaign in Mathira West

BY BRIAN KANYUNGU

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries set foot in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county to continue with the Eat More Fish Campaign themed 'Fish for Health and Wealth.' Speaking at the forum, the Ag. Director Livestock and Fisheries Warugongo Theuri urged the local farmers to engage the youth in fish farming as it is a proven source of livelihood.

In their interactions with the fish farmers, the fisheries officers were insistent on the benefits of eating fish which is a low-fat high quality protein filled with omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins such as D and B2.

In addition to this, fish contains compounds and nutrients which have been proven to reduce blood pressure therefore reducing the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

KSA officials visit Nyeri ahead of the founder's day commemoration



PHOTO | PETER WANGARI

BY NJAMBI MUGO

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga met with Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) national officials when they paid a courtesy call to his office.

The team was led by the KSA's Chief Commissioner Victor Radido, International Commissioner Anthony Gitonga and National Executive Commissioner Moses Danda where they discussed

activities which will be carried out during this year's commemoration of the scout's founder, Lord Baden Powell.

In line with Covid-19 protocols, a small event and a procession will be held on Saturday, 20th February to commemorate the founder. KSA will also be conducting a CSR activity on 19th February at DEB Muslim Primary School

in Nyeri town ahead of the main annual event.

Baden Powell is recognized internationally for his selfless devotion and contribution to the growth of the Scouts Movement which has been in the front line in promoting diversity and inclusion of youths. The graves of the couple have been one of the tourist attraction sites in the county.

In brief...

BY CAROLINE KARIUKI

The County Government of Nyeri received 200 thermo guns from AmrefHealth Africa. The donations were received by CEC for Health Dr. Rachael Kamau and will aid in monitoring temperature in various health facilities during Covid-19 pandemic.



PHOTO | CAROLINE KARIUKI

City Eye Hospital working relationship with CGN

BY FAITH HIUHU



PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANIA

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga met with City Eye Hospital officials in his office. The team led by the Chief Operations Officer Frederick Kangala Nakhaima expressed interest in opening a new branch of their facility in Nyeri. The team is looking for-

ward to working closely with the County Government of Nyeri by creating employment opportunities and also providing an alternative health facility within the county. The team which wants to expand its ophthalmology operations in Nyeri County, is looking forward

to complement the health care system that the county government under the leadership of governor Kahiga has already invested in heavily. Governor Kahiga said that with more hospitals being opened in the county, there will be more job opportuni-

ties created as well as people accessing quality healthcare which will eventually see Nyerians flourish in line with the county vision of, 'A wealthy county with happy, healthy and secure people.'

Unity Travellers Sacco's courtesy call to Governor Kahiga

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Officials of Unity Travellers Sacco who also operate other businesses in Kieni East

sub-county met H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga to engage him on various issues

affecting the organization. The matatu sector plays a key role in transport and

communication. The sector also creates jobs for many youth. The County Government of Nyeri remains committed in supporting public private partnership initiatives. The officials led by Chairman Jackson Gikonyo were also accompanied by Kabaru MCA Hon. Njiiri Wa Wanjira.