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Key resolutions passed at DevCon 2025



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The just-concluded Devolution Conference was held from 12th to 15th August 2025 at Homa Bay High School, Homa Bay County passed important resolutions which will ensure improvement of quality service delivery to wananchi.

This was the 9th Devolution Conference since the start of devolution in Ken-

ya, and the Second Biennial Conference.

Crucial resolutions revolved around enhancing good governance, promoting human rights and social justice, and ensuring equitable financing within the devolved units.

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH who is also the CoG Vice Chairperson, was the

Chair of the Steering Committee during the four-day conference held at the lake-side County.

The 2025 Devolution Conference focused on 'For the People, For Prosperity: Devolution as a Catalyst for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice' as the theme.

The Sub-theme was: Re-engineering County Governments to Accelerate De-

velopment and Close the socio-economic divide.

The Conference aimed at examining the place of devolution in the realization of equity, inclusion, and social justice and generating practical proposals that can be adopted by state and non-state actors for bridging the socio-economic divide.

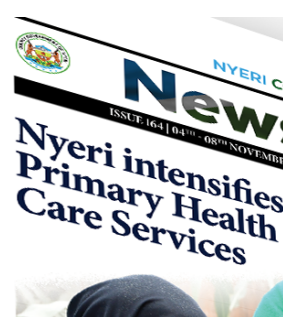
The Devolution Confer-

ence, 2025 was convened jointly by the Council of Governors (CoG), Office of the Deputy President represented by State Department of Devolution, the Senate, Host County (Homa Bay), County Assemblies Forum (CAF), the National Youth Council and ACT.

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The Conference was aimed to mark a significant milestone in Kenya's Devolution journey and providing a platform for sharing experiences, best practices, and innovations in devolved governance.

The County Government of Nyeri led by H.E. Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, actively participated in the conference. The well-organized booths at the exhibition arena attracted hundreds of delegates who were impressed by the good work of the County Government of Nyeri's staff.

Among other leaders who addressed the conference were President H.E. William Ruto, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Former Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga, Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga as the Chairman of the Steering Committee, host Governor Hon. Gladys Wanga

among others.

The overall objective of the conference was to assess the role of devolution in promoting equity, inclusion and social justice; and provide an exploratory platform for consultations and dialogue on how devolved governance can be designed to accelerate development and close the socioeconomic divide.

The conference aimed to strengthen county governments' capacity to deliver quality public services in key sectors like health, education, and agriculture. The Devolution Conference, 2025 made the following resolutions:

On Good Governance:

-THAT National Governments and County Governments shall work collaboratively in promoting accountability and transparency in order to strengthen credibility, public trust and confidence.

Actor: Office of the Auditor General, Office of The Controller of Budget, National Treasury, County Governments, Development Partners, Citizens.

-THAT National and County Governments shall accelerate adoption of systems that uphold and demonstrate: the national values and principles of governance espoused in Article 10; the objects of devolution in Article 174 and principles of devolved governance in Article 175 of the Constitution.

Actor: Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary, County Governments, County Public Service Boards, Council of Governors, Public Service Commission.

-THAT National and County Governments shall ensure communities are informed, engaged, and actively participating in policy design, intervention assessment, and service delivery, as a key building block of empowered communities and accountable government.

Actor: National Government, County Governments, Non-state Actors.

-THAT National and County Governments shall strengthen partnership and collaboration with private sector actors in Kenya and beyond to promote equity and innovation to accelerate investments and creation of employment.

Actor: National Government, County Governments, Private Sector.



-THAT County Governments shall ensure that resources are distributed equitably in all decentralized units (sub-counties, cities, municipalities and urban areas, and wards), while promoting social justice and the rule of law.

Actor: Senate, County Assemblies, County Executive, Citizen-led organizations.

-THAT the two levels of government, Parliament and the Judiciary, shall ensure effective enforcement of all anti-corruption laws, including the Conflict-of-Interest Act 2025.

Actor: Judiciary, EACC, Parliament, County Governments, Civil Society Organizations.

-THAT Parliament shall fast-track enactment of a Pension Bill for Governors and Members of County Assemblies in order to secure the welfare of County State Officers.

Actor: Parliament

-THAT County Governments shall collaborate, share best practices, and accelerate the adoption of technology to boost efficiency and enhance performance through the Council of Governors.

Actor: County Governments, Council of Governors.

-THAT the Public Service Commission will develop an inclusivity framework to promote equity and inclusivity in human resource management across the National and County Governments.

Actor: Public Service Commission, Council of Governors

On Human Rights and Social Justice:

-THAT County Governments shall set aside resources to promote and accelerate social protection programs for vulnerable persons.

Actor: County Governments, County Assemblies.





-THAT the two levels of government shall jointly review policy and legal framework to clearly define the role of County Governments in refugee management.

Actor:Parliament, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government, Council of Governors, County Government, Civil Society, Development Partners.

-THAT County Governments shall develop and implement policies that promote and demonstrate inclusivity and accountability to special interest persons and groups-including young mothers, women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

Actor:County Governments, County Assemblies, Council of Governors, National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC).

-THAT there is need to institutionalize the Urban Expansion Planning (UXP) approach in policy to guide peri-urban zoning, ensuring planned growth that integrates housing, infrastructure, and economic hubs while safeguarding

agricultural land through a unified regional spatial plan.

Actor: Council of Governors, County Governments, Urban Boards, National Government, Development Partners.

-THAT National and County Governments shall intensify collaboration in the Digitization of Health Care in Promoting Social Equity, Justice, and Inclusion.

Actor: Ministry of Health, Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy, Digital Health Agency (DHA), County Governments, Council of Governors, Private Sector.

-THAT County Governments shall prioritize and invest in scaling-up high-impact and evidence-based interventions for maternal and newborn health, adopt proven best practices that have successfully reduced maternal and newborn deaths and stillbirths, and strengthen the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDRS).

Actor: County Governments

-THAT the two levels of government shall collabo-

rate in the provision of affordable and social housing while creating employment opportunities in line with Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya.

Actor: Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Af-



fordable Housing Board, County Governments.

-THAT the Judiciary shall improve access to justice and legal information by vulnerable groups and all citizens through supporting paralegal services, witness protection measures, victim protection in order to ensure that no one is left behind.

Actor: The Judiciary, State Department of Justice and Human Rights, Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ).

-THAT both levels of government shall ensure meaningful inclusion of the youth and women in a bid to resolve systemic exclusion and inequitable access to public resources, opportunities and decision-mak-

ing platforms.

Actor: National Government, County Government, Development Partners, CSOs.

On Financing, Equity and Inclusion:

-THAT the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee and the National Treasury shall finalize the costing and transfer of all attendant resources of the transferred devolved functions through Gazette Notice No. 16472 of 16th December, 2024 within six months from now.

Actor: Office of the Deputy President, State Department for Devolution, Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IG-RTC), National Treasury.

-THAT there is need to strengthen county-level capacity in public finance

Actor: National Treasury, County Governments, Council of Governors.

-THAT both levels of governments shall increase financing of initiatives and programmes that support vulnerable populations to enhance adaptation and resilience to shocks caused by climate change.

Actor: National Treasury, County Governments, Ministry of Environment, Development Partners, Communities, Non-State Actors.

-THAT both levels of Government shall accelerate strategic investment in value chains and Business Process Outsourcing to spur industrialization and job creation and promotion of exports.

Actor: National Treasury, National Government,

management to enhance service delivery and reinforce people-centered prosperity across the Counties.

Actor: State Department of Devolution, Council of Governance, Development Partners and Civil Society.

-THAT County Governments shall enhance collection of own-source revenue by automating revenue collection systems to meet development needs.

Actor: County Governments.

-THAT both National Government and County Governments shall make budgets are inclusive and responsive that guarantee equity, social rights and justice.

County Governments, Private Sector, Development Partners.

Over 12,000 delegates drawn from National Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies; 47 County Governments and their entities; development partners; private sector; financial institutions; professional associations; civil society organizations; academia and research institutions; faith-based organizations; various Kenyans and all other devolution stakeholders.

The next Biennial Devolution conference shall be held in 2027 at a venue that will be announced after Consultation.



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Governor meets a foreign Diplomat Benini



Story & Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga met Carla Benini, a member of the Senior Foreign Service. She arrived in Kenya in year 2023 as the Counselor for Public Affairs. Prior to Kenya, Carla served in Washington, D.C. as Deputy Director for the Africa bureau's Office of East African Affairs, and in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs as Senior Advisor on the Department's global messaging efforts related to the People's Republic of China.

World Breastfeeding Week Commemoration

Story - Catherine Muthoni
Photo - Elizabeth Wangui

Nyeri County joined the world in commemorating World Breastfeeding Week through a community health inreach held at Nyeri Town Health Centre, Nyeri Central Sub-County. Marked annually in August, the 2025 celebration focused on empowering mothers through health education, with an emphasis on maternal nutrition and breastfeeding. The event featured practical demonstrations on various breastfeeding positions and recognized mothers with assorted gifts in appreciation of their resilience in motherhood. Speakers underscored the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, citing its numerous benefits including its role in promoting environmental sustainability. The event also strongly advocated for maternal mental well-being. Android encouraged mothers to plan



for their children's future through savings initiatives. Virginia, a breastfeeding champion representing fellow mothers, passionately called for greater male involvement in supporting breastfeeding mothers, reinforcing the idea that breastfeeding is a shared responsibility. To further support maternal and child health, it was announced that plans are underway to establish a dedicated staff breastfeeding room at Nyeri Town Health Centre. This event was made possible through the support of our partners: Amref Health Africa in Kenya Project THRIVE, Kenya Red Cross, Cooperative Bank- Nyeri Branch, Nutrition Association of Kenya, Holistic Family Midwife, Midwives Association of Kenya, Lato Milk, Shalina Pharmaceuticals, and PRISMA Pharmaceuticals.

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Adopt a Street/Roundabout Initiative in the Nyeri Municipality



Story - Sheila Indusa
Photo - Kenneth Ngatia

Adopt A street/Roundabout is a program that will enable interested groups, concerned Nyerians, organizations/institutions, and individuals to adopt segments/stretch of a street or a roundabout and actively participate in enhancing the appearance and cleanliness of the urban landscape to achieve an urban life of the highest quality. Guided by a strong commitment to environmental stewardship, the Nyeri Municipal Board seeks to

transform urban areas into vibrant, green, and welcoming spaces. The program promotes conservation through greening projects, beautification efforts, and the integration of open public spaces with the natural environment, all while addressing challenges brought about by climate change, rapid population growth, and the need for regular urban maintenance. This community-driven initiative allows interested groups and concerned citizens to take responsibility for specific streets or roundabouts, contributing to their cleanliness, beautification,

and overall enhancement. By participating, residents and partners play an active role in creating a more livable urban environment, fostering pride in shared spaces, and improving the quality of city life. In this regard, the Board invites partnerships with organizations that share this vision. Corporate institutions and agencies bring expertise, resources, and innovation that complement community involvement. Companies such as Mathenge Technical Training Institute, The Nyeri National Polytechnic, Teach2Give, Teslak Linguistics

and Communication, Top Square Electricals, Skin Hub Clinic Ltd., and Options Education Agency have already been engaged. Their involvement demonstrates a commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development, ensuring cleaner, greener, and more resilient urban spaces. Through such collaborations, the initiative will not only improve Nyeri's Central Business District but also serve as a model of sustainable urban management, inspiring other regions to adopt similar strategies. The key objectives

are to enhance aesthetics, mitigate climate change, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and foster civic responsibility. By beautifying the adopted areas, the parties involved can enhance their brand image and reputation as environmentally conscious organization. The project also offers them a platform to engage with the community and stakeholders, fostering positive relationships and potentially attracting new customers or clients. ing, and community-centered approaches to immunization.



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Consultative meeting with the National Disaster Operation Center



Story - Rozina Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

With the aim of enhancing the Nyeri County disaster preparedness, mitigation, emergency coordination and scaling up a holistic disaster risk reduction, the

CECM Esther Ndung'u led a team from the department for a meeting with a team from the National Disaster Operation Center led by the Director NDOC, Col (Rtd) David Samoei. NDOC is a Government agency that coordinates disaster management and

response at the national level. It monitors, coordinates and mobilises national resources to respond to disasters in the Country. The visit is part of the County Government's broader strategy to adapt a national-level expertise to local needs, ensuring faster,

smarter, and more coordinated responses to disasters in the County. The County also plans to establish a County Emergency Operations center (EOC), equipped to efficiently manage early warning system information, coordinate timely response

and facilitate collaboration among multiple agencies. EOC acts as a central hub for coordinating emergency response and recovery efforts. The Director Col (Rtd) Samoei and his team took the Nyeri team through detailed presentations on best practices, plans and strategies for effective coordination during disasters, and the role of integrating modern ICT tools in real-time decision-making. The highlight of the visit was a tour of the 24-hour manned Emergency Operation Center where the Nyeri team observed first-hand how technology and live data feeds are used to monitor incidents, allocate resources, and manage emergencies at the national level. The County remains committed to Disaster Risk Reduction, actively working to minimize the impact of disasters and enhance community resilience

NIVP Immunization stakeholders meeting held in Nyeri

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The Department of Medical Services and Public Health, in partnership with the National Immunization and Vaccination Program (NIVP), convened a County Immunization Stakeholders Meeting, that brought together key partners, health managers, and stakeholders to review progress, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration in advancing immunization services across the county. The meeting emphasized the critical benefits of stakeholder engagement in immunization, which include:

- Strengthened Collaboration and Coordination – pooling expertise and resources from different partners ensures a more comprehensive approach to



immunization delivery.

- Enhanced Resource Mobilization – joint efforts allow for better allocation of financial, human, and logistical resources to support vaccination programs.
- Improved Community

Trust and Participation – engaging community leaders and partners helps address vaccine hesitancy and promotes higher uptake of immunization services.

- Data Sharing and Evidence-Based Decisions.

- collaboration improves the quality of data collection, monitoring, and reporting, which guides informed policy and planning.
- Sustainable Impact – partnerships foster ownership and accountability, ensuring that immunization programs are sustained over time.

The forum reaffirmed the county's commitment to safeguarding public health through strong partnerships, capacity building.



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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER FOR FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING & ICT/ HEAD OF COUNTY TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

WAIVER OF 100% INTEREST ON LAND RATES FOR REGISTERED AND NON REGISTERED PLOTS

WAIVER PERIOD: 12th August 2025 - 11th September 2025

The County Government of Nyeri with the approval of H.E. Dr. Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PHD., E.G.H, as part of the economic recovery strategy hereby gives notice to all Land Rates defaulters that 100% interest sums outstanding as at 12th August 2025 – 11th September 2025 will be waived on the following conditions:

That the Rate payer clears in full the total principal land rate arrears and pays 10% administrative costs based on principal amount payable.

All Land Rate defaulters are hereby WARNED that upon failure to pay, legal consequences will be instituted which include but not limited to: -

1. Compel Land Rates defaulters' tenants to pay directly to the County Government until the Land Rates and interest are fully paid.
2. Cancel or withdraw any license/permit granted in the premises in which Land Rates have not been paid.
3. Withhold any development approval until full payment of Land rates are received for the said Land.
4. Charge the property over unpaid rates plus interest until the full amount is cleared.

5. Deny all other services offered by the county Government of Nyeri.

The County Government of Nyeri operates a Cashless Payment system of Revenue. All payments should be made through our County Revenue Collection A/C held at Cooperative Bank Nyeri Branch, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Nyeri Branch, Equity Bank Nyeri Branch or Mpesa Pay Bill.

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KCB BANK ACCOUNT NO.:	T140760319
BANK CODE:	01
EQUITY BANK ACCOUNT NO.:	0110280843674
BANK CODE:	011
MPESA PAYBILL No.:	191900

Concerned property owners should make payments upon obtaining Bills/ Invoices from their respective Sub-County Revenue Offices and forward the banking slips for issuance of an official receipt within the waiver period. Kindly comply. For Mpesa payment you MUST indicate the Sub-County, Block and plot number as your account number (e.g for Nyeri Town Block 1 Plot no. 2 indicate NYR 1/2)

For more information on Mpesa payment contact Mobile No. **0714952473**.

NB:

1. Failure to present the banking slip for receipting immediately after payment will not relieve the obligation to pay late payment penalties where applicable.
2. Any person who owns a property in Nyeri County or has ever transferred a property please ensure that you update the property details with the County on or before expiry of the waiver period. Upon expiry of this waiver period the County shall publish the names of the defaulters and initiate the legal process for recovery of the outstanding rates. Further note that the County Government will not take any liability for publishing wrong Plot details.

Pay your rates in time for efficient service delivery and development of our County.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Robert Thuo Mwangi.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER/HEAD OF COUNTY
TREASURY



H.E. Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., E.G.H, Governor Nyeri County



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THE COUNTY TREASURY



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NYERI COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT
PLAN (CADP), 2026/2027

The budget making process for County Governments commence with integrated planning for both medium and long-term. The County Government of Nyeri is in the process of preparing the County Annual Development Plan (CADP) for Financial Year 2026/2027 in line with section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and section 87 of the County Government Act, 2012.

Further, this is also pursuant to Article 10(2) and 220(2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and sections 6(6), 87, 106 (4) and 115(1) of the County Government Act, 2012, that calls for openness, accountability and public participation in planning and development matters.

In accordance with these statutory provisions, the County Government of Nyeri, through this public notice, invites members of the General Public, interested parties and all other stakeholders to submit their views, opinion, proposals and input in a public participation forum to be held on **Tuesday, 26th August, 2025**.

The forums shall take place on the dates and venues as indicated below:

SUBCOUNTY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Nyeri Town	Tuesday 26/08/2025	9.00am – 1.00pm	Nyeri Cultural Centre
Kieni East		9.00am – 1.00pm	Naromoru PCEA Hall
Kieni West		9.00am – 1.00pm	Mweiga CDF Hall
Mathira West		9.00am – 1.00pm	Kiriko PCEA Hall
Mathira East		9.00am – 1.00pm	Karatina Town Hall
Mukurwe-ini		9.00am – 1.00pm	Muhito PCEA Hall
Tetu		9.00am – 1.00pm	Wamagana Education Hall
Othaya		9.00am – 1.00pm	Othaya CDF Hall

There will also be a **virtual forum(X-space)** on **27th Augus, 2025** from **2.00pm** on an online platform to be communicated to ensure inclusivity and enhance participation.

The Annual Development Plan will inform the projects and programmes to be implemented in FY 2026/2027 which must be clearly aligned to the Nyeri County Integrated Development Plan-CIDP (2023-2027). The **Draft Annual Development Plan for the FY 2026/27** will be available on the county website: www.nyeri.go.ke

The proposals may be submitted through oral presentations during these forums or in written memoranda 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 **26th August 2025** to facilitate decision making.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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

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