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Renewable energy: Nyeri's investment opportunities



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Nyeri County is endowed with abundant natural resources, a skilled and literate workforce, a rich cultural heritage, and a strategic central location within the Mt. Kenya region.

As the ongoing global transition toward clean energy intensifies, Nyeri is well-po-

sitioned for the entry and establishment of decentralized renewable energy generation, particularly solar.

The county's semi-arid geography, particularly in the expansive Kieni region, ensures abundant solar irradiance levels throughout the year, making it an effective

location for utility-scale and off-grid solar investments. Kenya's national push toward universal access to electricity through clean sources strengthens the viability of renewable energy investments in counties like Nyeri.

With uneven grid coverage

across semi-rural zones, decentralized energy models such as minigrids, solar home systems, and community solar farms are both commercial and developmental opportunities.

The Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga,

EGH has remained committed towards achieving the goal of a wealthy county with happy, healthy, and secure people.

He has since called upon all stakeholders to join hands with his administration and with the people of Nyeri County in this noble journey.

The County Government of Nyeri has a clear vision for growth through partnership with the private sector; both local and foreign, and has laid and continues to lay emphasis on socio-economic transformation and the well-being of our people.

Inevitably, the realization of this aspiration requires a multi-faceted approach focusing not only on all sector priorities, but also on harnessing opportunities from untapped potential investment areas and resources; both natural and human, that the County is well endowed with.

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The County's development agenda are anchored in legal and policy frameworks, notably the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), Kenya Vision 2030, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Africa's Agenda 2063, and the EAC Vision 2050.

These frameworks have provided a clear blueprint for sustainable social-economic transformation, positioning Nyeri County as an attractive investment destination.

The County Government of Nyeri is ready to provide details of investment opportunities within the region. These opportunities are supported by our trade licensing regime, development policies, robust infrastructure, including well-connected road networks, and expanding ICT connectivity among other business enablers. Political stability, and strong governance continue to anchor investor confidence, pro-

viding a stable, predictable, and transparent business environment.

Plans are underway to initiate additional investment incentives that will continue to position the county as the ideal investment destination.

"My government is committed to providing all the necessary support and incentives to facilitate investment in all sectors of the economy in Nyeri County," the Governor added.

The investment rationale for the renewable energy space are as follows;

Climatic and Geographic Suitability

With over 52% of the county classified as semi-arid, especially across the Kieni East and Kieni West sub-counties, solar energy can be harnessed year-round with minimal disruption.

These areas are less densely populated and have ample

unutilized land supporting ground-mounted solar installations.

Energy Access Gaps

Many off-grid communities in Nyeri still rely on kerosene, diesel, or firewood for lighting and cooking. Investments in distributed renewable energy not only improve quality of life but can also stimulate rural economies, power agricultural value chains, and enable modern education and healthcare services in underserved areas.

Policy Incentives

The Kenyan government, through the Ministry of Energy and Kenya Power, is encouraging Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to develop renewable energy sources. Licensing for solar projects has been simplified, and tariff frameworks allow investors to recoup costs through structured Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

Carbon Financing and ESG Returns

Investors in solar and other renewable energy projects in Nyeri County can potentially tap into carbon credit markets and international green finance instruments. Projects that reduce reliance on fossil fuels contribute directly to Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and provide high Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) impact scores.

Priority Investment Areas

- Commercial Solar Farms (Grid-Connected or Mini-Grid)
- Community-Based Mini-Grids

through enhanced transparent governance, streamlined regulatory processes, infrastructure support, and partnerships that promote inclusive development.

"We welcome local, regional, and international investors to partner with us in unlocking the full potential of Nyeri County. I call upon all stakeholders to engage in partnerships and collaborations through mutually beneficial arrangements that will build a robust and inclusive economy, unlock untapped potential, and accelerate sustainable development across Nyeri County," added the DG.

"As a county government,



- Solar Water Pumping for Agriculture & processing.
- Solar for Public Institutions

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri noted that the County is committed to providing a conducive environment for investment

we are committed to promoting a competitive and investor-friendly business climate. Our strategy is anchored in a clear vision for growth through public-private partnerships, encouraging both domestic and foreign investments," said Trade CECM Diana Kendi. She added, "We aim to increase the volume, diversity, and impact of these investments by fostering a conducive environment. This includes implementing robust legal and regulatory frameworks, developing strategic marketing plans, and positioning Nyeri as a preferred investment destination with high ease-of-doing-business rankings."

The County Government of Nyeri is also looking forward to facilitating investors to take advantage of the available opportunities for new investments in Nyeri County.



In Support of Education

Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Peter Wangari

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." – B.B. King

Nyeri Governor Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinan-iri presided over the distribution of bursary cheques to 180 deserving students across Nyeri County through the Governor's Bursary Scholarship Program. This initiative, launched in 2018, has been a game-changer for students from humble backgrounds, providing them with a chance to secure their future through education. The program has been instrumental in supporting 60 students annually, offering a four-year full bursary for secondary education. "I'm thrilled to see 120 students already pursuing higher education, and I'm confident that the remaining beneficiaries will excel in their studies," extolled Governor Kahiga, adding "As the students embark on



this new academic term, I urge them to remain focused, disciplined, and committed to their goals. I also call upon parents to support their children and keep their hopes alive, knowing that my administration is dedicated to improving educa-

tion in our county." The Governor's Scholarship program has a proven track record, with over 90% of its beneficiaries qualifying for university education. 32 students were also sponsored by Diaspora people (From Nyeri Diaspora Leadership Academy) who are not part of the 180 students. The beneficiaries are students who scored 350 and above in KCPE and were identified to be from vulnerable families: two students from every ward to make a total of 60 per year. The Governor's Scholarship program has been there for seven years now and more than 90% of its beneficiaries who have completed secondary school education have qualified to join university, that is, Cohorts 1, 2 and 3. There is no Cohort 7 because there are no Form Ones currently. Furthermore," he reiterated, "I'm proud to see the impact it's having on the lives of our youth, and I'm committed to continuing this support. We're working towards creating a brighter future for our students and our county."

Talents nurtured at Karatina, Mathira East

Story - Jackie Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

During the August holiday, the County Government, through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services, continued to nurture and develop talent among children at Karatina Children's Home. In preparation for the new school term, the children were actively engaged in enriching activities such as joining other students for study at Karatina Community Library, participating in field games at Karatina Stadium, and showcasing their creativity through dances, poems, spoken word presentations, and other artistic expressions. These initiatives not only keep the children positively



engaged during the holiday but also play a vital role in identifying and nurturing their unique talents for holistic growth and development. The County Government, under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, remains committed to ensuring that all children are empowered to unlock their full potential and achieve their dreams.

Public Participation on 2026/2027 Nyeri Annual Development Plan (CADP)



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Peter Wangari

The budget-making process for County Governments commences with integrated planning for both medium and long-term. And because the County Government of Nyeri is in the process of preparing the County Annual Development Plan (CADP) for the Financial Year 2026/2027, public participation forums were held in all eight sub-counties in the County. Members of the public, in-

terested parties and all other stakeholders submitted their views, opinions, proposals and input during the public participation forums were held in Nyeri Town, Kieni East and Kieni West, Mathira East and Mathira West, Nyeri Central, Othaya and Tetu Sub-Counties. This helps to ensure openness, accountability, and public participation in planning and development matters as per the constitution. It is important to remember that the team was being guided by the County

Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), which was prepared through a consultative process and will serve as our blueprint over the period 2023 to 2027. The CIDP is actualized through the one-year County Annual Development Plans (ADPs) where projects and programmes are identified to be implemented or initiated during the year. The document is aligned with Kenya Vision 2030, Medium Term Plan IV, and the 'Bottom-up Economic Transformative Agenda'

championed by H.E. the President. This alignment plays a crucial role in ensuring that our short-term development goals are in harmony with the nation's overarching priorities. The Annual Development Plan informed 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). It is your right, and indeed your duty, to be involved in

the planning and development matters that will shape the future of Nyeri County. We urged all to participate actively in the forum, share your ideas, express your concerns, and offer your solutions. It is through this collaborative approach that we can ensure our development plan truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our community. The Draft Annual Development Plan for the FY 2026/27 is available on the county website: www.nyeri.go.ke

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WSPU General Assembly Preparations in High Gear



Story - Barbra Wambui
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

"Nearer to Nyeri, Nearer to Bliss !"

Groundwork for the up-

coming 11th General Assembly of the global scouting movement is in high gear.

As part of the ongoing arrangements, Nyeri Governor H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga received a high-level

multinational delegation of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU), comprising emissaries from Kenya, Mozambique, the Philippines and Russia. The officials were in the country on a situational

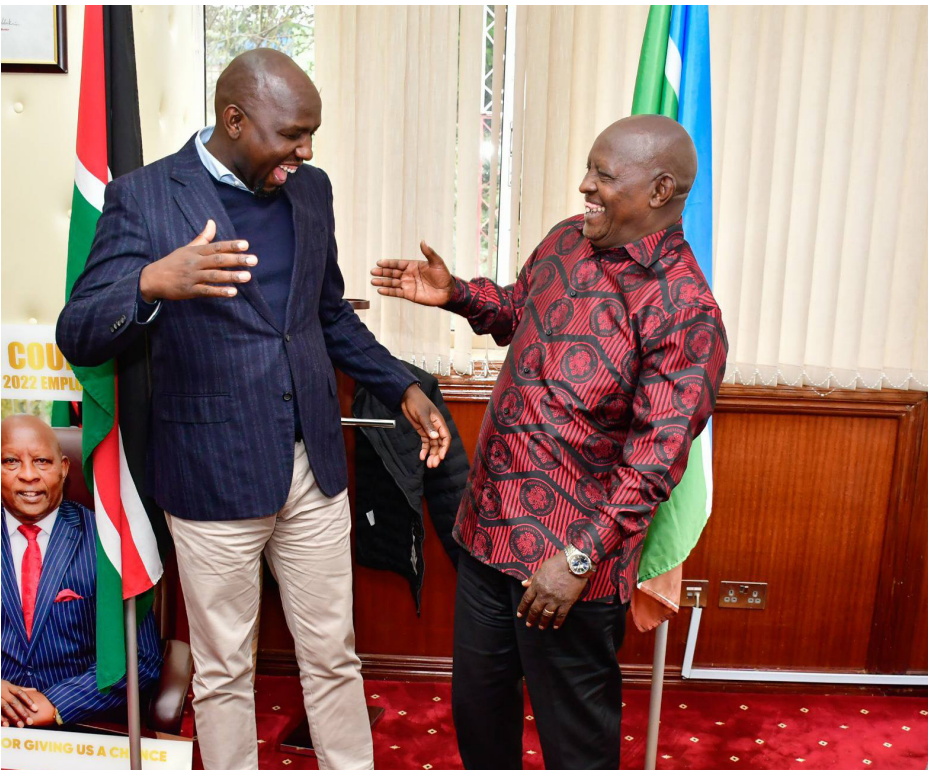
assessment tour of Kenya's ongoing preparations for the fete, to be hosted both in Nairobi and Nyeri counties. The delegation comprised H.E Jeronimo Chivavi (High Commissioner, Mo-

zambique High Commission), Alvin Ancheta (Philippine Embassy), Mikheil Muzanrov (Russian Embassy), officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and WSPU members drawn from the Senate, National Assembly and the Scouting Union.

According to WSPU Executive Director Poppins Miso, around 1,500 delegates will be expected to attend this year's commemoration set to take place from 6th to 13th November 2025.

As Governor Kahiga expressed his pride and honour at Nyeri County's designation as the Scout City of the World. Furthermore, he looked forward to hosting the delegates in Nyeri as they visit our historical and cultural sites including the Baden Powell Historical Gardens and Paxtu World Guiding & Scouting Heritage Site.

Interior CS visits Nyeri Governor



H.E Dr. Governor Mutahi Kahiga together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri, hosted the CS for Interior and National Coordination, Hon. Onesmus Kipchumba Murkomen, during his recent visit to Nyeri County. The CS was in Nyeri

County for the Jukwaa La Usalama initiative. The Jukwaa La Usalama platform focuses on security matters, which are crucial for our county's development. We value our partnership with national security agencies in ensuring the safety of our residents and their property.

The meeting highlighted the importance of intergovernmental collaboration in tackling security challenges, particularly in combating illicit brews. By working together, Nyeri County can create a safer and more prosperous environment for our people.



CS Murkomen and Nyeri DG attends Jukwaa La Usalama Forum

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri joined the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen and other national leaders during a county-convened public participation forum dubbed Jukwaa La Usalama which was aimed at strengthening governance and enhancing security across Nyeri. The meeting, which

was held at Nyeri town brought together residents, local administrators, and security stakeholders to deliberate on local measures that will ensure a safer and more accountable society. The participants underscored the importance of collaboration between citizens, county leadership, and law enforcement in maintaining peace and order. Key proposals in-

cluded enhanced community policing initiatives, stronger partnerships with residents, and the adoption of sustained public awareness campaigns on security matters. The forum also provided a platform for the public to raise concerns, share experiences, and contribute to shaping policies that directly impact their safety and governance.

Training of ECDE Teachers on Competency-Based Education (CBE)



Story & Photo - Tracy Wanjiru

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri officially closed a one -day workshop involving the pre-primary school caregivers who successfully underwent training on Competency-Based Education (CBE). During the training held at Culture Centre in Nyeri town, a total of 60 caregivers were awarded with certificates of participation. The pre-primary school caregivers successfully underwent training on CBE a collaborative initiative between the County Government of Nyeri and the Kenya Literature Bureau (KLB). The sessions were facilitated and conducted by officials from the Kenya Literature Bureau, equipping the teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement CBE effectively. The trained teachers will now serve as Trainers of Trainees (ToTs) within their respective institutions and wards, cascading the knowledge to their colleagues to strengthen the delivery of Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). The County Government of Nyeri remains committed to enhancing teacher capacity and strengthening early childhood education through continuous professional development.

Strengthening Collaboration with Nyeri Police Gender Desk

Story - Jackie Nderi
Photo - Jim Stephen

Police Constable Caroline Makena and Police Constable James Gathungu, both from the Gender Desk at Nyeri Police Station, paid a courtesy call to Gender, Youth, Sports and Social Services CECM Esther Ndung'u. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between the County Government and the police in the ongoing fight against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The officers briefed the CECM on their newly developed initiative to act, shoot, and film GBV-related cases as an innovative tool



for community sensitization and awareness creation. The main objective of the project is to raise awareness on GBV, educate survivors and the public on steps to take when violated, and promote safe spaces for women, girls, and men to live free from violence.

Through the films and digital campaigns, the program also aims to restore dignity to girls and young women, sensitize communities

on existing laws, and build stronger rapport between the police, schools, and the public. CECM Ndung'u commended the officers for their proactive approach and reaffirmed the Department's commitment to support the project. She further noted that the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Gender will also partner with the initiative to strengthen awareness, mobilize resources, and scale up GBV prevention and response efforts in Nyeri County. This partnership underscores a shared commitment by the County Government of Nyeri, the police, and the TWG sector to build a safer and more inclusive society for all.

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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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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**.

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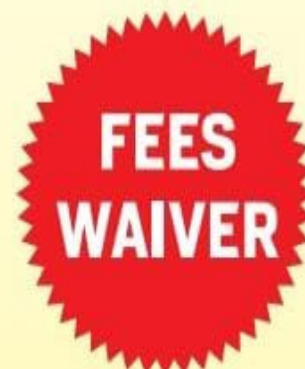
1. Failure to present the banking slip for receipting immediately after payment will not relieve the obligation to pay late payment penalties where applicable.
2. Any person who owns a property in Nyeri County or has ever transferred a property please ensure that you update the property details with 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify members of the public that pursuant to Court Directions issued by Hon. Justice Kizito on the 11th of June 2025 in Constitutional Petition E017 of 2024, the County Government of Nyeri hereby directs as follows:

That **ALL** Public Service Vehicles and Sientas shall operate from Field Marshall Muthoni Kirima Terminus beginning from the 25th of August 2025.

ALL other terminuses will, therefore, be non-operational for the purposes of picking passengers; and any non-compliance with the guidelines issued shall be considered to be in contempt of Court Directions as well as a violation of County laws, and therefore liable for prosecution.

Detailed guidelines on the relocation to the Terminus have been provided to the various Public Service Vehicles and Sientas representatives and owners.

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