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Do you know the Agricultural opportunities in Nyeri?

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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.

Agriculture also remains the backbone of the Nyeri economy with vast potential in agribusiness.

These attributes make Nyeri an ideal destination for investors seeking stability, growth, and long-term returns.

Agriculture remains the economic pillar of Nyeri County, employing most of the population and serving as a key driver of rural livelihoods and commercial enterprise.

With an estimated 3,325 square kilometers of arable land, Nyeri possesses a diverse environment ideal for high-value crops, dairy, livestock, and agro-industrial development.

Within Kenya's central highlands, the county en-



joys fertile soils and favorable climatic conditions, making it a natural anchor for agricultural transformation and value chain investment.

The County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of HE. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, expressed its commitment to providing

a conducive environment for investment through enhanced transparent governance, streamlined regulatory processes, infrastructure support, and partnerships that promote inclusive development.

"My Government is committed to providing all the necessary support and in-

centives to facilitate investment in all sectors of the economy in Nyeri County. I assure you of a healthy investment policy and an investor-friendly and favourable business environment.

We endeavour to partner with stakeholders in mutually beneficial arrangements that will bring sus-

tainable development to Nyeri County and to extend this engagement through collaborations and engagement as we position Nyeri County as the target for profitable, sustainable and secure investment," promised Governor Kahiga.

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Key investment-ready sub-sectors include;

- Tea and Coffee Value Addition

Estimated capital requirements;
KShs. 5Million for mid-sized facility.
KShs. 50 million for industrial-scale operations.

As two of Nyeri's most prominent cash crops, tea and coffee offer scalable opportunities in processing, specialty branding, and export-oriented product development.

Despite high production volumes, most output is sold with little or no value addition, presenting immediate prospects in milling, packaging, and niche-market targeting (e.g., organic, ready-to-drink, single origin).

- Avocado and Macadamia Processing
Estimated capital requirements;



KShs. 5 million for small-scale processing unit.
KShs. 20 million for a mid-sized automated unit.

KShs. 50 million for industrial-scale operations. i.e. cold storage etc.

Nyeri is rapidly growing its high-value horticulture, with strong production of Hass avocados and macadamia nuts.

Investments in sorting, oil extraction, roasting, and packaging facilities will unlock significant export value while enhancing farmer incomes and product traceability.

- Dairy, Poultry and Meat Processing

Estimated capital requirements;
KShs. 10 million for mid-sized enterprises processing 5k-10k litres per day.

tems.
With annual milk production exceeding 116 million liters (as at 2023), and growing poultry and livestock populations, the county is ripe for modern processing plants.
These include milk value addition (e.g., yoghurt, cheese), poultry slaughter and packaging, and meat processing and canning for domestic and export consumption.

- Biofuel and Briquette Production

Estimated capital requirements;
KShs. 2 million for small-scale artisanal operation, ideal for community-based initiatives.
KShs. 20 million for a mid-sized processing facility.

KShs. 100 million for large-scale operations.

The emergence of structured contract farming models in snow peas, herbs, and horticulture presents low-risk scalable models for investors.

In parallel, opportunities exist in support industries such as animal feed production, soil testing laboratories, disease-control & genetics services, and value addition of agri-produce, which enhance productivity and build resilience across farming systems.

- Warehousing, Logistics and Consolidation Stores
Estimated capital requirements;
KShs. 5 million for a small-

KShs. 100 million for large-scale operations.

Sustainability-focused investors will find attractive entry points in clean energy innovations such as biofuel production from-croton seeds and charcoal briquettes from agro-waste.

These green industries support Kenya's low-carbon transition while offering viable commercial models with high environmental impact.

- Contract Farming and Input Industries

Estimated capital requirements;
KShs. 2 million for small-scale operations.
KShs. 20 million for mid-sized operations.

scale facility.
KShs. 10 million for mid-sized facility.
KShs. 50 million for large-scale operations.

Fragmented supply chains and weak post-harvest infrastructure continue to limit farmer earnings and market access.

Investments in food consolidation centers, cold storage, and smart logistics offer significant returns while enabling systemic transformation across Nyeri's agri-economy.

Such logistics facilities would also serve non-agricultural supply chains, leveraging on Nyeri's strategic positioning.



Senate Standing Committee on ICT in Nyeri County



Story - **Barbra Wambui**
Photo - **Peter Wangari**

The dual, mutually instrumental role that the Senate and county governments play in promoting devolu-

tion cannot be understated. H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and the Department of Finance, Economic Planning & ICT CECM Robert Thuo, received members of the Senate Standing Com-

mittee on ICT for a review meeting. This Committee, comprising Hon Sen. Allan Chesang CBS (Chair), Hon Sen. Miraj Abdilahi (Vice-Chair) and Hon. Sen. Beatrice Akinyi (Member) was in Nyeri County to conduct an

oversight and networking engagement. This session forms part of the Committee's inquiry into the operations of IFMIS and other county collection and management systems currently in operation. Nyeri County is the 12th county to be assessed thus far by this Committee. Hon. Sen Wahome Wamatinga was also present in his capacity as PSC Commissioner representing the ICT Directorate. Officers from the ICT and Revenue department took the team through the newly revamped NyeriPay Revenue Management Portal, which handles services such as:

- issuing business permits;
- liquor licensing;
- vehicle parking;
- stalls rent management;
- and
- building plans tracking...

among many other services provided by the County.

The establishment and operationalization of Nyeri County's Health Fund stood out in particular as a one-of-kind innovation that could potentially revolutionize how healthcare funding and sustainability could be up-scaled across the rest of the 46 counties. Governor Kahiga commended this Committee, and the Senate in general, for continually agitating for and fighting for counties and the success of devolution. It continues to prove as the best way to ensure equitable distribution of resources and development to our communities on the ground. He particularly looked forward to the final report from the Committee which would summarize a list of best practices gleaned from across the nation that counties could then use as a blueprint to further improve their circumstances.

Consultative Meeting on KISIP II Mapping of Informal Settlements

Story - **Imelda Kinogu**
Photo - **Priscilla Muthoni**

The Department of Lands, Housing, Planning & Urban Development, led by CECM Ndirangu Gachunia alongside Director Beatrice Koech held a consultative meeting with the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project Phase II (KISIP II) team at the Department offices in Nyeri Town. The meeting's agenda centered on the Introduction of Consultants Undertaking the National Mapping of Slums and Informal Settlements Across the Country. The visiting team, led by Dr. Felix Mutua, represents Component 3 of KISIP II Institutional Capacity Development for Slum Upgrading. This component focuses on strengthening policy frameworks and technical skills at both national and county levels.

It supports capacity-building plans, technical assistance, training workshops, peer learning, and other knowledge-sharing activities that empower counties to effectively implement slum upgrading initiatives. In Nyeri, the team will be working closely with county officials and local administrators to map out slum-like settlements that are in need of development interventions. The mapping process, already rolled out in 34 counties, will help identify areas based on key criteria such as:

- Lack of security of tenure.
- Absence of a development plan.
- Density and typology of development.
- Location in marginal or high-risk areas (such as steep slopes, wayleaves, or flood-prone zones).
- High population density.
- Poor quality of building materials.



- Inadequate access to basic services such as water, roads, and public amenities.
- Lack of sufficient living space.
- Poverty levels within the settlement.

The process will involve two major stages: Identification and Verification—both supported by county surveyors and relevant directorates. Through this, the team

seeks to establish ownership details, potential land disputes, and tenure issues that often cause development projects to stall. By ensuring clarity on these factors early on, KISIP II aims to prevent delays, safeguard public funds, and guarantee that development efforts reach the communities that need them most. The consultative meeting drew representation from

multiple county departments and sectors, including the Municipal Board, Survey, Planning, Social Services, Environment, and ICT Directorates, among others. The County Government of Nyeri reaffirmed its full support for the exercise and committed to providing all necessary resources, personnel, and information to ensure its success.

Senate ICT Vows to push SHA to Pay Counties Remittances



Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH together with the Deputy Governor H.E Kinaniri Waroe, during the official launch of the Nyeri County's Social Health Authority (SHA) Mass Registration Campaign at Nyeri Town Health Centre, early this year.

The Senate ICT Committee has vowed to push the Social Health Authority (SHA) to release funds owed to counties following revelations of delayed remittances that have affected healthcare services across the country.

“Our first reaction as a committee, after compiling the report, will be to really push SHA until they start paying counties,” stated Chairperson Allan Chesang.

The resolution was made during the committee’s visit to the County Government of Nyeri to assess its revenue management system, on the second day of a three-day tour of Meru, Nyeri, and Isiolo counties.

During the visit, the committee lauded Nyeri for introducing a Health Fund which runs separately from the own source revenue to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services.

To operationalize the fund, the county enacted the Nyeri County Health Services

Fund Act, 2021, which allows 80% of funds generated from healthcare services to be retained and 20% shared with other health facilities, especially Level 4, 3, 2, and 1 hospitals.

Senator Chesang sought clarity on how the Health Fund and own-source revenue differ. In response, the county explained that while both contribute to total revenue, they are reported separately.

Governor Mutahi Kahiga said the fund is ring-fenced to prevent mixing with other county revenues. “The money collected under the Health Fund goes to one source to avoid delays, and a committee chaired by the head of the Level 5 Hospital oversees it. This system was established before SHA,” he explained.

On revenue management, the county adopted a digital system, Nyeri Pay, in April 2018 at a cost of Sh16.9 million to enhance collection

and accountability.

The system helped grow county revenue from Sh600 million in FY 2018/2019 to Sh1.45 billion.

However, the vendor’s contract was terminated in March 2025 after challenges emerged. This led to a legal battle between Nyeri and the vendor regarding access to the system source code, which hindered integration with IFMIS.

Despite these challenges, Governor Kahiga said the county had made significant progress in digital revenue collection. “Revenue has grown progressively, but integration challenges remain. We are in court demanding the source codes,” he said.

The County further revealed that in the FY 2024/25, it received Sh6.5 billion in equitable share from the national government. According to the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA), Nyeri County has a revenue potential of Sh4.3 billion.

Turning to the health sector, the Governor decried delayed remittances by SHA and NHIF, revealing that SHA owes the county Sh230 million, while NHIF owes Sh289 million, which has affected hospital operations. “We are facing double jeopardy. We are penalised as a county while our employees are still being deducted. Treasury must allow waivers so that staff can access medical services even when funds are delayed,” said Governor Kahiga.

In response, Senator Chesang assured the governor that the committee would address the delayed remittances, terming them a national concern that must be resolved urgently.

The committee also noted that Nyeri has 54 revenue sources across ten departments and operates three bank accounts but faces challenges such as litigation, political interference, weak debt recovery, high taxes,

and system fragmentation.

Senator Ogolla commended the county for ring-fencing health funds but called for more capacity building. “There must be an intention to hire the right people with the right skills,” she said. Governor Kahiga noted the county had 10 ICT staff to strengthen operations.

Senator Miraj raised concerns about system continuity during power outages. The county confirmed that all sub-counties are connected to a wide-area network and have backup generators to ensure smooth operations.

Area Senator Wamatinga, who appeared as a friend of the committee, cautioned that lacking access to the source code limited system control and urged the county to include this in its legal case against the system vendor.



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In Support of Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth



Story & Photo - Rozina Nderi

Financial inclusion is the cornerstone of a fair, equitable society and a thriving economy. Financial literacy and in-

clusion for the vulnerable groups of women and youth is not just a matter of equity and equality, it is about human rights, dignity and social justice. It is also a critical driver and strategic imperative for sustainable economic development.

It is on this note that Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga attended the sensitization session of the Training of Trainers four-day pilot financial literacy, which is essential to ensuring systemic, effective and sustainable delivery

of financial literacy skills to the public by deepening financial knowledge and economic empowerment of Women and Youth. Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E. David Kinaniri was also present. He commended the Central Bank of Ken-

ya, in collaboration with other partners, for formulating the National Financial Inclusion Strategy for 2025- 2028, which is a pivotal step towards enhancing access and usage of quality, affordable and reliable financial services delivered to improve the economic well-being of all Kenyans. The Governor also thanked the team for choosing Nyeri County as a pilot County on financial inclusion, financial literacy and economic empowerment of women and Youth. He reiterated the County Government's commitment to a strategic partnership that drives the financial inclusion agenda to achieve the intended goals of this initiative, as well as in the successful implementation of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy and impact the County's financial landscape for the benefit of all.

Nyeri Water Service Providers Board of Directors' Consultative Meeting

Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Peter Wangari

Together with Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, Nyeri Governor H.E Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga PhD., EGH, chaired a consultative meeting of the Board of Directors from the five Water Service Providers in Nyeri County. The water service providers being NYEWASCO, NAROWASCO, MAWASCO, TEAWASCO and OMWASCO. There has been notable improvement on the effectiveness, professionalism and stability of the board of directors in all the five companies. In this regard, our WSPs continue to record steady improvement on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the recent past. Recently, Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company (NYEWASCO) was ranked as the



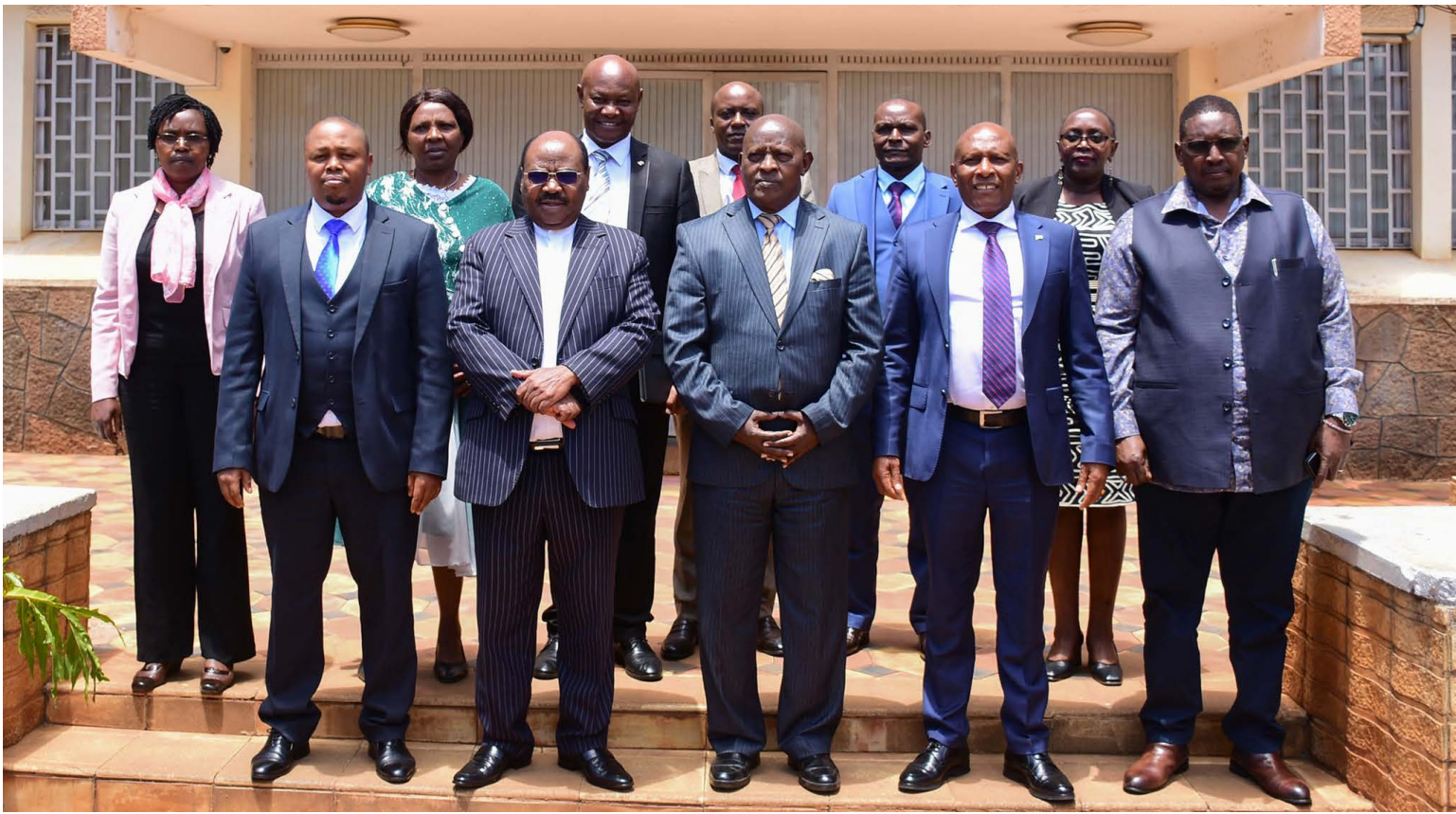
Best of the Best performing Water Service Provider in Eastern and Southern Africa by the Eastern and Southern Africa Water and Sanitation (ESAWAS) Regulators Association in the 10th ESAWAS Benchmarking Report (2023/24).

The Governor emphasized on the good corporate governance practices, and that there ought not to be any conflict between board members and management on their roles and responsibilities. Furthermore, he encour-

aged the boards and management of companies to ensure clean, sufficient, sustainable and affordable water for Nyeri Citizenry. The Governor also emphasized his commitment to supporting initiatives that improve water services and

promote sustainable development. Every WSP has already signed performance contracts for 2025-2026 FY with County Government of Nyeri and most of them have strategic plans for their companies.

KALRO Team Visits Nyeri County



Story - Joseph Wambugu
Photo - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga accompanied by Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri hosted a team from

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) led by the Board Chairman Dr. Thuo Mathenge. The County Government of Nyeri has leased 20 acres of

land to KALRO to enhance the agricultural productivity of the region through research on crops and livestock. The land will also provide a Mkulima Shop for the farm-

ers where they can buy products at subsidized prices. The land is located at the County AMS land located past Chaka along Nyeri -Naromoru road. We are committed to col-

laborating with similar organizations to make Nyeri County better and ensure Nyeri County citizenry benefits. A follow-up meeting was slated for the following week for the two organizations to sign an MoU as part of the commitment to this new initiative. KALRO is the largest national agricultural research body in East, Central, and Southern Africa, with 17 research institutes and 64 centers across Kenya, focusing on various agricultural value chains. Governor Kahiga commended KALRO for its role in transforming Kenya's agriculture through research, innovation, and technology transfer. This has led to developing drought-resistant crops and advancing climate-smart agriculture which is essential for the country's food security and economic growth.

KDSP County Programme Steering Committee (CPSC) Workshop



Story - Carol Nderi
Photo - Peter Wangari

Nyeri Governor H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH joined by Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and Speaker of the Nyeri County Assembly Hon. James Gichuhi, officially opened a KDSP II engagement forum for the County Program Steering Committee (CPSC). The County Program Steering Committee, which comprises the County Execu-

tive Committee Members, the Speaker of the County Assembly, and the Chairman of the County Public Service Board, is the top decision-making organ for approving the program implementation activities. Ahead of a scheduled Level 1 forthcoming assessment, the CPSC is required to review and approve the requisite documents in consideration of the Level 2 grant. The other committees are the County Program Tech-

nical Committee (CPTC) chaired by the County Secretary, and the County Program Implementation Unit (CPIU), chaired by the Program Coordinator. Governor Kahiga was also pleased to announce that the County was recently assessed by the Independent Verification Assessor (IVA) on all program minimum conditions, and Nyeri County was 100 percent compliant. The Kenya Devolution

Support Program (KDSP II) aims at Performance for Results with a view to strengthening county performance in the financing, management, coordination, and accountability for resources. The three Key Results Areas (KRAs) are; Sustainable Financing and Expenditure Management, Intergovernmental Coordination, Institutional Performance, and Human Resource Management, and Oversight,

Participation, and Accountability. As a County, from KDSP 1, Nyeri benefited from an investment grant which enabled it construct a 175-bed level 4 hospital in Naromoru. So great is Nyeri's commitment to KDSP II that all departments have aligned their Performance Contracts to the KDSP II requirements.

Nyeri County – World Mental Health Day Commemoration

Story & Photo - Catherine Muthoni

The Department of Medical Services and Public Health joined the global community in commemorating World Mental Health Day at Othaya Sub County Hospital.

This year's theme, "Access to Services – Mental Health in Emergencies and Catastrophes," emphasized the importance of ensuring that mental health care remains available and accessible, even during times of crisis and disaster.

In Nyeri County, the commemoration focused on enhancing community well-being through psychiatry reviews, breast and cervical cancer screening, psychological counselling, and disability assessments for both clients and their caregivers.

These integrated services highlighted the County's holistic approach to health addressing both the body and mind.

The colorful event featured a vibrant procession, inspiring mental health talks, sharing of lived experiences, and a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony that celebrat-



ed love, unity, and hope among clients, caregivers, and health care workers.

In his remarks, Lawrence King'ori, the County Mental Health Coordinator, reiterated the County's commitment to prioritizing mental health as an essential part of public health.

He encouraged the community to speak up, seek help, and support one another, emphasizing that "mental health is everyone's responsibility, and together we can

build a society that cares."

Speaking on behalf of the Medical Superintendent, Christine Githinji, the Facility's Psychiatric Nurse, appreciated all the participants and partners for their dedication in promoting mental health awareness and access to services. She commended the staff for their continued compassion and professionalism in attending to clients with empathy and dignity.

The Department extends

heartfelt appreciation to all our partners - Anthony Gitunga Foundation, Nyeri Water & Sanitation Co. Ltd (Nyewasco), Nacada, Equity Afya, Heraf Kenya, Kenya Red Cross, Caritas Nyeri, Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital, KMTCC Othaya, and Mathenge Technical Institute for their invaluable support in making the day a success.

Present during the commemoration were the Nyeri South Sub-County Health

Management Team, led by SCMOH Esther Ngatia, together with Othaya Level IV Hospital staff and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) who played a key role in mobilization and client support.

The Department remains steadfast in promoting accessible, compassionate, and comprehensive mental health services for all — because there is no health without mental health.



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Wezesha Empowerment Programme at Iria-ini Ward, Othaya

Story - Sheila Indusa / Photo - Kennedy Karanja



Maisha Iimarike ! **Mashinani** Programme is implemented through the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services, and supports income-generating activities to strengthen grassroots development. While addressing those present, Governor Kahiga emphasized, “I’m totally supportive of this most important initiative and wish to urge all who have received these items to put them to good use, for the benefit of our homes and communities.” Those present were also treated to demonstrations from the Disaster Risk Management Unit of the Gender department, on the proper handling of the cylinders as well as how to mitigate any accidental cylinder leakage or fire. The Wezesha Empowerment



Mazingira Day Commemoration in Kieni East

Over 20,000 tree seedlings planted during Mazingira Day in Kieni East through a massive tree planting exercise at Gathiuru Forest, Kieni East, Nyeri County. The Department of Water, Irrigation, Environment & Climate Change joined hands with the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), local community members and other stakeholders to mark Mazingira Day 2025. Over 20,000 tree seedlings were planted as a true symbol of our collective commitment to environmental conservation, climate action, and ecosystem restoration. This event brought together partners from various sectors, schools, and community forest associations, all united by one vision a greener, more resilient landscape. Mazingira Day supports the National Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (2022–2032), guiding the 15 Billion Trees Growing Programme.

Farewell Ceremony for Agriculture CO Maringa calls it a day



Staff in the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Aquaculture Development, led by CECM James Wachihi, shared a memorable moment with the outgoing Chief Officer, Wilson Maringa. Being his last day in office, officers gathered to reflect on and celebrate the remarkable journey they shared over the past two and a half years of service in the department. Mr. Maringa’s visionary leadership, humility, and commitment to teamwork left a lasting mark on both staff and programs. His tenure was characterized by dedication, innovation, and a genuine passion for transforming the agricultural sector in Nyeri County. As he embarks on a new chapter, the Department extends heartfelt appreciation for his invaluable contribution and wishes him great success in his future endeavours. The Chief Officer’s legacy of excellence and integrity will continue to inspire the team to uphold the same spirit of service and commitment to farmers and the community.



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4. Only the short-listed candidates will be contacted by the Board.

Farewell, the enigma who became Kenya's conscience

By Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, PhD., EGH | Governor, Nyeri County

Now that our Rt. Hon. Prime Minister has gone to the land without thunder, I paused to think about this enigma of a man. Born of a legend, he charted his own path to become a legend himself.

From obscurity, he crafted his own story through tears, sweat and blood. Enduring incarceration and detention for long periods of time, and from his testimony himself was kept incommunicado for six years, it is a wonder he didn't lose the ability to speak. Six years of loneliness was made even more torturous by sleeping on a bare cement floor without a mattress.

He rose from the ashes like the famed phoenix and went on to become only the second Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya! Despite his national and global stature, Baba remained simple to the core. He picked his own calls and would answer them himself. I had the privilege of sharing the seventh of January as a birthday and every year for the last 7 years, I would call him to wish him a happy birthday.

I will forever cherish his laughter as he thanked me for wishing him well. I have called Baba on many other occasions that I recall. I recall that during the 2022 campaign season, I called him regarding his then-pending visit to Nyeri. I told him that



if he wanted the votes of our region, I advised him not to mention his relationship with Uhuru Kenyatta because the region was revolting against him. I asked him to hype the "Kibaki Tosha" moment and indeed promise my people jobs, and positions in government.

He listened silently but then told me it was an open secret that he was the Presidential candidate for the Azimio Coalition, that was led by former President Uhuru Kenyatta. When I pondered over that statement, which he repeated to me in Makueni two weeks before his visit, it had me

thinking that ordinary mortals would have gone with the mantle, “the end justifies the means,” and selfishly, focused on the votes by ignoring the fourth President in his quest for votes.

Instead, he chose to stand by Azimio, no matter the loss incurred. His opening line was, “pokeeni salamu kutoka kwa rafiki yangu na Rais wa Jamhuri, Mheshimiwa Uhuru Kenyatta!” I recall another engagement I had with him after we (the County Government of Nyeri) constructed the Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi statue monument at Karunaini Shrine. I had tried reaching President Uhuru in vain. We had written letters through Head of Public Service then, Ps Mr. Joseph Kinyua, but nothing positive came out of it.

I called Baba and, knowing how much he adored freedom fighters, engaged him to secure President Uhuru’s commitment to come launch and open the monument. A date was set, but an international assignment came up and both Baba and Uhuru had to travel out of the country. He was courteous enough to inform me about this UN trip to New York. I have had interactions with Baba in Kisumu Airport on two occasions, and we had the opportunity to engage on the mountain issues.

His mind was a historical museum of sorts. One day, we flew together and shared seats on KQ from Mombasa to Nairobi. Baba noted a book I was reading “DEDAN KIMATHI ON TRIAL”, by Julie Macarthur. He was immediately attracted to the book. He asked that he scan through. The book was the closest there has been to getting the real authentic records of the trial. Julie had led a team of researchers who had unearthed

**“I advised him not to mention his relationship with Uhuru Kenyatta because the region was revolting against him. I asked him to hype the “Kibaki Tosha” moment,”
Dr. Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga.**



authentic original typed copies of statements made by witnesses, lawyers and even Dedan Kimathi himself.

In the 55 mins we were on that plane, Baba had narrated to me the evils and untruths surrounding that trial. When we alighted, he asked that I give him the book once I had finished reading it. I did not hesitate but immediately gave him the copy I had. Everytime we would meet, he would remind me of the book, telling me it was somewhere in his library. He would reflect on the shoddy trial Dedan Kimathi was accorded and lamented the injustices.

I learnt over time that he was an avid reader, no wonder he was a historian par excellence. I reached out to The Prime Minister the Sunday just before parliament debated Deputy Rigathi Gachagua’s impeachment trial. We had just left a church service at Karen Deputy President’s residence where we had assembled to seek God’s intervention on the matter ahead. As we settled to

have lunch, a thought crossed my mind. Why not call the PM and seek his support on the impeachment since he controlled a majority of the opposition MPs, in his ODM party.

When I called, the phone rang only once and he picked it in person. After salutations and I had sought his support on the matter coming up in parliament, I informed the then DP, H.E Rigathi Gachagua, that I had Raila on the phone and after asking PM to speak to him, he agreed. They spoke and both spouses also talked to each other. We were desperate. Baba couldn’t commit directing the MPs to vote in a certain way, instead he told me he would ask his MPs to vote with their conscience. My last engagement with Baba was in our Devolution Conference where he was the chief guest on day two.

As Chairman of the Steering Committee, I was tasked with the role of receiving him and taking him round the stands. It was a huge responsibility which I handled with great strain because of the people who wanted him in all their booths. The fact that we were in Homabay didn’t help much. However, everything went on well and Baba spoke with conviction on his pet subject “Devolution”. The fact that he was the father of Devolution was stamped throughout his passionate speech for devolution and against corruption in high places.

Now that Baba is gone, I join the Nation in honouring this Champion of Democracy. Fare thee well Agwambo: Jakom: Tinga! Baba!



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PRESS STATEMENT BY H.E. DR. MWALIMU MUTAHI KAHIGA

Fellow Kenyans,

I want to take this moment to address issues that have emanated from a vernacular clip that is circulating in social media. From the very onset I want to sincerely apologize to our mourning nation, to the family of the Rt. Hon Former Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga; Mama Ida Odinga, her children Rosemary, Junior and Winnie, Hon. Senator Oburu Odinga and Hon. MP Ruth Odinga and other siblings and the larger extended family, the ODM fraternity, the Luo Nation and Kenyans at large, and to my colleague leaders from all sides of the political divide for any harm that it has elicited.

The clip was taken while attending a burial in my home village. My remarks were in no way celebratory. What I meant is that under the current broad-based government, we have seen skewed development and politically, the loss of the Rt. Hon Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga sends everyone back to the drawing board. As the popular saying goes, 'God takes the best and it is in this context that I made those remarks in vernacular.

Let me make it clear that the remarks I made are my **personal views** and therefore should in no way be associated with a community's position or any political affiliation nor the Council of Governors.

Finally, in noting the huge public interest that this issue has generated, I am taking responsibility of the real and perceived meaning of my remarks and as a result therefore, I have decided that with immediate effect to step down as the Vice Chair of the Council of Governors.

May the soul of the Rt. Hon Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga continue resting in eternal peace.

God bless Kenya.

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