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integrated packages that ease acquisition for smallholders.

Beyond mechanization, Kagwe highlighted the Government's partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to advance digital agriculture.

Through technology driven farmer registration, the initiative seeks to capture identities, land ownership details, farm locations and acreage, ensuring subsidies and inputs reach legitimate beneficiaries.

"The title, the location, the size of the land and the farmer's identity will be linked through technology to ensure support reaches the right beneficiaries," he explained.

Digital platforms, he added, will improve planning, monitoring and resource allocation, enabling government agencies to make decisions based on accurate data.

The exhibition itself underscored the scale of innovation sweeping across the continent. Local and international exhibitors showcased cutting edge farm machinery, irrigation technologies, renewable energy solutions and digital farming systems all designed to accelerate Africa's agricultural transformation.

India's High Commissioner to Kenya Dr. Adarsh Swaika reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to deepen cooperation through technology transfer, innovation and shared best practices.

Koskei calls for public sector reforms to boost productivity

BY LILIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

Senior government leaders and policymakers have called for sweeping structural and cultural reforms across the public sector, warning that Kenya's long-term fiscal sustainability and service delivery ambitions hinge on a significant improvement in productivity.

Speaking at the opening of the National Performance and Productivity Conference in Nairobi, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei urged public servants to break away from outdated practices that continue to hamper efficiency and innovation across government institutions.

Koskei emphasized that productivity should not be viewed as a temporary initiative or a policy requirement but as a continuous commitment to creating greater value from public resources.

"Productivity is not a one-time initiative, a policy document, or a performance plan; it is a habit of continuously creating greater value from the resources entrusted to us," he said. He urged public institutions to move beyond



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei addresses delegates during the official opening of the National Performance and Productivity Conference at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), Lower Kabete, Nairobi. PHOTO: JOSEPH NG'ANG'A

a culture of compliance and embrace value creation as the cornerstone of public service. He further called for the protection of professional public service from political interference, arguing that an independent and efficient bureaucracy is critical for achieving national development goals.

The three-day conference, themed "Productivity for Fiscal Sustainability and Efficient Service Delivery," brought

together representatives from the national government, all 47 county governments, the private sector, trade unions, and development partners. Organizers adopted a whole-of-government approach aimed at fostering collaboration and sharing best practices on productivity enhancement.

Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) Chairperson Sammy Chepkwony said Kenya

had made notable progress in managing its public wage bill, which has declined from 55 percent in 2020 to 40 percent in 2026 through strategic expenditure controls and workforce management measures.


However, he cautioned that expenditure reduction alone cannot guarantee sustainable fiscal health.


"The expenditure control curve is starting to flatten at its tail end, proving that the more you control, the results are not significant," Chepkwony observed.

He noted that future fiscal gains must be driven by measurable productivity improvements that focus on outcomes and impact rather than simply controlling inputs and costs.

Council of Governors Chairperson and Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi identified weak workplace culture as one of the major barriers to productivity. He criticized the tendency by some public officers to treat government employment as a secondary commitment while prioritizing private business interests.

Abdullahi said public resources and working hours must be utilized effectively to ensure citizens receive quality services and value for money.





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The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility for Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Trunk Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors for bridge works, construction and rehabilitation of various roads to be funded through the Government of Kenya Development Vote.

There shall be a **mandatory pre-tender site visits** as specified in the detailed tender notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website and Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP).

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Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents from the above websites to minimise physical visits to **KeNHA Offices**.

The tender closing dates will be as specified in the detailed tender notice.

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The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility for Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Trunk Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors and suppliers for various Maintenance works and services in support of Road Infrastructure Maintenance and Construction for fourth (4th) Quarter for the FY 2025-2026 to be funded through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF).

There shall be a mandatory pre-bid conference and pre-tender site visits as specified in the detailed tender notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website.

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Bidders are encouraged to download tender documents to minimise physical visits to the respective KeNHA Regional Offices.

The tender closing date will be on **Thursday, 16th July, 2026 at 11.00 A.M.**

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