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FOREWORD



It has been more than 100 days since we ushered in the year 2021. During this period, it is worth noting that a lot of progress has been made at Konza Technopolis through different events that have happened. While they have happened at a critical time when we are also battling the COVID-19 pandemic, we are glad as an Authority for the progress made so far, thanks to your invaluable commitment towards making the dream of Konza come true.

In the first quarter of 2021, we were privileged to host international events, launch key projects as we held strategic engagements with our key stakeholders for purposes of soaring for prosperous heights.

Launch of Konza Command Centre



In one of our historic moments, we launched the Konza Security Command Centre. This ultra-modern centre will play a key role in providing general security intelligence for the city. It will also be fitted with a fire station

and an emergency response unit. The centre will also act as a benchmark in the quest by the Authority to adapt to the future of policing. Launched by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiang'i and his counterpart of ICT and Innovation CS Mr. Joe Mucheru, this project will definitely set the ball rolling in securing the Technopolis while attracting more investors and visitors.

Digital Media City

Through the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs in collaboration with South Korean government, we launched a feasibility study for the Digital Media City (DMC). Under this initiative, the government will create a hub that will support the creative sector in the country through training, research and innovation on film, photography, gaming and animation.

Innovation Challenges

During the period under review, we had an opportunity to strengthen our collaborative efforts with both regional, national and international partners.

We collaborated with the Embassy of Israel in Kenya in executing the Konza Innovation Challenge which calls for innovations that will power the smart city's ambitions. Towards making this initiative a success, we held a physical event at Konza to familiarize the applicants with the needs of the city. Through this challenge, we will be able to reach out to start-ups with smart solutions in traffic, parking, smart access and intelligent management. The challenge is already ongoing.

Further, the Authority hosted the Great Covid-19 Innovation Challenge Acceleration Demo Day at the



Technopolis. On this occasion, the participants showcased their products, interacted with partners and other innovators. They were also mentored by the partners, awarded certificates and urged to develop more solutions for our society.

Visits to the Technopolis

During the period under review, we hosted the National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee (NDICCC) that oversees the delivery and oversight of national government development programmes and projects. Led by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Mr. Simon Chelugui and Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage, Amb. Amina Mohammed at Konza Technopolis, we looked into the progress of Konza and how to achieve our dreams.

In January, we were honored to host the Rendeavour leadership (owners of Tatu City) team. During this visit at Konza, we agreed to work together to attract investors as the country strives to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. We agreed to identify SEZ policies and lobby the national government to position the two cities at a vantage position for both local and international investors.

Just a few days after hosting the Rendeavour team, we hosted a team from Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network Kenya (CBWN-K) led by the Chairperson Ms. Nana Wanjau. Together with a

team of about 30 business women, they explored available investment opportunities in Konza Technopolis and we are glad to have them on board.

Similarly, we had a courtesy tour by the Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat led by the Director General, Mr. Kenneth Mwige. During this visit, we held fruitful discussions on how the Authority can stay on target in delivering on the country's development agenda come the year 2030.

We also hosted the National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation (NACOSTI) team led by Chief Analyst Dr. David Otuoma. Together we looked into the progress of our plans to have a memorandum between NACOSTI & KoTDA that will ensure quality development of the Technopolis. We look forward to execute this agreement later this year.

In addition, we hosted innovators at Konza Technopolis for a familiarisation trip to showcase the Technopolis and identify places to anchor start-ups in the ongoing innovation challenge between Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) and the Embassy of Israel in Kenya. Through the challenge dubbed "Konza Innovation Challenge" we target innovation in response to the advancement of Konza Technopolis that will utilize technology to power the City's smart ambitions.

International and National Webinars

There is no question on the role knowledge plays in our development. During the period under review, we hosted several webinars as part of imparting knowledge to our people.

We were privileged to host the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) Africa Division Forum Webinar themed The Place of STPs in Africa's

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE PARKS AND AREAS OF INNOVATION AFRICA DIVISION FORUM WEBINAR

HOST
 Eng. John Tanui, MBS
 KoTDA CEO (Kenya)

SPEAKERS
 Adv. Peter Hall, CEO, The Innovation Hub (South Africa)
 Alan Phisoala Bhebeben, Chief Executive Officer, Innovation Hub (Botswana)
 Patrick Toppo, Head of Science and Innovation, BCI Botswana, Botswana (Botswana)
 Mr. Ousaidi D. Mague, Assistant Research Scientist, Epidemiology, Public Health, Implementation & Clinical Development Unit in International Health Initiative (IHI) (South Korea)
 Adv. Dr. Simon Oluoga, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD/AFRI Kenya (Kenya)
 Dr. Raphael Makenzie, General Manager, Green Economy Unit - The Innovation Hub (South Africa)
 Dr. James N. Mwantho, Head of IASPs, Innovation & Technology Transfer Division (ITD) (Kenya)

CHIEF GUESTS
 Ms. Hauwa Yabani, CEO, Amboseli Technology Village FF Co., (Nigeria and President of the IASP Africa Division (Nigeria))
 Ms. Edda Lund, CEO IASP

MODERATOR
 Dr. Mwanza Shamba, Executive for Investments & Governance with the Space Africa Group (South Africa)

Venue: Virtual
Platform: Teams
Date: Thursday, 18th March 2021
Time: 12.00pm to 5.45pm (EAT)

Economic Recovery-Impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement. The forum attracted key global innovation leaders including the CEO of IASP Ms. Edda Lund as well as IASP's Africa Division CEO Ms. Hauwa Yabani. It is worth noting that during the webinar, the Principal Secretary State Department of University Education and Research, Amb. Simon Nabukwesi announced that the Ministry of Education has completed a 10 year Master Plan for Science and Technology Parks (STPs) in Kenya, with Konza Technopolis being among the parks.

From our collaboration with Embassy of Israel in Kenya, we held a webinar with stakeholders from Israel and Kenya tech industries to discuss, among other matters, collaboration and cross-pollination of innovations.

We also held a webinar on the Contribution of the Creative Sector Industry in Building a Digital Economy. Together with Kenya Film Commission and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), we spearheaded discussions around the role of creative industry in building a digital economy, challenges and opportunities in the creative sector and how creative talents can be transformed into enterprises.

The Authority also got the opportunity to tour the tech space, meet the local innovators and staff members, and learnt the challenges Lakehub was addressing as well as the opportunities for collaboration. This way, we are

also able to develop Konza with our minds our stakeholders input in consideration.

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Working closely with our communities, we committed and joined Kajiado community in the 3rd Annual Amboseli Cycling Festival to interact with members of the community while urging them to embrace innovation.

Going Forward, It is important to note that despite different challenges experienced in the first quarter 2021, we still made remarkable progress.

Going forward, we remain cognizant of the fact that our dream is to make Konza a leading global innovation hub. To realize this dream, we are keen to see our partnerships yielding more fruits for mutual benefits. Importantly, we will also keep exploring other venues whereby we can work together.

While in a nutshell we can say that the first quarter of 2021 was good, we need to make the coming quarters of 2021 better. With that in mind, I would like to urge you to keep the fulfilling spirit as we match on towards attaining the actualizing the dream of Konza Technopolis. Let us strive to do even better in the coming months by building onto what we have already started.

Eng. John Tanui, MBS
 KoTDA Chief Executive Officer

LET'S JOIN HANDS AND BECOME KONZA AMBASSADORS

By Joe Mucheru



For centuries, mankind has proven not once, not twice, but several times that when there is unity of purpose, great things happen.

In this modern age, the power of brand advocacy has continued to gain momentum in many organisations. Just like at the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), many organisations have continued to equip their staff with the know-how of becoming good brand ambassadors of their organizations. Actually, it is one of the most effective ways through which organizations can position themselves strategically for business.

A study from America Marketing Association (AMA) indicates that 64 percent of marketing executives consider word-of-mouth to be the most effective form of marketing. This is one of the best ways through which the Konza team can become ambassadors of the Technopolis. I say so because I know by telling the Konza story to our friends, families and relatives, we shall continue to create emotional connection with our existing and prospective stakeholders.

It is us who know our story best; we come here daily, and interact with the Technopolis. This way, we have

witnessed considerable development; we have the KoTDA Complex, Konza National Data Centre, Water Treatment and Reclamation facility as well as horizontal infrastructure.

As we all know, Konza Technopolis is a project taking shape and people/ investors will constantly inquire about its progress. In this regard, having relevant general information is necessary to engage those who reach out, or interact with us.

Konza is set to become a global innovation hub, which means that the opportunity to create or innovation within the Technopolis is available. While exploring ways of becoming Konza's brand ambassadors, leveraging on our networks is key because our network is our net worth. Let us therefore spread the gospel about the opportunities available at Konza Technopolis. As a government, our advocacy on public-private partnerships has been key in our efforts in developing Konza. This is an area you can look into with the network you have.

So far, the development of Konza is impressive. With almost all the

horizontal infrastructure developed, and investors gearing to set up, we also need to strengthen our relationship with other stakeholders such as the community.

Konza is attracting great interest and will continue to do so, in the processing hosting many visitors. Plugging into opportunities created through these visits remain key. Whereas the government will play its part in aspects such as budgetary allocation, the staff and key internal stakeholders ought to also embrace the vision of the city play their part in different capacities.

By taking this approach, we shall not only position KoTDA as the preferred investment hub but an oasis of solutions to the challenges we face as a nation. At the same time, we shall be nurturing a positive brand position of the Technopolis and its innovative offerings.

The ball is now in your court!

The writer is Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of ICT Innovation and Youth Affairs



CREATIVITY HAS NO LIMITS—IT'S TIME WE ACCELERATE IT HERE AT KONZA

By Jerome Ochieng'



The rapid growth of our creative industry vividly illustrates how lucrative the industry is becoming. For years, the creative industry incorporating music, film or fashion among others has provided economic opportunities for millions of people across the globe. Creative economies are becoming an area of interest and in the near future, this will contribute to the economic development of many nations.

As we look into this is the best time to build our ecosystems and accelerate its growth through the Konza Technopolis which is Kenya's gateway

towards innovation and technological advancement.

This resonates with the thoughts of Marisa Henderson, Chief of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In 2019, Henderson pointed out that more countries were reporting positively on creative services trade as it is becoming a more defining feature of local and regional economies. Personally, I cannot agree more on this.

Indeed, creative economy is the new option world is exploring towards achieving economic growth and there is no doubt that this is the future of our economy.

The 2019 data from UNCTAD outlining trends in the global creative economy demonstrated that the global trade in creative goods was expanding with average export growth rates of more than seven percent.

As a country, there is need for us to accelerate our growth in the digital economy and creative sectors as this will help bolster our efforts towards transforming our country into a middle income economy.

One of the avenues that we are using is the Konza Digital Media City. Towards that end, in mid-January 2021, Konza Technopolis held a webinar on creative economy and its contribution to the digital economy. Coincidentally, at the end of the same month, the Technopolis hosted the Africa Digital Awards (ADIA) where nineteen winners from different categories in the creative sector were feted. To me, this was an affirmation of the sector's bright future.

As we all know, the world is rapidly moving towards a knowledge-based economy whereby the role and significance of knowledge as an input in economic processes is taking the centre -stage.

At the same time, data from the World Economic Forum (WEF) estimates that 70% of new value created in the economy in the next 10 years will be based on digitally enabled platform business models. Our zeal therefore to enhance and actively participate in these innovation platforms must ignite our passion to achieve more of this.

With already existing platforms where we can engage and exchange ideas, time is ripe to continue with our transformative mission towards our dream.

In doing so, let us leverage on our strengths and competencies while propelling our economy to greater heights. We can do this!

The writer is a Principal Secretary for ICT and Innovation



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMUNICATION CABINET COMMITTEE VISIT

H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta constituted a National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee (NDICCC) that oversees the delivery and oversight of national government development programmes and projects.

In the month of February, Authority was privileged to host members of the NDICCC led by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of labour and Social Protection Mr. Simon Chelugui and Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage, Amb. Amina Mohammed at Konza Technopolis. During the inspection tour of the project, team expressed their satisfaction on the progress made thus far and committed the National Government's long-term support towards implementation of the project. In conclusion, the NDICCC members participated in a tree planting exercise which is part of the KT Greening Initiative.



Left - Right: KoTDA Board Chairman, Arch. Dr. Reuben Mutiso, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of labour and Social Protection, Mr. Simon Chelugui and KoTDA CEO Eng. John Tanui



Left - Right: KoTDA Board Chairman, Arch. Dr. Reuben Mutiso, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Amb Dr. Amina Mohammed and KoTDA CEO Eng. John Tanui



The NDICCC & KoTDA team enjoying the panoramic view of the Technopolis at the 8th Floor of Konza Complex

KONZA LAUNCHES ULTRA-MODERN SECURITY COMMAND CENTRE

In March 2021, the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiangi and his Information Communication Technology and Innovation counterpart, Mr. Joe Mucheru presided over the ground-breaking ceremony of an ultra-modern security command centre at the Konza Technopolis.

The project under the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) features a Police Station, security barrier, entrance feature, fire station, emergency response unit and an emergency response centre. It will also act as a benchmark in the quest by the authority to adapt to the future of policing.

Speaking at the event, CS Matiangi said that Konza Technopolis is a reality and expressed gratitude to elected leaders in the area for supporting the project.

Construction of the centre, he added, marks the beginning of a major milestone with regard to setting the standards for policing in Kenya and in the region.

The CS stressed that in order to protect property and properly investigate crimes, there is need to change the approach to policing. "Technology adoption has impacted the way people in everyday life act and also how crimes are committed. We therefore must adopt and integrate new technologies into our operations as this is the police service of the future," he added.



Delegates pose for a photo outside the Konza National Data Center.

"Technological advancement has led to significant advances in policing, for instance the adoption of automatic number plate recognition. With recent trends showing that most crimes now have a digital footprint, digital forensics and investigations can no longer be the preserve of a specific unit," Dr. Matiangi said.

While speaking on the current containment measures by the Government regarding the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, he urged Kenyans to support the fight against the disease.

"We have a challenge in the country and around the globe. COVID-19 is real, and we have lost too many lives. As we have been advised by

Ministry of Health and professionals in that sector, if we are not very careful, we will suffer even more losses. We do not want to lose any more lives," he said.

On his part, ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Joe Mucheru said the state of the art security centre which is expected to be completed by the end of the year will have the latest technology, adding that physical security and cyber security was paramount.

"Commencement of the construction of this centre is therefore a major step towards this purpose as it will enable smooth and efficient security operations within the Technopolis," he said.



An artistic impression of the Konza Technopolis Security Command Center.



Cabinet Secretary, Interior and Coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiangi plants a tree to mark the official ground breaking ceremony of the Security Command Center with the help of KoTDA's Chief Executive Officer, Eng. John Tanui.

The Konza Security Command Centre, he added, will be built to international standards to ensure that investors and future inhabitants are assured of their safety, as this is critical for the growth of the Technopolis.

Additionally, the centre will also be important in the Technopolis' rapid response to security incidents and potential disasters such as fires, as the same have been incorporated in the project's plan.

Kilome Member of Parliament, Hon. Thaddeus Nzambia, said as local

leaders, they have joined hands and are moving together in actualizing the project, which is among one of the largest in the country.

Kajiado East MP, Mrs. Peris Tobiko said they are happy with the employment of their people on the Konza Technopolis project and look forward to its actualisation.

Also present at the ceremony was Police Inspector General, Mr. Hilary Mutyambai, KoTDA Board Chairman, Dr. Reuben Mutiso, KoTDA CEO, Eng. John Tanui.



Inspector General of Police Hilary Mutyambai follows a presentation at the KoTDA Boardroom during the launch of an ultra-modern security command centre at the Konza Technopolis.

KONZA COLLABORATES WITH EMBASSY OF ISRAEL IN KENYA TO HOST AN INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) and the Embassy of Israel in Kenya partnered to host an innovation challenge to address technology driven needs of the Technopolis.

The challenge dubbed "Konza Innovation Challenge" targets innovations in response to the advancement of Konza Technopolis, that will utilize technology to power the City's smart ambitions.

According to Eng. John Tanui, Chief Executive Officer KoTDA, the challenge will provide an opportunity for innovators in Kenya and Israel to solve the immediate and long-term

needs of Konza Technopolis with a focus on smart access control, intelligent asset management, Smart parking management and smart traffic management solution. In addition, the challenge shall provide an opportunity for innovator cross-pollination and deepen collaborations between the two countries.

Speaking at Konza Technopolis during a networking session with innovators from hubs across the country, Israel Ambassador to Kenya, H.E Oded Joseph said his country was keen on developing cooperation on innovation, adding that Kenya is an excellent partner.

"Here we can find the heartbeat of talent and a thriving innovation system. We see many hubs being grown here. The fact that there are growing hubs here is very important and that is a field for cooperation with Israeli hubs. We have promising partners like Konza Technopolis, a smart city that is known as Silicon Savannah," he said.

The diplomat said he was looking forward to seeing the youth develop solutions that could be adopted in Konza, and hopefully, do it together with the youth from Israel. In his remarks, the Ambassador pointed out that challenges in Israel such as



Israel Ambassador to Kenya, H.E Oded Joseph (right) and Konza Technopolis CEO, Eng. John Tanui (left) during during a networking session with innovators from hubs across the country at Konza Technopolis.

security, food security and water had been major drivers to developing solutions for the country.

Winners will pilot their solutions at Konza and upon successful completion have them utilized. For those which are unsuccessful, Konza will provide a space through the National Data Centre where digital applications can be hosted and supported through an acceleration program to be implemented in partnership with innovation hubs currently working with KoTDA.

While stressing the need for building collaborations, the CEO said: “We have seen many start-ups which are born global at the start and those are some of the opportunities we want to

create for Kenyan innovators through linkages with other innovation ecosystems.”

Being the country’s first smart city, Konza is a model that can be replicated in Kenya and the region. Already, it is attracting global attention, and the innovation challenge will provide an opportunity for Kenyans to give ideas and meet some of the challenges the country is facing.

Israel has more than 9,488 start-ups, with its high-tech industry producing about 1,000 new innovative companies every year. Majority of these investments are in cyber security, Artificial Intelligence, Fintech and Foodtech.

The Bloomberg 2021 Innovation Index ranks Israel 7th among the most innovative countries in the world, and number one in raising venture capital per capita. South Korea is the first followed by Singapore, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden and Denmark in that order. Finland is ranked 8th, Netherlands 9th and Austria 10th.

In 2020, despite the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic (COVID-19) Pandemic, investments totalled USD10 billion in 607 deals exceeding 2019 results by 31% in capital and 20% in the number of deals.

THE GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO SUPPORT INNOVATIONS DURING THE KONZA–ISRAEL INNOVATION CHALLENGE WEBINAR

The government reiterated its commitment to supporting innovations in the country to grow the economy and address the increased unemployment among other challenges.

ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru said

the government continues to support innovations programs to enable the citizens to come up with and apply innovations in different fields.

“As a country, we must endeavour to be constantly innovative to enable us deal with the current and emerging

challenges such as increased unemployment and climate change and to also propel our economy to greater heights,” he said.

In a speech read on his behalf by the ICT, Broadcasting and Telecommunications Chief



WEBINAR

Konza Innovation Challenge

Innovation driven investment; A focus on infrastructure

11th March 2021 2PM - 4PM

CHIEF GUEST
Maureen Mbaka
Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), ICT, Broadcasting and Telecommunications

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Oded Joseph
Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Seychelles and UNON.

Eng. John Tanui, MBS CEO, KoTDA

GUEST SPEAKER
Ambassador Yael Raviv-Zadok
Deputy Director-General, Head of Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel

Avi Luvton
Executive Director, Asia Pacific & Emerging Markets Division, Israel Innovation Authority

Danny Nachmly
VP of International Sales & Marketing OCTOPUS SYSTEMS

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Konza – Israel Innovation Challenge speakers.

Administrative Secretary (CAS) Maureen Mbaka during a webinar organized by Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), the CS noted that given the increasing and evolving challenges facing the world, Kenya had no choice but to improve on its innovativeness.

While commenting on the need for more innovations even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cabinet Secretary observed that despite the COVID-19 pandemic bringing numerous challenges, it acted as a catalyst for increased innovations.

During the webinar which was also attended by Ambassador of Israel to Kenya Oded Joseph, Deputy Director General Head of Economic Affairs Division Ambassador Yael Raviv Zadok, Executive Director Asia Pacific and Emerging Markets Division in Israel Innovation Authority Avi Luvton, Vice President of International Sales and Marketing Octopus Systems and KoTDA CEO, Eng. John Tanui, the Cabinet Secretary noted that the government is working towards creating an enabling environment to support innovations in the country, adding that the government is implementing various projects guided by the Kenya Vision 2030 towards this end.

“We continue to implement various programs to ensure that we create an enabling environment that will promote a culture of innovation in the country. We remain guided by the Kenya Vision 2030 economic blueprint which highlights the need for us to intensify our innovation in order to foster increased output and productivity which is necessary for employment and wealth creation,” he added.

While echoing the CS’s remarks, Ambassador Oded commended the government’s efforts towards supporting innovations in the country, noting that Kenya has what it takes to prosper on that front.

“The world is facing numerous challenges which calls for every country to be innovative to deal with these challenges. Kenya has what it takes to become the next technology and innovation powerhouse in the region and world at large and it is encouraging to see the commitment being put by the government to ensure that this happens,” said Oded.

He added that with the Konza Technopolis project, the country is set to become a major technology and innovation powerhouse as he

further reiterated Israel’s support to Kenya towards innovations. “With projects like the Konza Technopolis, then Kenya is certainly on the right path because technology is and will continue to be a major player in the world economy. Kenya is preparing really well for the future. Through our partnership with Konza Technopolis in programs like the Konza Innovation Challenge, I believe we can be able to share valuable ideas on how to make Konza and Kenya at large to become a strong technology and innovation centre,” he added.

Currently, Kenya is ranked as one of the most innovative countries in Africa according the 2020 Global Innovation Index which ranks the country as the 3rd most innovative country in Sub-Saharan Africa, after Mauritius and South Africa.

Israel on the other hand is ranked as one of the most innovative countries globally, with the Global Innovation Index placing it at position 13. The country has more than 9,488 start-ups, with its high-tech industry producing about 1,000 new innovative companies every year majority of which are in cyber security, Artificial Intelligence, Fintech and Foodtech.

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hosted and supported through an acceleration program to be implemented in partnership with innovation hubs currently working with KoTDA.

15 WINNING START-UPS FETED, URGED TO DEVELOP MORE SOLUTIONS



PS ICT and Innovation Jerome Ochieng, UNDP Resident Coordinator Mr. Walid Badawi, PS Agriculture Prof. Hamadi Iddi Boga, KoTDA CEO Eng. John Tanui, and Ukulima Tech’s Elizabeth Achieng’ during the Demo Day at Konza. The startup was among the 15 that won the Great COVID-19 Innovation Challenge Acceleration Program.



From Left: UNDP Kenya Resident Coordinator Walid Badawi, Director UK-Kenya Tech Hub Ms. Sheena Raikundalia, KoTDA CEO Eng. John Tanui, MBS, PS ICT and Innovation Jerome Ochieng, MBS, Mr. David Bunei Managing Director Oracle Kenya and Association of Countrywide Innovation Hubs Kenya Chairman David Ogiga during the Great COVID-19 Innovation Challenge Acceleration Program Exhibition Day at Konza Technopolis.

THE GREAT COVID-19 INNOVATION CHALLENGE ACCELERATION PROGRAM
TOP 15 STARTUPS DEMONSTRATE THEIR PRODUCTS AT KONZA TECHNOPOLIS
DATE: 12/03/2021 TIME: 10.00AM - 4.00PM

 Saada App: Smart digital counseling and therapy services to people with depression and anxiety caused by COVID-19 By: John Kinyua	 Hygiene Rix: A Splash free Toilet solution By: Frank Mwakitakula
 Lipa Fare: A cashless payment mode for Travelers. By: Andrew Karanja	 Garden Fresh: Promoting Urban Access to sustainable and healthy fresh foods through vertical gardening. By: Elizabeth Achieg
 Building Trust and Transparency in Agri-Food supply chains using Block Chains Technology. By: Eric Muthomi	 Fresh City Foods for City People: A Comprehensive modern food production system for urban people. By: Samba Nixon
 Nutritional Health Cover Using Fortified mushroom flour. By: Bonface Keya	

THE GREAT COVID-19 INNOVATION CHALLENGE ACCELERATION PROGRAM
TOP 15 STARTUPS DEMONSTRATE THEIR PRODUCTS AT KONZA TECHNOPOLIS
DATE: 12/03/2021 TIME: 10.00AM - 4.00PM

 Startup Suite A business support system bringing all business management functions under one roof on mobile accessible to SMEs. By: Brian Nyagol	 Connecting workers to job opportunities via mobile App. By: Gervase Wakoli
 Connecting Health Providers and Patients at the comfort of their homes. By: Daniel Kimani	 Mobile Application that seeks to Connect hair stylists to clients. By: Mercy Kiptui
 Agri-diagnostics (pests, weeds etc) Powered by AI. By: Maria Njoroge	 Emergency Response Drones: Pioneering Locally designed and manufactured drones to deliver Critical medical supplies to remote hard to reach areas. By: James Munywoki
 t-bin T-Bin Solar Powered smart waste bin with IoT/Audio Visual, Lighted and Surveillance features for a Clean, Bright & Secure environment. By: Eddy Kagiri	 Interactive Mentorship Software for Students. By: Zubeir Abubakar

The Great COVID-19 Innovation Challenge winners.

During the period under review, fifteen winning start-ups of the The Great COVID-19 Innovation Challenge Acceleration Program were awarded and urged to develop more solutions on the arising and existing challenges as they seek to actualise their ventures in the market.

During a demo day event that culminated the challenge at Konza Technopolis, the winners received their certificates and mentorship from partners and the government. The winners were Saada App, Lipa Fare, Stawi, Afya Boost, Hygiene Rix, Ukulima Tech, Ckuaa, Startup Suite, OHospital, Plant Signal, T-bin, Zinake, Nywele Nyumbani, Swift Lab Limited and SWYFT.

More than 300 innovators had applied for the acceleration

innovation challenge in 2020, a program that was co-organised by Konza Technopolis Development Authority and Association of Countrywide Innovation Hubs in partnership with United Nations Development Programme, UK Kenya Tech Hub, US Embassy Alumni Exchange, HSF Foundation, and GIZ Kenya.

Speaking during the demo day, Principal Secretary, State Department of ICT and Innovation, Jerome Ochieng’ stressed on the need for more innovations as challenges arise, terming the COVID-19 pandemic as one challenge that accelerated the need for more innovations.

“Looking back at 2020, we saw how the pandemic affected our

lives but on the flipside, it ignited and accelerated the rate at which the world innovated products and challenged us to build more innovative products,” he said.

While stressing the need for more partnerships and collaborations, the PS thanked the partners for the challenge and said that the program was an eye opener for more collaborations. He said: “The program signaled that there are so many innovations in the country that need to be supported by both the government and partners”.

While echoing the PS Jerome’s remarks, UK-Kenya Tech Hub Director Ms. Sheena Raikundalia stressed on the need to explore collaborations, and partnerships for more solutions by utilizing the existing infrastructure such as the

countrywide constituency hubs and innovation hubs. She indicated that it's through partnerships that the innovations can be actualized.

"I'm so excited that I was part of this program and let me tell you, in addition to the training that was offered, we provided linkages. This is the bit that we keep forgetting. Ask the startups, what they need. Startups need partnerships and support and this is what this program provided," she said.

KoTDA CEO, Eng. John Tanui termed the climax of the event as a strategic milestone towards the country's innovation history and assured the innovators of more support from Konza Technopolis.

"In light of the support from the government and partners, we are

not worried of the infrastructure. The software development path is what we want to build here, as part of our knowledge economy. This is our focus and with the fifteen company that we saw today, there is great potential to grow our national GDP," he said.

While appreciating the partners for the support, Startup Suite CEO Brian Nyagol thanked them and called for more support beyond the winning point.

"You have made us feel that we are making something meaningful and we believe that we are the next frontier in this space despite the challenges. Moving forward, we still need your support to help us thrive and implement products we are developing," he said.

The Startup Suite was voted the best innovation in the challenge. It seeks to put all the important business functions under one roof, making it easier to manage remote teams, and allowing staff to remain productive even as they work from home.

The event was also attended by Prof. Hamadi Iddi Boga, Principal Secretary State Department for Crop Development & Agricultural Research Ministry of Agriculture, Walid Badawi - UNDP Kenya Resident Coordinator, Hans Seidel Foundation Resident Representative Kenya-Ethiopia Mr. Daniel Seiberling and David Ogiga - Chairman, Association of Countrywide Innovation Hubs.

AMBOSELI CYCLING FESTIVAL MARKS 3RD ANNUAL EDITION

During the period under review, the Authority participated in the 3rd Annual Amboseli Cycling Festival, a charity event that is aimed at mobilizing resources to improve housing standards among the rural Maasai communities through innovative initiatives of the Eco-Manyatta housing project.

The 2021 cycling festival which took place along the 48-70 KM Elerai, Rombo ~ Oloitokitok road attracted over 100 participants comprising of premier, amateur and professional cycling teams from Kajiado county and other sponsoring organisations.

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L – R: Mr. Erick Chalo, winner of the 3rd Edition of the Amboseli Cycling Festival being awarded by Ms. Brenda Kaaria, Communications Officer and Mr. Jeremiah Ndiba, Principal Marketing Officer from Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA).

During the awards ceremony held at Oloitoktok Stadium, Kajiado County First Lady, Her Excellency Madam Edna Lenku emphasized the need to

promote cycling as the next frontier in local transport. “Cycling not only improves our personal health but also reduces air pollution caused

by other modes of transport which uses fossil fuels. This should be encouraged and I am glad to be part of this initiative,” she said.

Since the launch of the first Amboseli Cycling Festival in 2018 by Olkejuado Foundation, the initiative has empowered the youth in various ways and also improved the livelihoods of the rural communities through construction of spacious modern manyatta’s with solar, biogas and water harvesting equipment.

Key sponsors for the Olkejuado initiative were Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), Isuzu East Africa Ltd, Kipeto Energy, Safaricom Ltd, Coca Cola East Africa and Dada Digital.



Her Excellency, First Lady of Kajiado County Madam Edna Lenku flags off the 3rd Annual Amboseli Cycling Festival.

KoTDA HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE PARKS AND AREAS OF INNOVATION AFRICA DIVISION FORUM

During the period under review, Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) hosted the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) Africa Web Forum.

During the forum, Principal Secretary State Department of University Education and Research, Amb. Simon Nabukwesi said the Ministry of Education has completed a 10-year Master Plan for Science and Technology Parks (STPs) in Kenya. He added that the ministry has developed designs for the pilot STPs at Konza Technopolis and Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology and is currently at the procurement stage for design consultant and construction supervisors for prioritized laboratories within the programme.

“This plan which provides a framework for the implementation of STPs in the next 10 years is indeed a major boost in our efforts to strengthen the country’s knowledge economy. We are at a good place as a country as we now have a framework for the implementation of the STPs in the coming years,” Amb. Nabukwesi said.

Speaking at the same event, Amb. Dr. Samori Okwiya, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat, said the African Union had adopted Agenda 2063 which articulates the Continent’s sustained growth, competitiveness and economic transformation.

“In order to enhance opportunities, there is need to focus on innovation and entrepreneurship through collaboration between public and



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CEO Abuja Technology Village
FZ Co., Nigeria and President
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(Nigeria)



Adv. Pieter Holl
CEO, The Innovation Hub
(South Africa)



Alan Phemelo Boshwaen
Chief Executive Officer
at Botswana Innovation Hub
(Botswana)



Eng John Tanui, MBS
KoTDA CEO
(Kenya)

private stakeholders at both national and regional levels to facilitate co-creation and commercialization of innovation,” he said.

In attendance was Principal Secretary, ICT & Innovation, Mr. Jerome Ochieng, IASP CEO, Ms. Ebba Lund, Ms. Hauwa Yabani CEO, Abuja Technology Village FZ Co., Nigeria and President of the IASP Africa Division, Nigeria, Adv. Pieter Holl, CEO, The Innovation Hub, South Africa, Alan Phemelo Boshwaen, CEO, Botswana Innovation Hub, Botswana, Eng. John Tanui, CEO, KoTDA, Kenya.

The event hosted by Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) was also attended by Amb. Dr. Okwiya, Dr. Erick Mwangi, Director Research Science and Technology Ministry of Education Kenya, Dr. Rethabile Melamu,

General Manager, Green Economy Unit - The Innovation Hub, South Africa, Patrick Tippoo, Executive Director of the African Vaccine Manufacturing Initiative (AVMI), South Africa Dr. James Kimotho, Head of KEMRI Innovation & Technology Transfer Division (ITTD) and Mr. Ondari D. Mogeni, Associate Research Scientist, Epidemiology, Public Health, Implementation & Clinical Development Unit in International Vaccine Institute (IVI). KoTDA is a full member of IASP.

During the forum, African nations were equally urged to adopt digital solutions towards achieving economic recovery from impacts of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Speaking during the conference, Association of Science Parks and

Areas (IASP) Africa Division President and CEO of Abuja Technology Village FZ Co., Nigeria, Ms. Hauwa Yabani emphasized the need for utilizing technology and innovation in search for solutions to challenges facing the continent.

“The pandemic showed us the importance of digitally enhanced solutions in mitigating crisis as a way of living especially for a continent with a population of over 1.3 billion. Digital transformation presents an opportunity for Africa to provide value in new ways thereby leapfrogging the continent’s developing trajectories and accelerating its social and economic advancements,” said Ms. Yabani.

She further stated: “The pandemic has been reported to have caused failure to about 30 percent of small businesses, thereby begging for answers to the question on how to leverage innovation to survive,” adding that it is only through innovation-led approaches that the continent will recover from the pandemic.

Technology, she pointed out, has continued to emerge and the adaption of digital solutions is more important now than ever, a development that is only important for Africa but also the rest of the world.

While reiterating the IASP Africa Division’s support towards supporting innovation, she stressed the need for utilizing rising and existing start-ups in the continent which are critical in advancing the continent’s Free Trade Agreement for the benefit of all Africans.

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) created by Africa Union (AU) in 2018 formed a single continent-wide market for goods and services that aims to promote the movement of capital and natural persons in the continent.

On his part, Eng. Tanui cited innovation as a key enabler in driving economic development among Africa nations and urged participating members to build on innovation infrastructure while

bringing together more research stakeholders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When we look at the Africa Free Trade, we see the opportunity of opening up connectivity amongst us and so we need to create more interconnection so that we open our trade. This is a great opportunity for Africa and this is what we see as Konza,” said Eng. Tanui.

The IASP is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental, membership-based organization with a worldwide network. The Association is a leader network in the Science Parks and Areas of Innovation spaces

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE PARKS AND AREAS OF INNOVATION AFRICA DIVISION FORUM

WEBINAR

CHIEF GUESTS



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MODERATOR



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Venue: Virtual | **Platform:** Teams | **Date:** Thursday, 18th March 2021 | **Time:** 12.00pm to 5.45pm (EAT)

TATU CITY PARTNERS WITH KONZA TO ATTRACT INVESTORS TO KENYA

Tatu City's owner and developer, Rendeavour, will collaborate with Konza Technopolis to attract investors to Kenya, Rendeavour's Executive Vice President Preston Mendenhall and KoTDA's CEO Eng John Tanui jointly announced.

This comes at a time when the country is seeking to bounce back from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that has increased uncertainty around investment opportunities.

The collaboration will focus on building both mega-projects' investment policies and positioning the two cities at vantage positions for both local and international investors.

Speaking during a courtesy call to Konza Technopolis, Mr Mendenhall said: "We are excited as Tatu City to be visiting Konza today. As sister cities with a common goal of easing the burden of urbanisation in Kenya and also promoting investment in Kenya, we shall be working together in creating these opportunities."

Speaking to the specific areas of partnership, Mr Mendenhall said that Tatu City and Konza, as Special Economic Zones (SEZ), had identified a number of common interests to attract investment in Kenya.

"We have agreed to increase the frequency of our meetings. We have appointed teams to particularly look into the operationalisation of the Special Economic Zones to attract local and foreign direct investments by creating a favourable economic



Preston Mendenhall, Executive Vice President, Rendeavour and Eng. John Tanui, CEO KoTDA during Tatu City Visit to Konza.

environment," Mendenhall said.

KoTDA's CEO Eng John Tanui said that they were glad to continue with the collaboration following an initial engagement with Tatu City in 2017. He said that the collaboration will address mutual smart cities issues on continuing to improve the ease of doing business in Kenya.

"By Konza being a Special Economic Zone as Tatu is, we are both very keen to attract investment in Kenya. Tatu City and ourselves are very ready to collaborate with other government and private agencies to attract more investment in our country," said Eng Tanui.

He said the two entities will share experience and insights and help each other in providing solutions towards building stronger strategies to attract investment in the country.

Eng Tanui added that with the mega infrastructure such as the Konza National Data Centre being operational at Konza, they will explore how both entities can benefit from the resources as they look forward to more collaborations with other partners and agencies outside Kenya.

He noted that with both cities having entities such as SEZ and Special Planning Areas, they have common areas through which they can engage, solve challenges and build experiences.

He indicated that a team comprising representatives from Konza and Tatu City will spearhead the implementation of the partnership.

KoTDA Directors Mr Ken Waibochi, Eng Kaburu Mwirichia and Rendeavour's Deputy Country Head, Mr Evans Dimba, were also present during the visit.

Both Tatu City and Konza City are building on 5,000 acres, each with mixed-use developments, including homes, schools, offices, medical centres, nature parks, sport & entertainment complex and manufacturing for more than 250,000 residents and 30,000 day visitors each.

So far, KoTDA's National Data Centre and Konza Complex are complete while horizontal infrastructure on Phase One is ongoing. In Tatu city, two schools educating 3,000 students daily, 60 businesses and 3,000 homes are completed or under development.

VISION 2030 SITE VISIT



Project status of the Konza Technopolis is on course, with key projects set to be rolled out this year.

This was emphasized today during a courtesy tour of the Technopolis by the Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat led by the Director General, Mr. Kenneth Mwige.

Konza Technopolis, which is a key flagship project under the country's Vision 2030 is set to transform Kenya into a newly industrialized, and upper middle income country providing a high quality of life to all citizens by the year 2030.

Mr. Mwige lauded the efforts made by the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) in delivering on their mandate.

"The Technopolis is one of the key flagship projects under the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)

/ Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Sector under the Economic Pillar. Our visit here today has enabled us to appreciate the progress made so far and also gained insights on the operations and challenges of the KoTDA. Konza team, I must add, have done a good job and the progress made so far is commendable."

Mr. Mwige further said they had held fruitful discussions with the KoTDA team on how the Authority can stay on target in delivering on the country's development agenda come the year 2030.

The Vision 2030 Director General also pointed out that as a model city, the Technopolis is leading the way by providing room for learning for institutions aspiring to be smart and sustainable.

KoTDA Chief Executive Officer, Eng. John Tanui said the highlights of the project progress include completion of the National Data Centre and Konza complex. Considerable progress has been made on the development of the horizontal infrastructure, key among them roads, utility corridor and the water reclamation facility.

With the completion of the National Data Centre, the institution has received interest from both private and public entities. The data centre scope includes; Tier III National Data Centre (Phase I & II), Smart City facilities and services, virtual desktop infrastructure, disaster recovery data centre as well as e-government and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) services.

Eng. Tanui indicated that with the completion of the Authority's headquarters, they have been able to centralise their services and further coordinate onsite development.

"The Konza Complex project is vital in that it accommodates the Authority's headquarters from where the city's administration and coordination of the onsite development activities including the Big Four Agenda programs are coordinated," he noted.

He also reiterated that with the near completion of horizontal development some of the investors were already gearing up to set up operations this year.



Left - Right: KoTDA CEO Eng. John Tanui & Vision 2030 Director General, Mr. Kenneth Mwige.

THE AUTHORITY VISITS LAKEHUB AS PART OF ONGOING ENGAGEMENTS WITH DIFFERENT INNOVATION HUBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

KoTDA CEO, Eng. John Tanui accompanied MoICT Principal Secretary, Jerome Ochieng on a courtesy visit to the Lake Hub in Kisumu on Friday, 11th February 2021.

LakeHub is a social enterprise technology organization that creates space for young people to pursue their passion in using technology to create sustainable technological solutions for the community they live in, which address social needs such as food security, health, safety, education and unemployment. LakeHub exists primarily to spur innovation in the Western Kenya region as a means to create job opportunities for youth and women in the lake basin region. Towards this end, LakeHub strives to achieve its mission of decentralizing access to technology and promoting youth entrepreneurship and innovation at the grassroots.

During the visit, the delegation got the opportunity to tour the space, meet the local innovators and staff members, and learnt the challenges Lakehub was addressing as well as the opportunities for collaboration. The team also discussed the role that government can play in supporting the hub to offer tech and entrepreneurship skills to young people in western Kenya. Among areas identified for collaboration is supporting innovation hubs with necessary infrastructure such as fibre optic connectivity and hosting of data at Konza national data centre to strengthen their regional activities at the national and global levels.



MoICT and KoTDA leadership during a tour at Lakehub. The visit is part of ongoing engagements with different innovation hubs across the country to identify areas of synergy in order to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in the country.

LEARN ABOUT THE KONZA NATIONAL DATA CENTER



Konza National Data Center and Smart City facilities project is being implemented by the Ministry of ICT through Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA). The project is being executed as a priority for Phase I of Konza Technopolis implementation that will ensure that Konza is able to carry out the core functions of a smart city. In addition, it will be a key enabler towards Kenya's digital economy and is modelled to support data, voice, video, services, systems and applications.

Phase 1 Data Center is already operational and currently serving both government and enterprises with high-quality world-class services to support their needs. It will provide various cloud services like Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS) and Collocation to clients. In addition, it will act as a shared services host for government ministries and to support Konza Technopolis Smart Facilities and Smart Services.

<p>a) Software as a Service (SaaS)</p>	<p>This is a service that provides software to its users over the Internet. The service can be provided to the customers using any of the following licensing method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service on demand • Through a subscription • Pay-as-you-go • Or even at no charge
<p>b) Platform as a Service (PaaS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients with new applications and databases, requiring new hosting services but do not have Operating system. • Startup enterprises requiring a platform to develop, test, host, deploy and maintain applications in the same development environment. • Enterprises looking for PaaS solutions to host their applications.
<p>c) Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients looking for hosting destinations. • Clients with existing systems (applications, database, operating systems) considering alternative hosting due challenges with current environment. • Clients with primary hosting services in need of backup solutions. • Business enterprises within and outside Konza in need of hosting services.
<p>d) Collocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients looking for rack space renting. • This service will be available from May 2021.

Phase II Data Center is set to be commissioned in April 2021, the KNDC Phase II will in addition to the services offered in Phase I add co-location services to the blend of services.

The services currently available in the Data Center include:

- Cloud Servers – This is on-demand availability of computer system resources, especially data storage and computing power, without direct active management by the user. The Data Center offers Virtual Machines to clients who need to host their applications, email services, databases, ERP's systems, CRM's etc in the cloud environment.
- Bare Metal Servers – The Data Center will provide physical server renting that is dedicated to a single customer and is not shared between customers. This service is mostly used by customers with high computing performance applications.
- Cloud Storage – The Data Center has enough storage capacity for customers who wish to securely store their data in the cloud.
- Data Backup Service – The Data Center is offering backup solutions whereby customers can create a copy of their data and have it stored in our cloud environment. The backup is used to restore the original data after a data loss event due to hacker's attack, virus infection, accidental deletion, system breakdown etc.
- Video conference service
- Email hosting services – This is a service in which your email messages and associated files are all stored on a server.



- Website hosting services – This service allows organizations and individuals to host their websites on the internet.
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) services

The services offered by the Konza Data Center are meant to position Konza as leading technology and innovation hub, through the smart city contributing to Kenya's knowledge-based economy as envisaged in Vision 2030.

Konza National Data Center Attributes

- The Data Center has been certified by Uptime Institute as a Tier III Design & Construction. This certification guarantees an expected uptime of 99.982%
- Various Internet Service Providers have terminated their connectivity at the Data Center giving customers multiple diverse fiber connectivity and free will to choose their service provider of choice.
- Power reliability – The Data Center is being supplied by the Konza substation with two power feeds for power redundancy. There are also two new substations, the new KPLC Konza substation and a KETRACO

substation to ensure sufficient power to the Data Center at all times.

- Operations handled by competent and dedicated team.
- Highly secure Data Center environment – The Data Center is in a secure environment with biometric access, CCTV surveillance cameras in all areas that are monitored 24*7*365 and a single point of entry to the Data Center with a mantrap, vehicle inspection, one-way turnstile and x-ray baggage scanner.

Konza Cloud Security Features

The data center has been designed and implemented with multiple security levels:

- Multiple access control.
- Five level biometric fingerprint access control from main gate to main building door will be utilized, data hall, aisle containment access control and cabinet level access control.
- All the entrance records will be recorded by the DCIM.
- The CCTV cameras-no blind spot monitor both the perimeter of the facility as well as all areas inside the facility.

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YOUTH IN KENYA URGED TO EXPLORE TALENTS FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Youth in Kenya have been challenged to exploit their talents and creativity for income-generating opportunities as a way of tackling the rising unemployment.

In a keynote address during a webinar organized by Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) to discuss the role of the creative sector in building the digital economy, Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs Mr Joe Mucheru noted that many countries have leveraged on the creative sector to create job opportunities and boost their economies.

In his address read on his behalf by Mr. Jerome Ochieng, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs, the CS

added that youth in Kenya must also be on the forefront utilizing their talents in the sector to earn a living and to spur Kenya's digital economy.

"Kenya's creative sector is a vibrant one, brimming with talent and great possibility, especially when looked at through the opportunities it affords to our youthful population. I urge more youths in Kenya to take it upon themselves to utilize the available opportunities in the creative sector to create employment for themselves and eventually contribute to our economy," he said.

The Webinar's Panelists included Mr. Timothy Odhiambo Owase, CEO, Kenya Film Commission, Dr. Naim Bilal, Managing Director, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), Eng John Tanui, KoTDA CEO, Mr. Mwaniki Mageria, TV Personality and Film Producer, Ms. Akinyi Odongo, Creative Director and Mr. Mike Strano, Founding Director PHAT! Music & Entertainment Limited.



KONZA Technopolis

WEBINAR

I invite you to join me in a webinar on
"Contribution of the creative sector
in building the digital economy"



Jerome Ochieng,
Principal Secretary
for ICT and Innovation

Date: Wed, January 20th, 2021 | **Time:** 2pm to 4pm

RSVP: Brenda Kaaria on bkaaria@konza.go.ke



Mr Mucheru noted that the government through his Ministry is currently implementing several projects under the Ajira Digital Program to support the creative sector in the country.

"We are currently implementing several programs to support our efforts in this area. Through the Studio Mashinani project which is a key component of the Ajira Digital Program, we are supporting our youth in the creative industry by providing them with quality audio production facilities to record their creative arts even with limited financial resources."



“We do this because we are well aware of the challenges many of them face when it comes to accessing production equipment. We also established over 300 Constituency Innovation Hubs (CIHs) where the youth are trained on online jobs through the Ajira Digital platform,” added CS Mucheru.

His sentiments were echoed by Mr Owase who also urged the youth be proactive in the creative sector and leverage the available opportunities.

“The digital economy is here to stay and we must therefore be prepared to leverage on it as a country and avoid being left behind because the creative sector no doubt plays a huge role in this digital economy,” he said

He further noted that last year was a good year for the country’s film sector as a number of Kenyan-made films premiered on Netflix, which is one of the biggest movie streaming platforms globally.

Eng. Tanui said the Authority is currently in the process of developing a Digital Media City which will comprise TV broadcasting, animation and gaming, filming and photography, and ICT programming.

The project, he said, will support the country’s creative sector by providing digital media and entertainment ecosystem for research, training, propagation of new technologies, innovation and production of content.

Dr. Bilal emphasised that the role of media in the creative economy cannot be overstated, adding that the Government is keen on expanding opportunities for those keen to grow.

Mr. Strano stressed the importance of Intellectual Property in the sector, adding that the impact of digital piracy was heavy.

On her part, Ms. Odongo said: “For a long time fashion and design

has not been looked at as a serious career space, but things are now changing and the COVID-19 has taught us that it is a very important area, especially when it comes to provision of PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment). This is a multi-billion dollars industry and we need to position ourselves as a nation in order to bite into this big pie.”

Mr. Mageria urged investors in film production to invest more, noting that the current environment has created more avenues for earning revenues in the sector.

“This is a good time to be a creative because you can be able to monetize more easily than before. Local producers therefore need to invest more resources, time and creativity in the sector because that will bring back financial returns,” he said.

The Webinar was moderated by Ms. Zuhura Ogada-Odhiambo.



WEBINAR

“Contribution of the creative sector in building the digital economy”



Mr. Joe Mucheru
ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs
Cabinet Secretary
(CHIEF GUEST)



Mr. Jerome Ochieng
ICT, Innovation & Youth
Affairs Principal Secretary
(HOST)



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KoTDA CEO
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Ms. Zuhura Ogada-Odhiambo
(MODERATOR)

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WOMEN URGED TO EXPLORE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN KONZA

Women in associations and cooperatives have been urged to take up investment opportunities at Konza Technopolis as a way of enhancing their economic empowerment and development of the country's first smart city.

The Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network Kenya (CBWN-K) Chairperson, Ms. Nana Gachau made the appeal during a tour of the Technopolis.

Citing the Machakos Women Group, the first women investors in the Technopolis, Ms. Wanjau said opportunities should be taken up early as possible to spur development.

"There are a number of foreign investors who have come and expressed interest in developing at Konza. We should not be left behind in our own country by only getting to hear what is happening in Konza. Let us be proactive and like Commonwealth businesswomen did today," said the chairperson.

Ms. Wanjau urged women to be part of development projects while working as groups or associations. She noted that visiting the Technopolis has enabled them to get to know more about the project.

She said: "Like Commonwealth Businesswomen did today, we made a trip to Konza to explore opportunities where we can plug in. We are glad to hear that even the women in Chama's have a piece to develop and that is encouraging"

"I want to specifically call upon the women in leading associations in Kenya to make a trip to Konza and take up positions. As business women, this is the next frontier and we should be part and parcel of it," she said.

During the visit, Ms. Wanjau was accompanied by at least 10 business women who will be making either collective or individual business decisions to invest in Konza based on the visit, and the insight they have gathered from interacting with the team at Konza.

Phase one of the Konza Technopolis has attracted 40 percent of investors so far, comprises of 5,000 acres offering smart agriculture, manufacturing, real estate, health and education investment opportunities which are open for both local and foreign investors.



KoTDA's Sales Officer Saidimu Tenik (right), Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network Kenya (CBWN-K) Member Ms. Regina Gitao (second right), Chairperson Ms. Nana Wanjau (second), and Adviser Dr. Dashanaba King (left) during a tour at Konza Technopolis.)

THE 1ST WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN KONZA TAKES SHAPE!

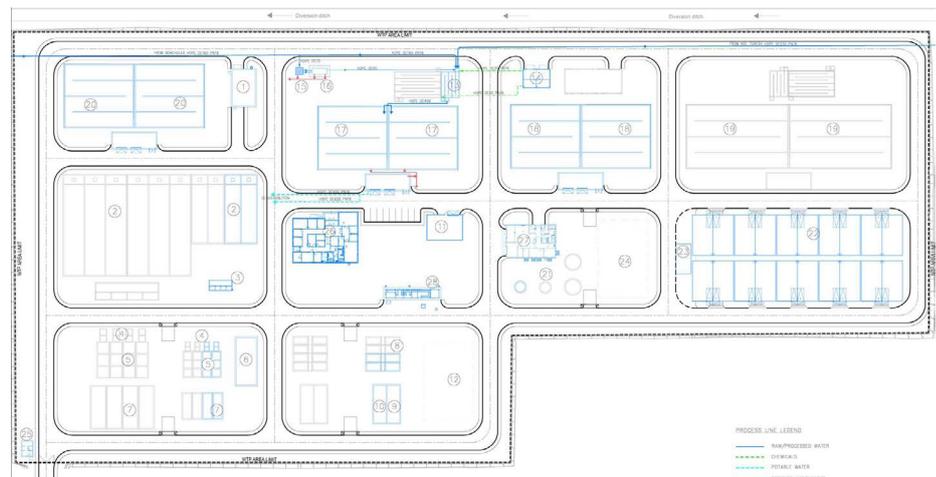


Walling Works for West Potable Water Storage

For arid regions such as the Konza Technopolis, a renewable and sustainable water supply is critical in order to support living and working in the city. Currently potable water for Konza is being supplied from groundwater boreholes. The capacity of this water supply source will be augmented in stages. The first source of supplemental water is the existing Nol Turesh pipeline, which brings renewable surface water north from Mount Kilimanjaro. In the future, additional augmentation water will be available from the Thwake Dam, a proposed structure (under design) to be located about 70 kilometres to the east, at the conjunction of the Athi and Thwake Rivers.

Water from all sources will require some treatment ranging from turbidity and Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

removal, disinfection, or advanced water treatment to remove salt. Water Treatment Plant Number 1 (WTP #1) is designed to provide the potable water needs for Phase 1 supporting a population equivalent of 28,000 individuals. KoTDA intends that all services in the Technopolis will be developed in a planned, organized manner. Initially, this smaller WTP #1 will be developed to function during Phase 1 but will be integrated into the originally planned area for the larger Water Treatment Plant Number Two (WTP #2). This was deemed as an optimal design as the treated water for both plants would need to be distributed to the same area.



WTP1 Layout



Casting of Concrete for Non-Potable Water Storage

Construction for WTP#1 has already begun, in preparation for the treatment of water from the two initial supplies. It is expected that the plant will disinfect 2 Mega Litres per day (ML/d) from Nol Turesh and a further 0.85 ML/d from the boreholes. The borehole water will require additional purification through a reverse osmosis process. The disinfected waters will be collected before distribution in the West potable water storage tank. This tank has been designed to hold 6,480 meters cubed of water at any one time.

KONZA HOSTS WEBINAR ON ROLE OF CREATIVE SECTOR IN BUILDING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

The Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) on Wednesday, 20th January 2021 hosted a webinar on the role of the creative sector in advancing Kenya's digital economy.

The webinar attracted stakeholders from the creative sector and was attended by ICT & Innovation Principal Secretary Jerome Ochieng' who read the keynote speech on behalf of ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru. The panellists were; Mr. Timothy Owase, CEO, Kenya Film Commission, Dr. Naim Bilal, Managing Director, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), Eng. John Tanui, KoTDA CEO, Mr. Mwaniki Mageria, TV Personality and Film Producer, Ms. Akinyi Odongo, Creative Director and Mr. Mike Strano, Founding Director PHAT! Music & Entertainment Limited. The session was moderated by Mrs. Zuhura Odhiambo.

CS Mucheru said that the government being cognizant of the important role of the creative sector, is working to establish an enabling environment to promote the creative economy in the country through implementation of the National Film Policy.

He further said that the government is working on establishing a film education and incubation centre to empower the youth and develop the required skills for Kenya to effectively compete in the sector. This, he said, was in addition to the establishment of the Digital Media City currently under development at the Konza Technopolis which is meant to support the creative sector in the country.



WEBINAR

"Contribution of the creative sector in building the digital economy"

Date:
January 20th, 2021

Time:
2pm to 4pm



RSVP: Brenda Kaaria on bkaaria@konza.go.ke

Mr. Owase noted the need for Kenyans to be pro-active in leveraging the available opportunities. "The digital economy is here to stay and we must therefore be prepared to leverage on it as a country and avoid being left in this important sector of the economy," he said.

On his part, Dr. Naim stressed the important role that the media play in the creative economy, noting that the national broadcaster is keen on promoting the sector through creating opportunities for those interested in the sector.

"The role of the media in promoting the creative sector cannot be overstated. At KBC, we continue to consume up to 60% of local content and we intend to push that up to a target of up to 80% above the 60% legal requirement," said Bilal.

While giving her remarks, Ms. Odongo, a fashion designer and Chairlady of the Kenya Fashion Council, said that there is need for Kenyans to support the country's creative sector by purchasing local products. "The fashion industry is an integral part of the creative industry and therefore an area which we cannot look down upon. Looking at where the world is going, it is all about sustainability and as Kenyans we are at a place where we need to focus on what we have within us so

that we can move to the next level and export what we have," she said.

Eng. Tanui said that Konza Technopolis is playing its part in supporting the creative sector through the development of key infrastructure such as the Digital Media City and the Konza Data Centre. The Digital Media City facility will comprise TV broadcasting, animation and gaming, filming and photography, and ICT programming. He said that the feasibility study of the project is currently underway with the support of different stakeholders.

Mr. Mageria emphasized the need to improve the quality of content and production to improve the country's competitiveness in the sector. Kenya, he observed, has learnt from other countries over the years, greatly improving the content quality. He added that with the availability of more channels for monetizing content, the industry has great opportunity for growth which Kenya must capitalize on.

The event coincided with the United Nations declaration of 2021 as the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. This is in recognition of the need to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, foster innovation and provide opportunities for people all over the world.

Welcome to the Silicon Savannah



Konza Technopolis, Africa's smartest investment destination will host the most creative, impactful technology that will disrupt industries and transform lifestyles.

Designated as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), the Technopolis provides unparalleled opportunities to deploy game changing technologies, make data driven decisions and deploy sustainable smart water and energy use that will lower the cost of doing business and open up economic opportunities for Africa. Most of residential parcels in Phase One have already been taken.

All our parcels are fully serviced, with a plug and play utilities feature. The Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Africa's most forward university, has begun. A world class Digital Media City is on course. 262 acres of nature parks and recreational areas, keeping Africa's promise of everyday interaction with nature are set.

We're building the city of the future!

Opportunities available in:



Smart Manufacturing,
Light Industry & Logistics



ICT & IT
Enabled services



Product
development
& innovation



R&D Centres



Medical &
Pharmaceutical
services



Media &
information services



Smart
Agriculture



Property
development



Hotels &
Convention Centres



Entertainment,
recreation and
sports facilities



Business
enterprises



Education &
training institutions

Why invest in Konza?

Strategic Growth Clusters

ICT/ITES



Life Sciences



Engineering



Driven by



Research & Development



Education



Commercial Development

Here's Why...

Konza Technopolis offers...

A Master Planned City

Meticulously designed, Konza strikes the delicate balance between modernity and environmental sustainability. Incorporating a wildlife corridor, the city offers nature, safety and convenience that assures a good quality of life.



World Class Infrastructure

Konza Technopolis offers International standard integrated infrastructure, including ICT, Streetscape, utilities, automated waste collection and water reclamation.



Smart City Services

Konza Technopolis is designed with technology in mind to leverage on human capital and develop a self sustaining city which supports a variety of urban services and presents attractive investment opportunities.



Accessibility

Konza Technopolis is served by Kenya's main road artery, A109, the Meter gauge and Standard gauge railways, with the national airport 47km away.



A Vibrant Innovation Ecosystem

Konza Technopolis is a convergence of the Innovation Triple Helix, bringing together Government, Academia and Industry to unlock Kenya's knowledge based economy.



Ease Of Doing Business

Konza Technopolis has simple, straightforward on boarding processes for investors who are assured of the safety and security of their investments.



One Stop Shop

Our One Stop Shop will support you every step of the way from labor regulations, work permits, international logistics, utility applications, registration with tax authorities and more!



Ample Available land

Konza Technopolis has 5,000 acres of land under phased development. Phase 1 offers investor-ready serviced parcels of land for lease.



For more information, Visit our website at www.konza.go.ke Or write to us at invest@konza.go.ke

MY JOURNEY AS A WOMAN IN THE ICT ARENA

Yvonne Maua



What inspired you to venture into the ICT sector and not any other career?

As a young girl, I had always dreamt of becoming a veterinarian since my love for animals was so strong. In fact, so strong was it that I chose to pick Agriculture as one of my options in secondary school. However, when I started considering pursuing a diploma in college, the new wave of the digital development around computers and the “PC” thing gradually absorbed me in.

There has been a misconception around girls pursuing STEM courses. How was it for you while in school?

Well, I enrolled in college in the year 2000 for a Diploma in IT and Management. I was very curious about it and all I wanted was to learn more about computers and why they were better than the typewriters. By then, typewriters were majorly used in many offices. My journey in college picked up so well, and

with commitment, I can say that no one should be afraid to pursue such a course. STEM courses have no gender. For me, ICT was fun and after finishing the course, I decided to pursue my degree. While I was pursuing my BSC in IT, I started my first part time job tutoring an organization in Microsoft packages and encouraging storage of data digitally at that time in diskettes.

What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

As usual, challenges will always been there, but it is upon oneself to decide how you would want to solve them. After college, I did two attachments and two internships without pay to gain experience. This was one of the challenges and luckily, my people supported me.

Please tell us more about your journey in the industry?

After two years of attachment and internship, I landed a job in the Hospitality Industry as an IT supervisor with a specialty in both command based ERP systems and more robust Sunsystems ERP. During this time, I kept learning of the new developments that were happening in the industry.

Regularly, I got advice on every step of the way from colleagues, college mates and friends who had pursued ICT prior to me. This gave me knowledge and courage to solve whatever challenges I faced.

I later joined a Humanitarian Organization as an ICT Specialist in ERP’s, Networks and Systems Support where ICT was used to enlighten, change, and innovate within war torn countries. I must say that this truly inspired me since I saw how IT can change lives “literally”.

Later on, I ventured into the public sector where my career grew from a System and Technical Support to an Infrastructure Specialist. With the constant changes in the ICT Sector, the government opted to go digital. With time, I was elevated to be part of this process in the never-ending ICT world. I then pursued another course in ITIL, became certified Prince II practitioner and this gave me the opportunity to join the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) as an ICT Project Manager for the Data Center.

Girls and young women have continued to be underrepresented in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) sector. What should be done to improve this?

The progression for a woman in ICT or STEM requires proper mentorship. I am a living testimony to this and I can tell you that I learnt as much as I could and I am still learning. This is one of the ways we can bring in more girls in the space.

Apart from this, engaging key stakeholders in the sector to create avenues where girls can learn is more important. Creating awareness on the STEM sector and what it carries will enable more girls to learn that the misconceptions that have been created around STEM – for example: STEM is for men subjects - are wrong.

These efforts combined shall lead our country and the world in a more advanced level where more women are involved in STEM careers.

How is life at Konza Technopolis ICT Division?

In the ICT Division we have seven women (aged 23-39 years), in a team of 28 in different ICT

fields namely: Networks, Security, Customer Accounts, Helpdesk Support and Project Management.

The ladies here have been amazing in adopting and using ICT to scale the development of Konza Technopolis. The experience has been amazing and I must mention that the operationalization of the Data Center - thanks to the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs - to be an engine and enabler of cloud services to both government and enterprise client is exciting. I feel

at home in Konza, and it has been my passion to continue serving in the field of ICT as a woman.

What is your parting shot?

I want to encourage young women and girls to take up space in the ICT and STEM courses. ICT is fun, enjoyable and a fulfilling career. As our slogan within the Konza Technopolis says: 'Technology in the Service of Humanity'.

Therefore, let everyone know that ICT is an enabler of development and in light of the world's development around technology, now is the right time for you to pick this up.

I am doing it, others have done it and you can do it.



KOTDA'S EFFORT TOWARDS CORRUPTION PREVENTION

KoTDA's leadership has declared a zero-tolerance culture for Corruption. As such, it's employees and stakeholders are expected to uphold integrity and ethic in their dealings. The leadership at KoTDA has ensured that the KoTDA has infrastructure such as the Anti-Corruption Policy and Code of Conduct and Ethics that has highlighted the standards

of ethical behavior the Team is expected to uphold at all times. This has gone a long way in ensuring that our investors, developers, local community and potential employees are treated with utmost respect and fairness; and that our services are delivered within reasonable time and as provided for in our service charter while ensuring that tax payers

resources are safeguarded against misappropriation and wastage. The Authority has also put in place a Whistle Blowing Policy that has outlined the procedures to ensure staff and stakeholders who report unethical conduct can safely do so without fear of discrimination and intimidation.

These polices are anchored on various legislation such as The Constitution of Kenya, Anti-Corruption & Economic Crimes Act 2003, Public Officers Ethics Act 2003, Leadership & Integrity Act 2012, Bribery Act 2016, among others.

The Authority has committed to sensitize its staff and stakeholders on the provisions of these legislation to ensure that everyone is aware of the provisions of these laws and their obligations in the fight against corruption. In this edition, we want to focus on the Bribery Act 2016.

The Bribery Act 2016 which was enacted Act of Parliament to provide for the prevention, investigation and punishment of bribery, provides general bribery offences that include giving a bribe, receiving a bribe, bribery of foreign public official and function and activities that relate to a bribe. The Act bribery offences now apply to both public, private entities and individuals.

What Constitutes a Bribe?

Giving: a person commits the offence of giving a bribe if “the person offers, promises or gives a financial or other advantage to another person, who knows or believes the acceptance of the financial or other advantage would itself constitute the improper performance of a relevant function or activity”.

Receiving: a person commits an offence of receiving a bribe if they request, agree to receive or receive an advantage intending that a relevant function or activity will be performed improperly.

The Bribery Act has **extra-territorial application** in relation to bribery-related offences carried out outside Kenya. Accordingly, all acts

of bribery committed by a Kenyan citizen, a public or private entity or a person associated with such a private entity outside Kenya is treated as if the act of bribery took place in Kenya.

Duty to Report Acts of Bribery

Every state officer, public officer or a person holding a position of authority in a private entity, is expected to report any knowledge or suspicion of instances of bribery within a period of twenty-four (24) hours, failure to which a person is deemed to have committed an offence.

Prevention of Bribery

Obligations to Develop Measures for Prevention of Bribery and Corruption

Public and private entities are required to put in place procedures for the prevention of bribery and corruption appropriate to their size and scale and nature of their operations. Failure of private entities to put in place such procedures is an offence on the part of the director or senior officer.

Protection of Whistle Blowers

There is provision for protection of whistle blowers from any form of intimidation or harassment arising from providing information to law enforcement or giving evidence in court. It is an offence to harass, intimidate or disclose information regarding informants, whistle blowers or witness by way such as demotion, admonishing, dismissal, transfers to unfavorable working areas.

Penalties

The Bribery Act imposes penalties for bribery related offences including:

- Imprisonment (maximum of ten years);



- Imposition of a fine (not exceeding KES 5,000,000/-);
- Where the person received a quantifiable benefit or any other person suffered a quantifiable loss, imposition of additional mandatory fine (five times the amount of the benefit and/or loss);
- Requirement to pay the benefit received to the Government;
- Confiscation of property;
- Disqualification from an elective person;
- Disqualification from serving as a director or partner in Kenya; or
- Being barred from holding public office.

The Authority encourages our stakeholders to use our corruption reporting mechanisms at the Technopolis including our email integrity@konza.go.ke, Corruption Reporting Boxes, Postal address, or any other anonymous channel one may be comfortable with. We also encourage the persons reporting to provide as much detail as possible to facilitate investigation on the alleged corrupt practice.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (NACOSTI) VISIT

During the month of January, the National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation (NACOSTI) paid a courtesy call to Konza Technopolis. The team, led by Chief Analyst Dr. David Otuoma and Ms. Rael Odhiambo explored the possibilities of working together with Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) in the innovation sector.

While addressing KoTDA members of staff, Ms. Odhiambo said as a national entity mandated to regulate and assure quality in the science, technology and innovation sector, they will sign a memorandum with the Authority to ensure quality

development of the city. "We are here today to explore areas of collaboration with Konza Technopolis. As per our mandate, we look forward to advise KoTDA on implementing sound policies and budgets while working in collaboration with other organizations involved in science, technology and innovation within Kenya and beyond.

In light of this, we shall be signing an agreement in the future days to work with Konza," said Ms. Odhiambo. She said they were impressed with the progress of KoTDA from what they had seen.

NACOSTI regulates and assures quality in the science, technology and innovation sector and advises the Government in matters related to the sector.



From L-R: KoTDA's Principal Marketing Officer Jeremiah Ndiba, National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation (NACOSTI) Analyst Rael Adhiambo, NACOSTI Chief Analyst Dr. David Otuoma and KoTDA's Chief Manager for Economic Development, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation Josephine Ndambuki during a courtesy to KoTDA by NACOSTI.)



19 WINNERS FETED IN INAUGURAL AFRICA DIGITAL INFLUENCER AWARDS



Crazy Kennar showcasing his awards at the Konza Technopolis during the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020 ceremony. He won two categories; Go Beyond Influencer of the Year and Comedian Influencer of the Year.



Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) Board Chairman, Arch. Dr. Reuben Mutiso handing over an award to Mohammed Hersi who won the Most Influential Digital Leader Category under the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020. The award ceremony was held at Konza Technopolis.



Nineteen winners of the Inaugural 2020 Africa Digital Influencer Awards ((ADIA20), have been feted.

The event, first of its kind in Africa, featured 20 categories and identified digital influencers who used their talents on digital platforms to inspire and impact the society positively in Kenya and Africa in the year 2020. The awards ceremony was held at Konza Technopolis.

The event which was attended by Kilome Member of Parliament (MP), Mr. Thaddeus Nzambia, Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) Chairman, Dr. Reuben Mutiso, CEO Eng. John Tanui and Africa Digital Leadership Principal & Co-Founder Mr. Chris Bitti, is aimed at enhancing the use of digital media to develop the economy.

Speaking during the ceremony, Mr. Nzambia congratulated the winners, adding that as legislators, they will continue to develop laws that promote the creative industry.

While urging fellow lawmakers to look beyond 2022 and make the project a success, the MP said: "I am humbled to be here today for this awards ceremony. As you all are aware, Konza is setting up a media city which will act as a hub in the creative industry. Let us be part of this and support its success.

Mr. Bitti noted that the inaugural awards event received massive response and feedback which goes to demonstrate that the creative industry is an area which investors ought to consider. He said that the response inspired them to hold the event at Konza Technopolis which is working towards developing a digital media hub.

"For us to choose Konza as a host, we reckon that they have understood that content creation is instrumental in promoting digital transformation and it's really going to fuel a lot of digital growth. Despite Konza being a construction site, a lot of horizontal infrastructure has gone on and this is the future," said Mr. Bitti.

While urging the participants to keep doing the best in their creative spaces to advance the industry to greater levels, Mr. Bitti said they look forward to holding the awards on an annual basis in order to improve the industry's standards.

"This is an industry that has a lot of potential to employ our young people. Together with our partners, we will do our very best to hold it annually," he said.

On his part, Eng. Tanui used the opportunity to highlight the benefits of Konza's Digital Media City to the creative industry players and urged them to be part of the project.

"We are glad to have hosted the ADIA awards in partnership with Safaricom and EABL. At Konza, we have one specific project we are in the process of developing and it is the Digital Media City (DMC) which will comprise of TV broadcasting, animation and gaming, filming and photography, and ICT programming. This is envisioned to drive Kenya's creative industry to higher levels and also generate investment and job opportunities for our people," said the CEO.

He added: "Towards this dream, I'm glad to inform you that recently, the Government through the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs in collaboration with South Korean government launched a feasibility study for the Konza Digital Media City (DMC) project that is being implemented here with the support of Korea-Exim Bank."

Earlier during the day, a team from Konza Technopolis took a maiden trip to Konza Station from Nairobi Railways Station. The route, set to open up connectivity between the two cities, is part of Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Master Plan which is being implemented to end vehicular congestion in the Central Business District (CBD).

The event was sponsored by KoTDA, Safaricom Limited and East African Breweries Limited (EABL).



ADIA20
AFRICA DIGITAL INFLUENCER AWARDS

THE FULL LIST OF WINNERS IS OUTLINED BELOW;

Fitness Influencer of the Year
Eliud Kipchoge- Winner

Health & Nutrition Influencer
of the Year
Kaluhi's Kitchen- Winner

Woman Fashion Influencer of the Year
Wanjiru Njiru- Winner

Man Fashion Influencer of the Year
Gee Dufanda- Winner

Newcomer of the Year
Cartoon Comedian- Winner

Social Good/Warrior Influencer
of the Year
Boniface Mwangi- Winner

TV/Online Influencer of the Year
Betty Kyalo- Winner

Man Lifestyle Influencer of the Year
The Dapper Brother- Winner

Woman Lifestyle Influencer of the Year
Wambosha Maxine- Winner

Beauty Influencer of the Year
Joan Kinuthia- Winner

Content Creator of the Year
Blessed Njugush- Winner

Most Influential Podcast
The Cyco Podcast – Winner

Comedian Influencer of the Year
Crazy Kennar - Winner

Best Use of Video
Jacky Vike – Tusker – Winner

Disruptor of the Year
Flaqa Raz- Winner

Go Beyond Influencer of the year
Crazy Kennar- Winner

Influencer of the Year
Flaqa Raz- Winner

Most Influential Digital Leader
Mohammed Hersi- Winner

People's Choice Award
Edgar Obare-Winner

ADIA20

AFRICA DIGITAL INFLUENCER AWARDS



Content Creator of the Year winner, Blessed Njugush and his wife Celestine Ndinda (Wakavinye) during the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020 event held at Konza Technopolis.



Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) CEO Eng. John Tanui (left) with Disruptor of the Year winner Flaqa Raz during the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020 ceremony held at the Technopolis.



Betty Kyalo won the TV/Online Influencer of the Year Category under the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020. The event was held at Konza Technopolis.



Mohammed Hersi during the Africa Digital Influencer Awards ceremony held at Konza Technopolis. He was named the Most Influential Digital Leader.



Wambosha Maxine at the Africa Digital Influencer Awards (ADIA) 2020 ceremony held at Konza Technopolis. She was crowned winner in the Woman Lifestyle Influencer of the Year Category.

PICTORIAL



1. From a distance, Konza Complex rear elevation. The complex houses KoTDA offices. **2.** ICM Group Camp at Konza Technopolis. **3.** Ongoing construction at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). **4.** Workers laying pipes for the city's smart drainage system. **5.** World class Tier III Data Centre at Konza Technopolis. **6.** ICM Group's temporary residential staff houses at Konza Technopolis.



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7. KoTDA General Marketing Manager Stella Muhoro presents to the Vision 2030 Board during a visit at Konza Technopolis.
8. KoTDA CEO, Eng. John Tanui plants a tree at the Konza Technopolis during the Vision 2030 visit.
9. Vision 2030 Member Joseph Ole Tiampati poses besides a tree he planted during the Board's visit.
10. Vision 2030 Principal PR and Communications Officer Ms. Veronicah Muchiri plants a tree at Konza.
11. The tree planting project was jointly undertaken by the Vision 2030 projects and Konza Technopolis Development Authority/

PICTORIAL



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiangi (left) and Konza Technopolis Development Authority Chairman, Dr. Reuben Mutiso, during the launch of the Konza Ultra-Modern Security Centre.



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government Dr. Fred Matiangi at Konza Technopolis with Konza Technopolis Development Authority CEO, Eng. John Tanui .

PICTORIAL



Cabinet Secretary ICT & Innovation, Mr. Joe Mucheru and Konza Technopolis Development Authority CEO, Eng. John Tanui sharing a brief at the Technopolis.



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiangi.



PICTORIAL



Cabinet Secretary ICT & Innovation, Mr. Joe Mucheru and his counterpart Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government Dr. Fred Matiangi at Konza Technopolis.

KONZA TECHNOLIS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KOTDA) WEBINARS: JULY 2020 — MARCH 2021

In the last nine months, the Authority has been privileged to host and participate in different interactive webinars covering topics around innovation and technology. As we continue to thank our partners and all the stakeholders who were involved to make the webinars successful, we do not want you to miss anything. Below are links to each webinar that you may kindly follow at your own time;

Date	Webinar	Theme	Link
18 th March 2021	IASP Africa Web Forum	The Place of STP's in Economic Recovery; Impact of African Continental Free Trade Agreement	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EfrSIZTKdlBEkoy8lqEwF-cBsIEGfLxFWDxFNcnNe_A7g?e=jKDdta
11 th March 2021	Konza – Israel Innovation Challenge Webinar	Innovation Driven Investment; A focus on Infrastructure	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9rb3RkYS-1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86djovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9ia2FhcmlhX2tbnphX2dvX2tlOVXemVkrMjRmJWJmVoUHYYTO1JNDI-jckZrQmxYQ2Z2VWBYXAYSlc0SW9YSzRMYkE%5FcnRp-bWU9ZkYzZGxMSUkyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos%2FKonza%2DIsrail%20Innovation%20Challenge%20Webinar%2Emp4&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos
21 st January 2021	Creative Webinar	Contribution of creative sector in building digital economy	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EUVfBsKjopXmpS6xN2cW1rMBr4KaCEVIQLI9LU0JleLMH-Vg?e=EAeKmp
17 th November 2020	Lake Basin Innovation and Investment Week	Local innovations for Economic Recovery and Resilience in the Lake Region	videos
27 th October 2020	Manufacturing Webinar	“Driving efficiency and competitiveness in manufacturing through technology and innovation”	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9rb3RkYS-1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86djovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9ia2FhcmlhX2tbnphX2dvX2tlOVXemVkrMjRmJWJmVoUHYYTO1JNDI-jckZrQmxYQ2Z2VWBYXAYSlc0SW9YSzRMYkE%5FcnRp-bWU9ZkYzZGxMSUkyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos%2FDriving%20Efficiency%20and%20Competitiveness%20in%20Manufacturing%20through%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%2Emp4&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos
September 23 rd 2020	Green Building	Green Infrastructure and Urban Greening for sustainable cities and communities	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9rb3RkYS-1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86djovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9ia2FhcmlhX2tbnphX2dvX2tlOVXemVkrMjRmJWJmVoUHYYTO1JNDI-jckZrQmxYQ2Z2VWBYXAYSlc0SW9YSzRMYkE%5FcnRp-bWU9ZkYzZGxMSUkyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos%2FWebinar%20on%20Green%20Infrastructure%20and%20Transformative%20pathways%20to%20Climate%20Action%20and%20Sustainability%2Emp4&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos

31 st August 2020	Emerging Digital Technologies	The role of emerging Digital technologies in shaping the future of smart and sustainable cities post COVID-19	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/ER216ePbS6tHuJlrbqIPvfMBNjYm6TfxPr-WICWKMus-Flw?e=gkrDhl
3 rd August 2020	The Future of Cities	Urban Environmental Planning Post – Covid - 19	https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM-6Ly9rb3RkYS1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86ZjovZy9w-ZXJzb25hbC9ia2FhcmlhX2tvcnphX2dvX2tHLOVvRVllidVkteD-JCSnNraDRid0RrM1E0QnVhMU1KeEVHdTNQUxqNEtnYn-hlMVE%5FcnRpbWU9ZGN2djhTUkyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos%2FUrban%20Environmental%20Planning%20%20Post%20Covid%2D19%5FFuture%20of%20Smart%20Cities%20Webinar%2Emp4&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fbkaaria%5Fkonza%5Fgo%5Fke%2FDocuments%2FKT%20Short%20Videos
31 st August 2020	Growth Hacking and COVID 19 survival strategy training for innovators		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EefVwWotkbtKkzvx4pfTQgBUIH8Uht3ctoPpj3i-tA2vUQ?e=ilfvjU
1 st September 2020	Growth Hacking and COVID 19 survival strategy training for innovators		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EWhMC2aLfhApDgn_g_QKVQB4Bf7ySYN0iOHROg-wzB2og?e=128hXD
31 st August 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp August Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EWO1xCgk6A1FmRPjn-tPVGkBiwVgYdYSeH2IWqpd00xtg?e=JA44KH
1 st September 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp August Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EWzedFbV2uhPv2OMI49crFkBXCFvUPUap2JW4loX-K4LbA?e=UXEcJC
2 nd September 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp August Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EfGcNud9cRRPsCCuR_zA99ABitdJ6GYis8cF-OjE6ijX-3Q?e=5zdCCF
3 rd September 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp August Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EeuYErhSE11GixZBdtSXpsABlc5vZ6UJegh-VbuxoiTU-MA?e=PZAP6j
17 th November 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp November Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EXImfX8IDKtLrZCNWdVWm80BBvSkqRoq1LQBotVJd-Shdag?e=mzXl3f
18 th November 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp November Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EFX9qlvMKRZJjNPCp_mHhchBHjMn50ctmYC_GEg62vC-nA?e=9PJ8rP
19 th November 2020	Konza kids STEM Boot camp November Edition		https://kotda-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/bkaaria_konza_go_ke/EFHMaJWlh5dLsDBzl86b52QBIRC-593ccSeHpFvjraZea-Q?e=1X3qXU

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS PUBLIC NOTICE THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019



Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, the County Governments of Machakos, Makueni and Kajiado have in consultation with the National Government agreed to formulate an Inter-county Physical and Land Use Development Plan covering the area falling within the ten kilometer radius around the Konza Technopolis city.

The purpose of the Inter-county Physical and Land Use Development Plan will be to:

1. Provide a mutually agreed spatial development framework for symbiotic and sustainable co-existence between the Konza Technopolis City and the adjacent areas falling within the jurisdiction of the three counties and
2. Provide the requisite basic guidelines and standards for regulation of land use practices and general development control activities for the respective planning authorities, developers, property owners, government agencies and non state stakeholders.

The formulation of the Inter-county Physical and Land Use Development Plan will be overseen by the Inter-County Joint Physical and Land Use Planning Committee consisting of the respective County Executive Committee Members responsible for physical and land use planning matters, two other relevant County Executive Committee Members, co-opted representatives from the relevant National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (including the Konza Technopolis Development Authority) and the Director-General of Physical and Land Use Planning who shall be the ex-officio member ad coordinator of the planning activities.

The formulation of the Inter-county Physical and Land Use Development Plan will largely entail the review of the Approved Development Plan No. 03 (Konza Techno City Buffer Zoning Plan Ref. No. 2564/2013/01) and will adopt a highly participatory and consultative process.

Now therefore, in view of the foregoing and in order to safeguard the integrity of the physical and land use planning practices in the subject areas, it has been decided and hereby declared that all developments be suspended for a period of ninety days with effect from the date of this Notice. For avoidance of doubt and to ensure clarity, this suspension will apply to:

1. All proposals for subdivision and amalgamation of land, change of user as well as extension of user that are yet to be registered under the Land Registration Act, 2012.
2. All building plans and proposal civil works that are yet to be commenced.

Further, all development proposals that have been processed and approved as required under the provisions of section 58 of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019 stand suspended until completion of the formulation of the Inter-County Physical and Land Use Development Plan upon which such approvals will be reviewed as appropriate.

All are invited to note that this Notice applies to the specified zone that falls within the Machakos County as indicated in the attached diagram.

Dated this 13th Day of April, 2021

Hon. Evelyn Kavuu Mutie
County Executive Committee Member
Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
County Government of Machakos
P.O Box 262 - 90110
MACHAKOS



GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019



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Dated this 13th Day of April, 2021

Hon. Julius Mulwa Kaloi
County Executive Committee Member
Lands, Urban Development, Environment
and Climate Change
County Government of Makueni
P.O Box 78 - 90300
MAKUENI



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO PUBLIC NOTICE THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019



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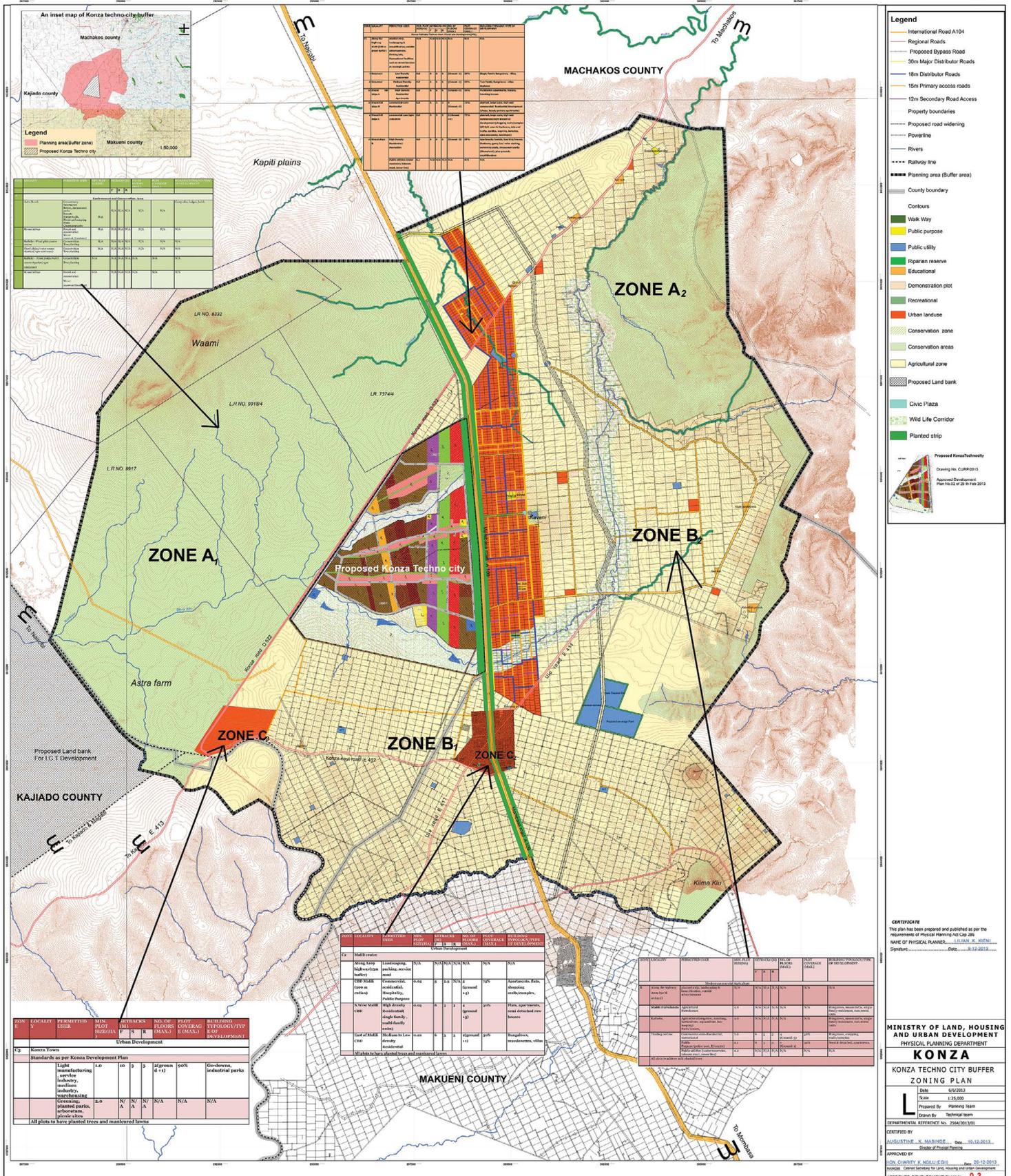
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All are invited to note that this Notice applies to the specified zone that falls within the Kajiado County as indicated in the attached diagram.

Dated this 13th Day of April, 2021

Hamilton Parseina
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Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, Urban Development & Municipalities
County Government of Kajiado
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