



Kenya joins initiative meant to prevent outbreak of conflicts in Comesa region

BY MWANGI GAKUNGA

Kenya is the second country in the COMESA region and the fourth in Africa, to undergo structural vulnerability and resilience assessment as part of capacity building to prevent occurrence of conflicts in the region.

To achieve this, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) is working with COMESA and the Africa Union Peace and Security Programme, to implement the COMESA Early Warning (COMWARM) System and the AU Country Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment Framework (CSVRA).

Since the beginning of the month, COMESA Secretariat in collaboration with the African Union and Save the Children International hosted a five-day training in Livingstone, Zambia, for Commissioners of the NCIC led by the Chair, Rev Dr Samuel Kobia and members of the Parliamentary Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities led by Prof Zadok Ogutu.

The training, according to the COMESA Secretary General MS Chileshe Kapwepwe, will help NCIC and other key stakeholders in Kenya, to develop a roadmap of the implementation of the CSVRA process in the country besides



Rev Dr Samuel Kobia (3rd right) with Commissioners of the NCIC attending COMESA-AU training in Livingstone, Zambia

paving the way for Kenya to volunteer for the assessment process, which will be supported by both the AU and COMESA.

Ms Kapwepwe added that COMESA and AU will provide technical assistance and tools to help the identification of structural vulnerabilities as well as develop homegrown strategies to enhance resilience in the country.

Ms Kapwepwe assured the Kenyan delegation that COMESA and the AU will jointly mobilize the necessary resources to ensure its success and enable the stakeholders to systematically identify areas

of vulnerability and agree on the best response options.

"Apart from equipping your situation room, which shall be done by the AU, we shall also support the meetings and workshops as well as support the recruitment of a consultant who will be identified by Kenya once the country agrees to volunteer to the process. We shall also readily provide you whatever technical support that you shall need to ensure that the process is successful," Ms Kapwepwe assured.

COMESA has been implementing an early warning system (COMWARM) that

provides forecasts on the structural drivers that could lead countries towards higher or lower levels of peace and prosperity. The model, which is anchored on the COMESA Peace and Prosperity Index has the overall goal of supporting member states to remain peaceful.

Speaking at the opening of the training, the NCIC Chairman Rev Dr. Samuel Kobia, said violence has become a common means of expressing opposition and dissent on most issues especially in African where there are young democracies.

Use our robust ICT infrastructure to grow business, CS tells private sector

BY MONICA OMORO - PCO

The ICT, Innovations & Youth Affairs CS, Joe Mucheru has called on both public and private sector players to take advantage of the vibrant ICT infrastructure the government has put in place to grow their business enterprises.

As a ministry, our goal remains to facilitate universal access to reliable and affordable ICT infrastructure all over the country as an enabler of socio-economic growth, CS Mucheru said.

"As Kenya aims to become a knowledge-based economy as envisioned in the Vision 2030 Agenda, adoption of technology in all these sectors is paramount", the CS said when he gave a keynote address at the 14th International Multi - Disciplinary Virtual Conference organized by Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST).

On the attainment of Universal Health Coverage pillar by the Government, the CS said that his Ministry was already playing a key role, saying to date, connectivity to 18 Level 4-5 Hospi-

tals under Universal Health Coverage countrywide has been done with deployment of IP Telephony targeted for Phase II.

This connectivity, he noted, is facilitating on-line and real-time data management in these hospitals for ease of service delivery.

"The Ministry of Health intends to roll out Universal Health Coverage thus necessitating automation of most of its business processes and my Ministry is working tirelessly to ensure that all national hospitals are provided with connectivity to facilitate on-line and real-time data management", the CS said.

Mr Mucheru disclosed that in Mombasa County, the National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure (NOFBI) is now connected to the County Headquarters and all sub-county offices.

CS Mucheru said that Konza Technopolis Horizontal infrastructure is now 45% complete, adding that this project is expected to be a Model Smart City and an innovation Hub for Kenya and the region upon its completion.



OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CONTROLLER OF BUDGET REGULATIONS, 2021

Pursuant to the provisions of section 25 of the Controller of Budget Act 2016, the Controller of Budget in consultation with the Kenya Law Reform Commission and the Office of the Attorney General has developed the Draft Controller of Budget Regulations, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as 'Draft Regulations').

The object of the Draft Regulations is to set out the procedure for authorization of withdrawal of funds; enforcement of budgetary ceilings; monitoring, evaluating, reporting and making recommendations to the national and county governments on measures to improve budget implementation; preparation and submission of quarterly reports and special reports; conduct of investigations and conciliation, mediation and negotiation. Further, the Draft Regulations also provides for documentation to be provided to the Controller of Budget in the exercise of his or her powers and functions as well as the format for requisition and approval of withdrawal of funds.

In line with the requirement for public participation and stakeholder engagement as prescribed under Article 10 of the Constitution and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Controller of Budget hereby invites members of the public and all stakeholders to submit their comments on the Draft Regulations.

The Draft Regulations are available on the Office of the Controller of Budget website; www.cob.go.ke.

Comments should be forwarded by close of business on **Wednesday, 9th June 2021** to regulations@cob.go.ke;

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND GENDER

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry Of Public Service and Gender, invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

No.	Tender No.	Item Description	Category
1.	MPSG/HKS/T10/2020-2021	Provision of Sanitary Bins Services for the Huduma Centres Countrywide	Open

The complete Tender Documents may be downloaded from the Huduma Kenya Website www.hudumakenya.go.ke for free. Completed tenders documents in plain sealed envelopes marked Tender Number and Tender Description shall be addressed to:

The Secretary/CEO
Huduma Kenya Secretariat
P.O Box 47716-00100
Nairobi.

And be deposited in the tender box provided at **15th Floor, Lonrho House** to be received on or before **Tuesday, 8th June 2021** at **11.00am**. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their appointed representatives who choose to attend.

Late submission of tender documents will not be accepted.

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