

# NYC unveils programme to empower youth with peace and leadership skills

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The National Youth Council of Kenya (NYC), in collaboration with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) and its Women, Youth, Peace and Security Institute (WYPSI) has launched a training programme that aims to equip the youth with leadership and peace-building skills.

While unveiling the five day course in Nairobi which targets to train 35 participants drawn from Kenya and Uganda, Principal Secretary, State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy Mr. Fikirini Jacobs said

inculcating the culture of peace in the youth is a recipe for development.

“We know that Kenya and Africa in general is a very important continent, and we want to harness that peace so that we can have the development,” said the Principal Secretary’s representative Ms. Emily Maina, the Director Youth Social Development.

Fikirini described the training as very important, saying leadership is about influence and the youth leaders participating in the training would be able to cascade the same to ensure that Kenya, Uganda and Africa in general become strong and well-developed.

Speaking at the same event, National Youth

Council Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms. Gloria Waweru said the training is timely. “It focuses on youth in leadership and peace-building, which is a critical component in Kenya, especially at this time,” she said.

Waweru said the right to picket and protest is protected by our Constitution and young people may express themselves however they deem necessary.

“But what has been absolutely unfortunate is when we see young people being weaponised against each other. I think the one thing that we all collectively agree is that we want a good coun-

try,” she emphasized.

Acting Director Women, Youth, Peace and Security Institute of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre Ms. Sylvia Abura Nutsukpui said the organization decided to hold the training in Kenya because the leadership and peace building training being carried out is grounded in consultation and research, which are well grounded in the country.

“It’s important to emphasize that we actually, in 2024, engaged different organizations and youth in Kenya but also in Uganda, as well as in Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria, amongst others, to be able to identify the gaps and the issues that relate to leadership and peace building,” she explained.

Ms. Nutsukpui said as part of the consultation process, the organization has been able to put together and develop a training for the youth.

She said her organization is looking forward to an increased knowledge amongst the youth from Kenya and also from Uganda within the context of this training programme.

“The major objective is for us to be able to identify the issues that relate to the gaps or the nexus between peace building and leadership, to be able to identify the dynamics, but more importantly, to bring the youth together to connect and network and understand each other, share their experiences, so that we can forge a better peaceful continent moving ahead,” Ms. Nutsukpui added.

# Betting body hold consultative forum with operators

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The Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB) has commenced a consultative forum with betting firms to evaluate their compliance and operational dynamics ahead of the 2025/2026 license renewal cycle.

The fora come in the wake of hue and cry over the legitimacy of their operations prompting the vetting of operators to weed out those engaged in malpractices.

Out of the 214 applications the board received, only 119 were approved for consideration.

So far, only 118 companies have been appraised while 88 were found to be inactive and will not proceed beyond preliminary vetting, effectively disqualifying them from possible license renewal.

Speaking during the engagement held in Nairobi, BCLB Chairperson Dr. Jane Makau reaffirmed the Board’s commitment to maintaining a regulated and ethical betting industry that can be held accountable for its actions in a way that reflects Kenya’s national values and aligns with its development agenda.

She noted that the BCLB, which is domiciled in the Executive

Office of the President, plays a critical role in ensuring the industry operates within the framework of national priorities.

Dr. Makau stated that the ongoing exercise is more than a routine administrative procedure, describing it as a structured evaluation process anchored on the principles of integrity, transparency, and public interest.

She explained that the renewal assessment considers several parameters including regulatory compliance, consumer protection, financial and tax integrity, technological safeguards, ethical advertising, good governance, corporate social responsibility, and innovation.

Dr. Jane called on betting firms to align their operations with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and national priorities.

She commended operators who have initiated community-focused programmes that demonstrate social responsibility. These include environmental conservation efforts, public awareness campaigns on responsible gambling, support for persons living with disabilities, and empowerment initiatives

targeting youth and women.



She further emphasized the need for deliberate public awareness creation on the risks of addiction, calling on betting firms to include clear messaging such as “Betting is addictive – bet responsibly” in their communication materials.

“This message must be visible, clear, and consistently communicated,” she said.

Dr. Makau urged operators to actively involve professional counselors to support individuals seeking help, noting that early intervention and awareness creation are critical in addressing problem gambling.

Dr. Jane also urged betting operators to steer clear of practices that target minors and vulnerable people, emphasizing the importance of protecting those most at risk from the harm of irresponsible gambling.

She called on the industry to champion projects that reflect the Vision 2030 development blueprint, citing areas such as education sponsorships and bursaries, job creation, women’s economic inclusion, healthcare support, and the development of community infrastructure as key avenues through which the industry can make a meaningful contribution to society.



## Specific Procurement Notice (Updated Version)

### Request for Bids

#### Plant Design, Supply and Installation (Two-envelope Bidding Process, Without Prequalification)

<b>Employer:</b>	Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)
<b>Project:</b>	Kenya Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy (GREEN) Program Phase 2
<b>Contract title:</b>	Design, supply, installation and commissioning of STATCOMs and shunt devices on the KETRACO Network at Suswa and Rabai Substations (Lot 1 - Suswa 400/220 kV Substation & Lot 2 - Rabai 220/132 kV Substation)
<b>Country:</b>	Kenya
<b>Credit No.:</b>	7491-KE
<b>RFB No:</b>	KE-KETRACO-413024-CW-RFB
<b>Issued on:</b>	7 March 2025

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy (GREEN) Program Phase 2 Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract for Design, procurement, installation and commissioning of dynamic reactive power compensation devices at Suswa and Rabai Substations.

2. The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of STATCOMs and shunt devices on the **KETRACO Network at Suswa and Rabai Substations in 2No. Lots (Lot 1 - Suswa 400/220 kV Substation & Lot 2 - Rabai 220/132 kV Substation)**.

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated September 2023 (5th Edition) (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from

**Senior Manager, Supply Chain**  
**Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd.**  
**statcomstender@ketraco.co.ke**

and inspect the bidding document during office hours, 0800 to 1500 hours EAT at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English is available for download free of charge by interested eligible Bidders via this link: <https://www.ketraco.co.ke/procurement/tenders/open-tenders>. Interested eligible Bidders are required to register with the Employer upon download of the bidding document via the email address indicated above and provide their official email address for purposes of communication during the entire bidding period.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **31 July 2025 at 1000hr EAT**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked **“ORIGINAL BID”**, and the inner envelopes marked **“TECHNICAL PART”** will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **31 July 2025 at 1000hr EAT**. All envelopes marked **“FINANCIAL PART”** shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as follows:

- Lot 1 (Suswa 400/220 kV Substation): One hundred and fourteen million Kenya Shillings (KES 114,000,000) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
- Lot 2 (Rabai 220/132 kV Substation): One hundred and four million Kenya Shillings (KES 104,000,000) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder’s beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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**Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd**  
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