

# Kisumu Poly set to become regional blue economy training hub

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**K**isumu National Polytechnic will serve as a regional centre of excellence in blue economy training through the implementation of the B-STEP initiative.

The initiative, under the continental Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA), will see the institution establish a one-of-a-kind Blue Skills Training and Enterprise Centre (B-STEC) to serve Kenya, the Lake Victoria basin and the wider African region.

The facility will comprise an administration block, lecture halls and theatres, a visitors' centre, an aqua

centre, a restaurant and specialised training and production units designed to impart practical skills and support enterprise development in the blue economy value chain.

The project targets training and retooling workers in key areas including aquaculture, marine engineering, welding and fabrication, food processing, leather technology and water engineering, alongside emerging fields such as aquaponics, recirculating aquaculture systems, blue-preneurship and water hyacinth processing.

It will also integrate modern technologies in fish production, value addition and post-harvest

handling, while promoting innovation in blue remediation and sustainable use of aquatic resources.

Speaking during an evaluation meeting at the institution, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Esther Muoria said the project is central to repositioning training institutions to meet evolving economic demands. "We are here to evaluate the progress of this initiative because the blue and green spaces are now the defining training pathways," Dr. Muoria said.

The PS said the government is deliberately shifting from traditional training models to pro-



State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Esther Muoria addressing the media at the Kisumu National Polytechnic PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

grammes aligned with emerging sectors, noting that Kisumu's location on Lake Victoria places it at the heart of blue economy development for the region.

"We want to train and retrain our students in the blue economy space

because as we move further into this sector, the training must be relevant," she said.

"This is not just about training for Kisumu or Kenya. We are developing a centre that can serve the region and Africa by offering relevant, modern

skills in the blue economy," she added. The PS said the project will also equip trainees with skills to tackle environmental challenges such as water hyacinth, including converting it into commercially viable products.



## NATIONAL OPEN TENDER CLARIFICATION NO. 2 OF 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

Reference is made to the publication of the National Open Tender in the Government Advertising Agency's My Gov edition of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026, addendum No.1 published on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and addendum No.2 published on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

In response to clarification sought by a participating firm and in accordance with Clause 7.1 of ITT of the issued Tender document, the Procuring Entity, the National Irrigation Authority (the Authority), has provided a response as follows:

### Request for Clarification No. 1

**We're writing to request for clarification on contractors Equipments and Financials for Tender No: NIA/T/002/2025-2026 and Tender Name: CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION WORKS FOR BLOCK 1-1, & 1-2 IN LOWER KUJA IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, MIGORI COUNTY**

### Response 1

The tender documents were corrupted during the uploading process to the NIA website and the PPIP portal; as a result, the Technical Evaluation Criteria was missing in the initially uploaded document. The detailed tender documents, which include the mandatory preliminary requirements as well as the technical and financial evaluation criteria, can be downloaded as from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 via the Authority's website (<https://www.irrigationauthority.go.ke/tenders>) and the GoK PPIP portal (<https://tenders.go.ke>). Due to this clarification, the tender submission date has been extended as follows:

S No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Submission Deadline	Extended Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1	NIA/T/002/2025-2026	Tender for Construction and extension works for Block 1-1 & 1-2 in Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, Migori County	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	General
2	NIA/T/003/2025-2026	Tender for Construction And Extension Works For Block 4-1, 4-2 & 4-3 In Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, Migori County	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	AGPO

Please incorporate the clarification(s) in preparation and submission of your proposal as provided. The other details, terms and conditions remain the same.

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

[KENYA]

[KENYA- TANZANIA POWER INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT<sup>1</sup> ]

[Energy sector]

Financing Agreement reference: 2100150032846

Project ID No.: P-Z1-FA0-086

The Government of the Republic of Kenya<sup>2</sup> has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Kenya-Tanzania Power Interconnector Project (KTIIP) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for Consultancy Service to undertake Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Completion Audit<sup>3</sup>.

The services included under this project are to assess the level of performance of the project by determining the compliance status against the applicable E&S requirements; Assess the level of performance of the project by determining the compliance status against the applicable E&S requirements, Evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the ESMP/RAP and associated activities; assess if the mitigation plans (e.g., ESMP, RAP, SEP, GRM, GBV Action Plan etc) had the desired effects, and Identifying gaps or deficiencies and recommend corrective actions or improvement Identify and Document successes/good practices, challenges and lessons learnt that could be used to inform policies and planning of future projects of same magnitude; Assess stakeholder engagement; and Measure output indicators against baseline and verify that outputs committed in the ESMP/RAP have been delivered and services committed.

KETRACO now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills amongst team, etc.). Individual Consultants may constitute a team to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" [May 2006 Edition, Revised July 2012], which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours [weekdays Monday to Friday 0730hrs to 1630hrs local time excluding public holidays<sup>4</sup>].  
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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at [1600Hours]** and mention "[Consultancy Service to undertake Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Compliance Audit]<sup>4</sup>".

Attn: **Ag. Managing Director**  
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1. If appropriate, In some cases, there may not be a project, but instead, only a specific consultancy services assignment.
2. Recipient, in the case of grants
3. Insert the title of services being required
4. For example, 0900 to 1700 hours