

Kenya eyes bigger global role as President courts investors

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President William Ruto has outlined Kenya's strategic position in the evolving global order, highlighting the country's investment potential and Africa's growing role on the world stage during a public lecture in Rome, Italy.

Speaking at the Luiss School of Government during the visit under the theme "Kenya: A Country Looking Towards the Future," the Head of State said Kenya is redesigning its government systems through digitisation to enhance accessibility, transparency, and responsiveness in service delivery.

"For far too long, especially in leadership, we have tolerated the average and constrained our ambition. That era has come to an end," President Ruto said, noting that his administration is pursuing bold reforms aimed at transforming Kenya into a first-world economy within a generation.

The President said the government is prioritising large-scale infrastructure development, including roads, railways,



President William Ruto (left) with Lorenzo Fontana, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, in Rome, Italy. Their discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between the two parliaments and reinforce collaboration in areas of shared interest.

airports and seaports, as part of efforts to strengthen connectivity and drive economic growth. He added that Kenya is also undertaking an export-led agricultural transformation anchored on food security and large-scale irrigation.

This, he explained, will involve the construction of at least 50

mega dams to bring more than 2.5 million acres of land into productive use, with at least three of the projects expected to advance following his visit to Italy.

On energy, President Ruto said Kenya plans to more than triple its installed electricity capacity over the next seven years to

BY THE NUMBERS

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support industrialisation and technological advancement.

"Industrialisation requires energy that is reliable, affordable and sufficient to match the pace of enterprise," he said.

To finance these ambitions, the government is adopting innovative funding models through partnerships with the private sector. He cited the National Infrastructure Fund and the Sovereign Wealth Fund as key vehicles for mobilising domestic and international capital for projects estimated at €33 billion (Sh5 trillion).

Turning to continental issues, the President emphasised Africa's growing importance in

global trade, citing the African Continental Free Trade Area as a transformative platform unlocking a market of 1.4 billion people with a combined GDP of \$3.7 trillion.

He noted that the AfCFTA has the potential to boost Africa's exports by more than \$560 billion by 2035, particularly in manufacturing and industrial goods.

"Africa is not merely the next frontier of global trade and investment; it is one of the defining opportunities of our time," he said.

President Ruto, however, pointed out that Africa's trade with partners such as the European Union remains heavily skewed towards raw materials, with manufactured goods accounting for less than 20 per cent of exports compared to over 70 per cent in more industrialised regions.

He said Kenya and other African countries are investing in industrial parks, special economic zones and regional value

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2. The tender is conducted under open tendering method and is open to all eligible and interested Tenderers.

3. Eligible and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during normal office working hours at **Procurement Department, Kenya Seed Company Limited, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale.**

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5. Completed tender documents properly SEALED, to be addressed to **Managing Director, Kenya Seed Company Limited, P.O Box 553 - 30200, Kitale** and deposited into the tender box at the Company's Headquarters, Mbegu Plaza, Ground Floor, Kitale, so as to be received on or before **8th May, 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** Tenders will be opened on the same date and time at Conference Room, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Electronic tenders shall not be accepted and any late tenders shall be rejected.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

A. Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

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1.	KP5/9A/3/10/OT/07/25-26	Acquisition of Land for the Proposed Mitunguu 33/11kV Substation in Meru County, Mt. Kenya Region	Tuesday 28.04.2026	Thursday 21.05.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/46/25-26	Procurement of Sub Transmission Network Tools	Wednesday 06.05.2026	Wednesday 03.06.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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