

Kenya targets global film hub status at Kalasha 2026

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Kenya has set its ambition to become a leading global hub for film production, with industry leaders and government officials convening at the Kalasha International Film and TV Market Festival and Awards 2026 in Nairobi.

Speaking during the official opening of the event, Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya expressed that the Kalasha Festival has grown into a key platform for showcasing African storytelling, fostering industry dialogue, and connecting Kenyan filmmakers with international markets.

Mvurya said that this year's edition has attracted participants from across Africa and beyond, signaling increasing global interest in Kenya's creative sector.

The CS stated that the festival will continue to play a critical role in strengthening the film ecosystem by promoting inclusivity, supporting emerging voices, and facilitating access to financing and distribution channels.

Mvurya expressed optimism that continued collaboration and investment will unlock the full potential of Kenya's film industry and cement its position on the global stage.

Kenya Film Commission (KFC) Chief Executive Officer Timothy Owase said the country is committed to strengthening its creative economy through policy support, partnerships, and investment in local talent.

"Kenya is not just a destination; it is a story worth telling," Owase said, urging both local and international stakeholders to tap into the country's rich cultural diversity and storytelling potential. He noted that the Commission continues to champion local content while expanding opportunities for Kenyan creatives through funding, capacity-building programmes, and international collaborations. According to Owase, these efforts have already enabled hundreds of creatives to access regional and global platforms.

Owase emphasized that film is not merely entertainment but a powerful economic driver.



Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sport Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya speaking during the official opening of the Kalasha International Film and TV Market Festival and Awards 2026 in Nairobi.



Officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sport during the Kalasha International Film and TV Market Festival and Awards 2026 in Nairobi.

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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN) MULTINATIONAL KENYA - SOUTH SUDAN ROAD CORRIDOR LESSERU-KITALE AND MORPUS-LOKICHAR ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT PHASE 1- LOT 3: UPGRADING OF KAINUK - LOKICHAR (A1) ROAD (75KM)

Invitation for Bids [IFB] Works (Without Prequalification)

IFB Number:	KeNHA/2950/2026
Employer:	Kenya National Highways Authority
Project:	Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru-Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1
Contract title:	LOT 3: Upgrading of Kainuk - Lokichar Road (75 Km)
Reference No.:	KeNHA/2934/2026
Country:	Kenya
Loan No. / Grant No.:	2000200005805 and 2100150043496
Procurement Method:	Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI/LCB No:	KeNHA/2950/2026
Issued on:	5th May, 2026

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website on 28th February 2025 and on the MyGov newspaper on 11th March 2025.

2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK) has received financing in form of a loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the **Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru-Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1**. The project will be implemented in three lots as follows:

Lot 1:	Upgrading of the Lesseru-Kitale (B14) Road (55 km) – this lot has already been procured.
Lot 2:	Upgrading of the Morpus-Kainuk (A1) Road (54 km).
Lot 3:	Upgrading of the Kainuk-Lokichar (A1) Road (75 km).

The GoK intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan toward payments under the contract for the Construction of Lot 3: Upgrading of Kainuk - Lokichar Road (75 Km).

3. Bidders may Bid for one or more contracts (lots) as applicable and as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.

4. The Government of Kenya through the Kenya National Highways Authority, herein referred to as the Client now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Construction of Lot 3: Upgrading of Kainuk - Lokichar Road (75 Km). A margin of domestic preference of 10% shall apply.

The construction period is estimated at 36 months and 12 months Defects Notification Period.

The pavement structure shall comprise of Single Surface Dressing, Dense Bitumen Macadam surfacing, Cement Stabilized Graded Crushed Stone Base, Cement Improved Gravel sub-base and natural material improved subgrade. A single seal surface treatment shall be carried out on the main carriageway, shoulders, junctions and accesses.

The following are the approximate quantities for the major Bill items of the works:

• Site Clearance	105 Ha
• Excavation and fills	2,102,000m ³
• Improved Subgrade Material	553,000 m ³
• Cement Improved Natural Material Sub-base	161,000 m ³
• Cement Stabilized Graded Crushed Stone Base	138,300 m ³
• Dense Bitumen Macadam for Surfacing	66,000 m ³
• Single seal bituminous surface treatment (Chippings)	11,500 m ³
• Concrete for major and minor structures	17,860 m ³
• Steel reinforcement	1,700 Ton

5. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework, dated October, 2015 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

6. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding documents during office hours i.e., 08h00 to 17h00 hours at the address given in item 10 below:

7. A complete set of bidding documents prepared in English language will be available from **6th May, 2026** and may be obtained **free of charge** from the

Kenya National Highways website – www.kenha.co.ke or the Government of Kenya Supplier Portal – www.supplier.treasury.go.ke.

8. There shall be **NO** organized site visit. However, bidders are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the project road before submission of bids. There shall be pre-bid conference on **19th May, 2026 at 11:00 hrs at KeNHA Headquarters, 2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza.**

9. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Works

10. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Kshs. 160,000,000** (Kenya shillings One Hundred Sixty Million Only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.

11. Bids must be enclosed in plain packages and clearly marked with the Tender Reference Number and Description for identification as appropriate, sealed and transmitted by courier or delivered by hand so as to be received at the address below, not later than 1100hrs local time on **3rd July, 2026.**

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management),
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza,
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842**

12. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted. **Late Bids will be rejected.** Opening of the Bids will take place immediately thereafter at the **KeNHA Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, on 3rd July, 2026 at 1100Hrs local time** in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.

13. Further information and clarification on the bidding documents may be obtained at the address below:

Attention: Director (Development)
Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao road (Opposite Aviation House)

Floor/Room Number: 1st Floor, North Wing, Block A
City: NAIROBI, KENYA
Telephone: +254 700423606, +254 20 4954200
Email addresses: directordevelopment@kenha.co.ke, procurement@kenha.co.ke

14. Interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

15. Kenya National Highways Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any (or all) bids.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
For: Director General**

