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## From the Principal Secretary's Desk



In March, we sustained steady progress in the implementation of road infrastructure projects across the country, supported by enhanced oversight, inspection, and monitoring to ensure works are on schedule, meet quality standards, and deliver value for public resources.

During the period, His Excellency President William Ruto, launched construction of key road projects in the Nyanza and Western regions, in line with the Government's commitment to progressively upgrade major roads to bitumen standards in all Counties. He also commissioned completed projects, notably the Rusinga Island Ring Road around Lake Victoria, a transformative investment expected to boost connectivity, trade, tourism, and local livelihoods.

We also hosted the Parliamentary Committee on Infrastructure and Transport for an inspection of the Rironi-Mau Summit Road Project. This major road dualling project is designed to decongest the busy Northern Corridor and improve regional connectivity. The Committee expressed satisfaction with the progress and quality of works on site.

Further, the signing of the Ministerial FY 2025/2026 Performance Contracts reaffirmed our commitment to accountability, efficient service delivery, and results-based management. Ongoing efforts to clear pending bills and implement innovative financing mechanisms will continue to accelerate delivery of priority road projects.

The State Department remains committed to delivering safe, reliable, and efficient road infrastructure to support economic growth and improve the livelihoods of all Kenyans.

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**Eng. Joseph Mbugua, CBS**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

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# Key Road Projects to Boost Connectivity and Economic Growth in Western and Nyanza Region

BY JK OMONDI



On 17th March 2026, H.E. President William Ruto presided over the launch of the upgrading to bitumen standards of the 11-kilometre Chavakali–Lusiola–Shikimu–Malinya Road in Sabatia Constituency, Vihiga County

The project marks a significant step in enhancing regional connectivity, with expectations that it will ease the movement of agricultural produce, improve access to essential social amenities, and strengthen links between Vihiga County, Kakamega County, and neighbouring counties. For residents and traders alike, the road promises faster transport, reduced costs, and expanded economic opportunities.

H.E also launched a series of major road projects under the Kenya Rural Roads Authority in Budalangi and Matayos constituencies in Busia County, underscoring the government’s commitment to an improved rural infrastructure.

In Budalangi, the Head of State flagged off the upgrading to bitumen standards of the 13-kilometre Nangina–Sio Port–Okados–Mundere Road (C828), a critical corridor traversing Funyula and Budalangi constituencies. He later proceeded to Matayos Constituency, where he launched the upgrading and Performance-Based Routine Maintenance of the Matayos–Namwitsula Bridge–Nasewa CAIP–Shibale Road.

These strategic investments are expected to unlock the economic potential of the region by supporting fish farming activities, facilitating efficient transportation of agricultural produce, and improving access to markets, schools, and healthcare facilities. The improved infrastructure is set to stimulate trade, create jobs, and enhance the overall quality of life for local communities.

The events were attended by Principal Secretary for Roads, Joseph Mbugua, Director General of Kenya Rural Roads Authority, Jackson Magondi, alongside local leaders and residents, who welcomed the projects as transformative milestones for the region.

The launches signal a broader national push to deliver a seamless, well-connected road network that supports inclusive growth and drives Kenya’s socio-economic transformation.



H.E. President William Ruto presided over the launch of the construction works for the 22 km Matayos–Nangina and Nangina–Sio Port–Mumbaka Roads in Busia County on 18th March 2026

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On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026, H.E President William Ruto commissioned the 20km Rusinga Island Ring Road, a KSh1.3 billion investment designed to restore equity in the region. The completed Rusinga Island Ring Road stretches along the shores of Lake Victoria in Suba North Constituency, Homa Bay County.



H.E. President William Ruto today inspected the Karabok-Adiedo Road, a 7.34km infrastructure project valued at KSh 925 million, aimed at enhancing connectivity and improving access for local communities in Karachuonyo Constituency.

# Parliamentary Committee Inspects Rironi-Mau Summit Road Construction as Government Accelerates the Project

BY ESTHER KARURI



**Cabinet Secretary Hon. Davis Chirchir, alongside the Principal Secretary, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, hosted the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure for an inspection of the ongoing road construction along the Rironi-Mau Summit (A8) on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

Cabinet Secretary Hon. Davis Chirchir alongside the Principal Secretary, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, hosted the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure led by George Kariuki for an inspection of the ongoing construction works along the Rironi-Mau Summit road.

The high-level visit focused on transformative infrastructure projects designed to modernize Kenya's transport network and unlock one of the country's busiest economic corridors.

Among the projects inspected was the Rehabilitation and Capacity Enhancement of the James Gichuru Road Junction - Rironi Highway (A104) under the National Urban Transport Improvement Project (NUTRIP), which is aimed at easing congestion and improving traffic flow on the critical Nairobi metropolitan exit route.

The delegation also reviewed progress on several strategic Public-Private Partnership (PPP) road projects, including the Rironi-Gilgil (A8), Rironi-Maai Mahiu-Naivasha (A8 South), and the Gilgil-Mau Summit (A8) highway.

Once completed, these projects will expand approximately 138 kilometres of road into high-capacity dual and six-lane carriageways, significantly easing traffic congestion, enhancing road safety, and strengthening the Northern Corridor that connects Kenya to Uganda, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

During the tour, the Committee commended the Ministry for the steady progress recorded across the corridor, noting that the projects are critical to unlocking regional trade and supporting economic growth.

The 94-kilometre Gilgil-Nakuru-Mau Summit (A8) Road, is being implemented through a Public-Private Partnership between China Road and Bridge Corporation and the National Social Security Fund consortium.

According to the CS, works on the project are progressing steadily, with the Kamandura-Nakuru section expected to open by June 2026, bringing much-needed relief to motorists along the busy corridor.

To further ease congestion during construction, the CS encouraged motorists to utilize alternative routes such as the Ngong-Suswa and Flyover-Njabini roads. He also announced that construction works on the Kiambu-Muthaiga Road will commence soon following the signing of contracts and the successful mobilization of funding.

The inspection tour, led by the Parliamentary Committee together with the Ministry leadership, was also attended by Luka Kimeli, Director General of the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), alongside other senior roads officials.

During the engagement, the Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the drainage systems along the corridor to enhance road durability and ensure safe and efficient movement of traffic.

The Nairobi-Nakuru corridor upgrade remains a cornerstone of Kenya's infrastructure transformation under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), reinforcing the government's commitment to delivering seamless connectivity, improved mobility, and sustainable economic growth.

# Investors Eye Northern Corridor Opportunities as Kenya Pushes Highway Safety Infrastructure

BY ESTHER KARURI



Cabinet Secretary Hon. Davis Chirchir officiated the inaugural Regional Highway Safety Investors Conference 2026 held in Mombasa on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Kenya has stepped up efforts to attract private investment into its transport sector, with the Government positioning roadside infrastructure as the next frontier for safer, smarter and more efficient highways.

This was the key message as Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Davis Chirchir, presided over the official opening of the inaugural Regional Highway Safety Investors Conference 2026 in Mombasa.

The high-level forum, held under the theme “Roadside Stations: A Strategic Opportunity for Multimodal Transport and Highway Safety,” brought together government officials, regional leaders, investors and development partners to explore opportunities along the Northern Corridor, East Africa’s most critical trade artery.

In his address, CS Chirchir underscored the strategic importance of the corridor, which connects the Port of Mombasa to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Within Kenya, the corridor stretches approximately 840 kilometres from Mombasa to Malaba, supporting the movement of goods, people and services across the region.

“As trade volumes grow, the demands on this corridor continue to rise. We must now invest beyond roads and focus on infrastructure that makes our highways safer, more efficient and commercially productive,” he said.



He emphasized that the Government is actively creating an enabling environment to support such investments through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), improved policy frameworks and transparent procurement processes.

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Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Davis Chirchir

More details on: <https://www.roads.go.ke/investors-eye-northern-corridor-opportunities-kenya-pushes-highway-safety-infrastructure>

# Ministry of Roads and Transport Signs FY 2025/2026 Performance Contracts, Reaffirms Commitment to Accountability and Service Delivery

BY ABDULLAHI MOHAMED



Cabinet Secretary Hon. Davis Chirchir presided over the signing of the Financial Year 2025/2026 Cascaded Performance Contracts at Barabara Plaza on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Hon. Davis Chirchir presided over the signing of the Financial Year 2025/2026 Cascaded Performance Contracts, underscoring the Ministry’s steadfast commitment to transparency, efficiency, good governance, and accountable service delivery to the people of Kenya.

The ceremony, held at Barabara Plaza, brought together leadership from the Ministry’s three State Departments Principal Secretaries: Eng. Joseph Mbugua (Roads); Mohamed Daghar (Transport), and Teresiah Mbaika (Aviation & Aerospace Development), as well as Ahmed Ibrahim (National Government Coordination) , alongside Directors-General, Board Chairs, Heads of Directorates, and senior officials.

In his address, CS Chirchir described performance contracting as one of the Government’s most effective instruments for driving efficiency, reinforcing fiscal discipline, and restoring public confidence in public institutions.

“The signing of these contracts represents a binding undertaking to deliver measurable results and uphold accountability. It is a deliberate shift from activity-based administration to results-based management,” he said.

More details on:<https://www.roads.go.ke/ministry-roads-and-transport-signs-fy-20252026-performance-contracts-reaffirms-commitment>



The Ministry continues to play a pivotal role in advancing Kenya’s economic transformation agenda through strategic investments in roads, transport systems, and aviation infrastructure—sectors that underpin agriculture, manufacturing, MSMEs, tourism, healthcare, housing, education, and the digital economy

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Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Davis Chirchir

# Kenya Secures World Bank Financing to Upgrade Key Sections of the Isiolo - Manderla Road Corridor

BY JK OMONDI



The Principal Secretary for Roads, Joseph Mbugua, led a Government delegation in negotiations with the World Bank Group on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, securing two credits to support the upgrading of key sections of the Isiolo-Mandera Regional Road Corridor.

**Nairobi:** The Principal Secretary for Roads, Joseph Mbugua, successfully led a Government delegation in negotiations with the World Bank Group, securing two credits to support the upgrading of key sections of the Isiolo-Mandera Regional Road Corridor.

The financing will provide additional support to the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project, including the upgrading of 365 km of the Isiolo-Mandera road and 40 km of spur roads to more climate-resilient standards. It will also fund the upgrading of the Modogashe-Samatar (67 km) and Rhamu-Mandera (76 km) sections to bituminous standard with enhanced climate-resilient designs.

Through this support, the World Bank will finance a total of 508 km of the 740 km Isiolo-Mandera corridor, as well as an additional 65 km of spur roads, significantly advancing the transformation of this critical regional transport route.

The delegation included representatives from the State Department for Transport, National Treasury and Economic Planning, the Office of the Auditor-General, Kenya, the Ministry of Roads and Transport, and implementing agencies Kenya National Highways Authority, Kenya Revenue Authority, ICT Authority, and NTSA.

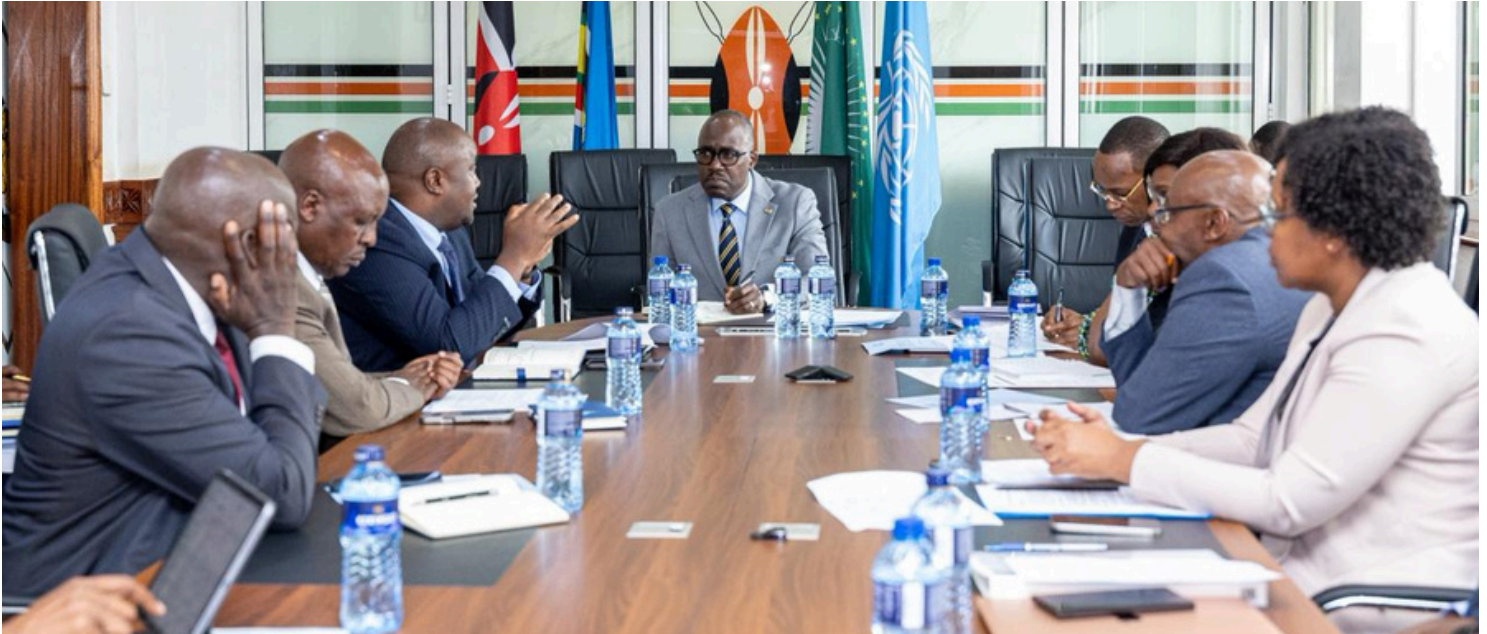


The State Department for Roads remains committed to accelerating project delivery to enhance regional connectivity, boost trade, and improve livelihoods for communities along the Isiolo-Mandera Corridor.



## High-Level Inter-Ministerial Meeting Charts Way Forward for China Strategic Infrastructure Cooperation

BY ABDIKADIR MOHAMED



**Inter-Ministerial meeting held in Nairobi on 10th March 2026 to fast-track the implementation of bilateral agreements between Kenya and China.**

Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua, participated in a high-level Inter-Ministerial meeting in Nairobi to fast-track the implementation of Kenya-China bilateral agreements, particularly in the area of road infrastructure.

The session, chaired by Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary, Dr. Korir Sing'oei, reviewed progress on key outcomes of H.E President William Ruto's 2025 State Visit to China.

The Principal Secretaries explored ways to strengthen inter-ministerial coordination to accelerate strategic projects, including major infrastructure projects, including road dualling, and modernization initiatives largely supported through Chinese funding and technical expertise.

China has been a critical partner in Kenya's infrastructure development, contributing to landmark projects such as the Rironi-Mau Summit Expressway, the Thika Superhighway expansion, and other key corridors aimed at boosting regional connectivity and economic growth. The meeting underscored the government's commitment to ensuring that these projects deliver tangible benefits, including improved road safety, reduced travel times, and enhanced trade flows.



**Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua makes remarks at a high-level inter-ministerial meeting on Kenya-China strategic infrastructure cooperation, 10th March 2026.**

The session reinforced Kenya's resolve to deepen cooperation with China across infrastructure and economic sectors, ensuring that bilateral agreements translate into sustainable national development outcomes.

Present at the meeting were Principal Secretaries Mohamed Daghar (Transport), Patrick Mairu (Defence), Belio Kipsang (Immigration), John Lekakeny Ololtuaa (Tourism), John K. Tanui (ICT & Digital Economy), Juma Mukhwana (Industry), Regina Akoth Ombam (Trade), Abubakar Hassan Abubakar (Investment Promotion), Julius K. Korir (Water & Sanitation), Frederick Ouma Oluga (Medical Services), Ummy Mohammed Bashir (Culture & Heritage), and Alex K. Wachira (Energy).

# Propelling the Economy: Roads as a Driver Towards Growth and Prosperity

BY RSS-MACC



**File photo: Lokichar–Lodwar–Nadapal highway**

Road infrastructure remains one of the most powerful catalysts for economic growth and social transformation. In Kenya, roads serve as lifelines that connect communities, link farmers to markets, and enable the efficient movement of goods and people across the country. Beyond transportation, road networks play a central role in supporting trade, improving access to essential services, and opening up regions for investment and development.

According to the Central Bank of Kenya, Agriculture Sector Survey 2025, road infrastructure is a critical factor in ensuring the continuous supply of food commodities to markets and reducing post-harvest losses. Similarly, a 2024 study by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis titled *Role of Rural Road Infrastructure on Agricultural Productivity in Kenya* found that a 1.0 percent improvement in rural road infrastructure is associated with a 2.9 percent increase in agricultural productivity, while improved road access contributes an additional 1.26 percent boost. These findings demonstrate that efficient road networks not only support trade and agricultural growth but also help stabilize food prices for households.

For many rural communities, roads are therefore not merely transport corridors; they are essential enablers of livelihoods, education, healthcare access, and economic participation. Where roads are improved, farmers are able to transport produce faster, children can access schools more easily, and patients can reach health facilities in time. Roads, in essence, connect people to opportunities.

Despite significant progress in expanding the road network, Kenya still faces major connectivity challenges. Only about 11 percent of the country's road network is paved, while the majority consists of gravel and earth roads that are often impassable during rainy seasons.

This situation limits last-mile connectivity, particularly in rural areas where economic activity heavily depends on agriculture. Poor road conditions increase transportation costs, restrict farmers' access to markets, and contribute to higher prices of essential commodities for consumers. Improving road infrastructure therefore directly contributes to lowering the cost of goods, enhancing food security, and stimulating productivity in key sectors such as agriculture, which contributes approximately 20 percent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

One notable example of how road infrastructure transforms regions is the Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Project, funded by the World Bank. The project included the construction of the Kainuk Bridge, the upgrading of the Lokichar–Lodwar–Nadapal highway, and the laying of fibre optic cables from Eldoret to Nadapal. The project significantly transformed the previously isolated northwestern region of Kenya by improving the movement of people and goods along the Eldoret–Nadapal corridor while strengthening connectivity between Kenya and South Sudan.

Travel times and transport costs were reduced, enabling faster movement of agricultural products, livestock, and other goods to markets. The improved road network also stimulated trade and increased the number of transport service providers operating along the corridor, while the fibre optic backbone enhanced digital connectivity and access to online services for communities in Turkana and West Pokot.

In addition, the project supported the development of social infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, water and sanitation systems, and trade facilities along the corridor, creating new economic opportunities and improving access to essential services for local communities.

Ultimately, road infrastructure is more than just physical connectivity; it is a foundation for economic growth, regional integration, and social development. Continued investment in roads will play a crucial role in driving Kenya's economic transformation, improving livelihoods, and supporting inclusive growth across all regions of the country.

# Innovative Alternative Road Construction Technologies

BY ENG. E.E. AMIMO (MTRD) & A. NZYOKA (MTRD)

Over the years, MTRD has undertaken several research initiatives aimed at informing the development and improvement of road design and construction standards. As the Roads primary research arm, MTRD promotes the adoption of innovative technologies, materials, and practices that are modern, sustainable, environmentally friendly, and climate resilient.

With increasing traffic demand, changing land use patterns, depletion of natural material sources, rising costs of quality construction materials, and the growing impacts of climate change, there is an urgent need to explore innovative and non-conventional materials and construction methods.

Through collaborations with road agencies, development partners, manufacturers, and technology promoters, MTRD has conducted and continues to undertake research to identify sustainable options for the design, construction, and maintenance of road infrastructure. The outcomes of these initiatives have contributed to the review and updating of the Road Design Manual (RDM) and the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, which were launched by the Ministry in June 2025.

The updated Road Design Manual incorporates several new materials and technologies based on both local experience and international best practices to support improved road design and construction approaches.

## Soil Stabilization Techniques

Earlier road design manuals and specifications mainly provided for the chemical stabilization of soils and aggregates using Portland cement and/or hydrated lime. The updated manuals now include hydraulic road binders (HRBs) and bitumen emulsions for the stabilization of soils and crushed rock aggregates to enhance their strength and **engineering properties**.

Standards for hydraulically treated materials and bitumen-stabilized materials have been ...

expanded to support improved road construction practices. Stabilizing locally available materials reduces the need to import or transport construction materials over long distances, thereby lowering overall construction costs.

## Recycled Pavements

The use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) is increasingly being adopted in road construction as a sustainable solution that promotes the reuse of materials from existing pavements. The process involves milling or removing the existing asphalt layer, followed by crushing, screening, and blending the reclaimed material with fresh bitumen to produce a new asphalt mix suitable for road construction.

This approach reduces material waste, conserves natural resources, and lowers construction costs while maintaining pavement performance.

## Cold Mix Technology

Cold mix technology utilizes bitumen emulsions or foamed bitumen instead of conventional hot bitumen, allowing asphalt mixtures to be produced and applied at ambient temperatures. This process eliminates the need for heating aggregates and binders, resulting in significant energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Cold mix technologies are particularly suitable for low- to medium-traffic roads and are advantageous in remote areas where hot mix asphalt plants may not be easily accessible.

## Bitumen and Bituminous Mixes

In addition to conventional straight-run bitumen, cutbacks, and emulsions, the revised standards now incorporate additional binder types including polymer-modified bitumen, polymer-modified emulsions, hard paving grade bitumen, and performance grade bitumen.

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### **Baricho Bridge in Kilifi County.**

These additions allow for the selection of binders based on specific traffic loading conditions and climatic environments rather than applying a single binder type for all roads. For example, surface dressing using polymer-modified bitumen on heavily trafficked roads provides improved performance compared to straight-run bitumen. Similarly, advanced asphalt mixtures such as Superpave, Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA), and High Modulus Asphalt enhance pavement durability and structural performance.

### **Concrete Pavements**

Concrete pavements have historically been less common in Kenya due to their relatively high initial construction cost and the requirement for high traffic volumes to justify their use. However, in recent years, concrete pavements have been constructed on heavily trafficked road sections such as Mombasa–Kwa Jomvu and James Gichuru–Rironi.

In addition to conventional concrete, fibre-reinforced concrete provides improved crack resistance, while roller-compacted concrete (RCC) offers a cost-effective alternative for pavements in heavily trafficked environments such as industrial areas, ports, and freight corridors.

MTRD continues to collaborate with manufacturers and innovators to explore alternative materials and technologies, including road signs manufactured from materials with no scrap value to deter theft, safety guardrails designed to reduce injury upon impact, prefabricated culverts, alternative soil stabilizers, and geosynthetic materials for road and drainage works.



**Road Marking Technology: Using a retroreflectometer to assess the retroreflectivity and thickness of thermoplastic road marking paint.**

# KIHBT Hosts World Bank Jobs for Youth in Africa Delegation for Knowledge Exchange

BY ESTHER KARURI



**KIHBT hosted World Bank Jobs for Youth in Africa Delegation for Knowledge Exchange on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.**

The Roads Directorate Kenya Institute of Highways and Building Technology (KIHBT) hosted delegates from the Jobs for Youth in Africa Community of Practice Knowledge Exchange under the World Bank at its Ngong Campus.

The delegation was received by Acting Director, Geoffrey Githiri, who led a comprehensive tour of the campus' modern training facilities, showcasing its advanced infrastructure and plant machinery used in technical training.

During the visit, the institute highlighted its growing investment in simulation-based training, an innovative approach that enables students to master the operation of heavy machinery in a controlled digital environment before transitioning to real-world applications.

According to Arch. Githiri, the adoption of simulation technology has significantly reduced equipment maintenance costs while lowering carbon emissions by minimizing the number of hours trainees spend operating heavy machinery in the field. Beyond improving efficiency, the system enhances technical competency while supporting global environmental sustainability goals through reduced fuel consumption and equipment wear.

The visit also highlighted KIHBT's commitment to inclusivity in the traditionally male-dominated infrastructure sector. Arch. Githiri revealed that the institute has launched an affirmative action initiative that has already enabled 72 female students to enrol on full scholarships, aimed at narrowing the gender gap in engineering and construction-related fields.

To mark the occasion, delegates participated in a symbolic tree-planting exercise within the campus grounds, underscoring a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Through its continued collaboration with the World Bank and partners under the Jobs for Youth in Africa initiative, KIHBT is steadily positioning itself as a regional flagship for youth skills development and employability. By integrating advanced technology, inclusive policies, and sustainable practices into its training programmes, the institute is setting a high-tech blueprint for technical certification and infrastructure skills development across the African continent.

# Pictorial



Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Davis Chirchir, addressing the media during an inspection of key road projects along the Nairobi-Nakuru Corridor, accompanied by Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua and members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure led by Hon. George Kariuki on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.



Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, represented the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Davis Chirchir, during the media launch of the Engineering Partnerships Convention 2026 (EPC 2026) on Monday, 9th March 2026.



(L-R) Principal Secretary for Roads Eng. Joseph Mbugua; KenHA Director General Eng. Luka Kimeli; Principal Secretary for Transport Mohamed Daghar; Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport Hon. Davis Chirchir; Mombasa Governor Abdullswamad Nassir; and PPP Director General Eng. Kefa Seda during a panel engagement at the official opening of the inaugural Regional Highway Safety Investors Conference in Mombasa on 31st March 2026.



(L-R) Eng. Arasa, Ag. Roads Secretary; Eng. Harrison Keter; Eng. Joseph Mbugua, Principal Secretary for Roads; Eng. Christine Ogut, Registrar; Eng. Margaret Ogai, CEO/Registrar, Engineers Board of Kenya; Eng. Jacktom Mwembe; and Eng. Nicholas Musuni, Ag. Chief Engineer Roads, during the 7th World Engineering Day celebrations at the University of Nairobi on 4th March 2026.



Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, participated in the consultative meeting on the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP), convened by Cabinet Secretaries Hon. Davis Chirchir (Roads and Transport), Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen (Interior), and Hon. Soipan Tuyu (Defence).



Mandera County: The 2 KM Banisa Town Roads project is now substantially complete, improving mobility, reducing dust, and enhancing access to markets, schools, and health facilities.



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 A portrait of Eng. Joseph Mbugua, CBS, Principal Secretary, wearing a blue suit and tie, smiling. The background is a dark red with faint white crosses.
 

# Happy Easter Holiday

This Period reminds us that hope is never lost, that lights returns even after difficult days and that service rooted in compassion always finds its reward. May this holiday strengthen your spirit, restore your energy and remind you of the purpose that binds us together.

**Eng. Joseph Mbugua, CBS**  
*Principal Secretary*

 A small, realistic illustration of a bird's nest made of twigs, positioned in the bottom right corner of the message box.


# Upcoming Events



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Kenya Institute of Highways and Building Technology (KIHBT)

# 1<sup>st</sup> KIHBT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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**Enhancing Capacity Building And Skills Development For Sustainable Road Transport**

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- ✔ Diversity, equality and inclusivity
- ✔ Sustainable technologies and construction materials
- ✔ Road safety and active mobility
- ✔ E - Mobility and intelligent transportation systems

### CHANGE OF DATES

### CONFERENCE DATES

**20<sup>th</sup> To 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 2026**

### VENUE

**Mombasa, Kenya**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NEW DEADLINE DATES

**20th February**  
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(200-300 Words)

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Submission of Full Papers (3000-5000 Words)

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