

Funding spurs youth environmental innovation

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Seven youth-led enterprises have received seed capital to expand innovative solutions in waste management, agriculture, clean energy, water and affordable housing.

With a funding of Sh31.5 million, the young Kenyans are turning some of the country's most pressing environmental challenges into business opportunities.

The financing, awarded by the Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF), marks the third edition of the Young Environmentalist Innovation Challenge (YEIC), an initiative launched in 2023 to identify, nurture and scale environmental solutions developed by young people across the country.

The seven winners were selected from more than 700 applications submitted by young innovators nationwide. Their ideas were assessed on their level of innovation, potential community impact, sustainability and ability to grow.

For the young entrepreneurs, the funding represents more than financial support. It offers an opportunity to turn ideas developed in their communities into sustainable enterprises capable of creating jobs, protecting the environment and improving livelihoods.

KCDF Executive Direc-

tor Grace Maingi said young innovators have an important role to play in finding solutions to Kenya's environmental challenges.

"The solutions we need, for waste, for clean energy, for the trees we have lost, for the soils our farmers depend on, will only come from people willing to sit at the same table, share resources, share risks, and share credit," said Maingi.

She said the initiative was celebrating young Kenyans whose determination and creativity had transformed bold ideas into enterprises addressing real challenges in their communities.

The latest round of funding comes at a time when Kenya is seeking to harness the creativity and entrepreneurial potential of its growing youth population.

Among the beneficiaries is Twende Green Ecocycle from Mombasa County, which is tackling the growing problem of marine plastic waste by transforming discarded plastics into durable and affordable school furniture.

In Bungoma, Fibertext Green Paper Ltd is giving agricultural waste a new purpose by converting discarded banana stems and fibres into biodegradable paper packaging.

Queening Afrika in Nairobi is addressing waste from synthetic hair by turning discarded hair into handbags, home décor products and other environmentally friendly items.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A PHYSICAL PLAN, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS AND SUPERVISION OF WORKS, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS AND USERS FOR THE PROPOSED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL AND MARINE ENGINEERING AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA- REOI No: MOE/SDHE/HEST/0002

PROJECT:	SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PHASE II
SECTOR:	EDUCATION
PROJECT ID NO.:	P-KE-IAO-003
FINANCING AGREEMENT REFERENCE	ADF NO. 2100150045045

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) toward the cost of the Support to Higher Education Science and Technology Phase II project to improve relevance and equitable access to quality higher education training and research in STEM for inclusive economic growth and employment in Kenya by 2030. The state Department intends to apply part of the agreed amount from the financing to payments under the contract for consultancy services to undertake a physical plan, architectural and engineering designs and supervision of works, equipment installation, testing, commissioning and training of technicians and users for the proposed center of excellence in civil and marine engineering at the technical University of Mombasa.

The objective of the consultancy is to provide multidisciplinary professional services necessary for the successful planning, design, procurement support, construction supervision, equipment installation, testing, commissioning and operationalization of the proposed Centre of Excellence in Civil and Marine Engineering.

The services to be provided under the assignment include:

- Undertake an audit and detailed needs assessment of infrastructure and equipment in the proposed CoE areas, as well as comparative analysis of similar CoEs to identify and address local gaps and prepare designs
- Prepare sustainability and business plans/Investment plans for the CoE
- Develop a Physical Plan for all engineering buildings, workshops, laboratories and auxiliary infrastructure and facilities;
- Evaluate the equipment prioritized by the University in terms of costing, compatibility with other existing equipment and gaps that may exist and include the existing equipment in the CoE.
- Develop purpose oriented architectural and engineering designs of the workshops and laboratories based on the equipment specific needs to optimally operate, such as equipment dimensions, power ratings, space requirement, installation environment needs, among other critical considerations in the operation of the equipment.
- Preparation of bid documents for the construction and equipping of the CoE
- Supervise the construction, equipment installation, testing and commissioning
- Reviewing and providing detailed equipment specifications, pricing and plans for the procurement, installation, testing, commissioning, training, operation and management of the equipment, workshops and laboratories.
- Supervision of training of staff in the operation, maintenance and management of the CoEs.

The consultancy is expected to be undertaken over an estimated period of **thirty-two (32) months**, comprising the two implementation phases (**Phase I activities is 2 months, while Phase II is 30 months**)

The State Department for Higher Education 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 among staff, etc.**). Consultants may constitute joint ventures 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 'Procurement Policy for the Bank Group funded Operations' dated October 2015, 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 from **0800 to 1700 hours**, from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (**1300 to 1400Hrs**) and public holidays

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below on or before **7th September, 2026 at 1100 EAT** marked: **"CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE A PHYSICAL PLAN, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS AND SUPERVISION OF WORKS, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS AND USERS FOR THE PROPOSED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL AND MARINE ENGINEERING AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA- REOI NO: MOE/SDHE/HEST/0002"**

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KENYA SPACE AGENCY

VACANCIES AT KENYA SPACE AGENCY

The Kenya Space Agency (KSA) is established as a State Corporation in the Ministry of Defence vide Legal Notice No. 22 of 7th March 2017. The Mandate of the Agency is to promote, coordinate and regulate space related activities in the country.

The Kenya Space Agency notifies the public on the following vacancies.

S/ No	VACANCY REF NO	DESIGNATION	KSA JOB GRADE	NO. OF VACANCIES
1	KSA/TECH/001/26-27	Principal Officer, Remote Sensing	4	1
2	KSA/TECH/002/26-27	Principal Officer, Geographic Information System	4	1
3	KSA/TECH/003/26-27	Space Infrastructure and Facility Development Officer	6	1
4	KSA/TECH/004/26-27	Space Science and Astronomy Officer	6	1
5	KSA/TECH/005/26-27	Space Operations and Systems Engineer	6	1
6	KSA/TECH/006/26-27	Navigation and Positioning Officer	6	2
7	KSA/TECH/007/26-27	Satellite Communication Officer	6	1
8	KSA/TECH/008/26-27	Surveillance Officer	6	1
9	KSA/TECH/009/26-27	Enforcement Officer	6	2
10	KSA/TECH/010/26-27	Remote Sensing Officer	6	2
11	KSA/TECH/011/26-27	Geographic Information Systems Officer	6	1
12	KSA/TECH/012/26-27	Geo-Information & Data Management Officer	6	2
13	KSA/TECH/013/26-27	Software Engineer	6	2
14	KSA/TECH/014/26-27	Space Digital Infrastructure Officer	6	1
15	KSA/TECH/015/26-27	Space Research & Innovation Officer	6	1
16	KSA/TECH/016/26-27	Space Education & Awareness Officer	6	1
17	KSA/TECH/017/26-27	Planning Officer	6	1
18	KSA/TECH/018/26-27	Quality Assurance Officer	6	1
19	KSA/ADMN/019/26-27	Finance Officer	6	1
20	KSA/ ADMN/020/26-27	Accountant	6	1
21	KSA/ ADMN/021/26-27	Internal Auditor	6	1
22	KSA/ ADMN/022/26-27	Human Resource Officer	6	1
23	KSA/ ADMN/023/26-27	Administration Officer	6	1
24	KSA/ ADMN/024/26-27	Corporate Communications Officer	6	1
25	KSA/ ADMN/025/26-27	Legal Officer	6	1
26	KSA/ ADMN/026/26-27	Supply Chain Management Officer	6	1
27	KSA/ ADMN/027/26-27	Assistant Corporate Communications Officer	8	1
28	KSA/ ADMN/028/26-27	Driver	9	1
29	KSA/ ADMN/029/26-27	Senior Office Assistant	9	1
30	KSA/ ADMN/030/26-27	Office Assistant	10	1

HOW TO APPLY

Vacancy details are to be found on the KSA website jobs.ksa.go.ke under opportunities page. Applications shall be submitted online through KSA Recruitment portal to be received on or before **31 August 2026 at Midnight EAT**.

Note:

- Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
- KSA **DOES NOT** charge any fee in the recruitment process
- Qualified persons irrespective of gender, age, race, culture, religion, marital status or disability are encouraged to apply.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Successful candidates will be required to fulfil the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya and present the following documents:
 - Certificate of Good Conduct from Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).
 - Compliance Certificate from higher education Loans board (HELB).
 - Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
 - Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

Director General/CEO
KENYA SPACE AGENCY

