Counties urged to strengthen waste management for sustainable urban development

Government calls for improved waste collection, recycling and sanitation as cities pursue sustainable growth and adequate housing for all.

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County governments have been urged to strengthen waste management systems through improved collection, segregation, recycling and safe disposal to promote sustainable urban development.

Speaking during the World Cities Day 2026 celebrations at Kisii Agricultural Training Centre, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba, representing Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome, said effective waste management was essential to building healthy, inclusive and resilient urban centres.

In a speech read on her behalf, Wahome said housing developments and modern markets should be supported by adequate drainage, sanitation and waste management infrastructure to ensure sustainable growth.

"Housing projects and modern markets provide important infrastructure for traders, small businesses and agricultural value chains and should involve proper planning, hygiene, reliable waste collection and adequate sanitation," she said.

She noted that effective waste management requires adequate financing, skilled personnel, regular maintenance and clear accountability mechanisms. She called for stronger partnerships involving residents, women, youth, waste workers and community organisations in developing local environmental solutions.

The Cabinet Secretary urged the private sector and development partners to support counties through investment, innovation and the creation of sustainable markets for recycled materials.

She said this year's World Cities Day theme, "Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All," highlighted the importance of integrating housing with access to water, sanitation, transport, public spaces and essential services.

In Kisii County, Wahome said affordable housing projects in Ogembo, Suneka, Nyachenge, Nyanchwa and Nyaribari Masaba offered opportunities to expand access to decent housing, create jobs and stimulate economic activity.

Wahome commended Kisii County for transforming the former Nyambera dumpsite into Etaya Governor's Park, describing the initiative as an example of urban regeneration and environmental restoration.

She called for stronger municipal institutions under the Kenya Urban Support Programme Phase II to improve urban planning, infrastructure development and service delivery.

Kisii Governor Simba Arati, in remarks delivered by Deputy Governor Elijah Obebo, reaffirmed the county government's commitment to environmental conservation and urban renewal as it pursues city status for Kisii Municipality.

Arati acknowledged that the municipality faced challenges including ageing infrastructure, climate change, inadequate affordable housing and social inequality.

Citing the UN-Habitat World Cities Report 2026, he said an estimated 3.4 billion people globally lack access to secure, safe and adequate housing, with more than one billion living in informal settlements.

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MTG SITE VISIT	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KPI/9A.2/OT/009/NM/26-27	Re-routing of UEB 132 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line at Lake Nakuru	Tuesday 03.11.2026	**Pre-Bid Meeting** Tuesday, 10.11.2026 at 10.00 am – 11.00 am **(Stima Plaza Auditorium, Kolobot Rd, Nairobi)** **Mandatory Site Visit:** Wednesday, 11.11.2026 at 9.30 a.m. **(Mai Mahiu Escarpment on Juja-Naivasha 132 kV line T 1052)** Thursday, 12.11.2026 at 9.30 a.m. **(Lake Nakuru National Park on Lanet Lessos 132kV Line)**	Tuesday 01.12.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/023/HRA/26-27	Procurement of Two (2) Years Contract for Inspection and Servicing of Firefighting Appliances for Kenya Power Workplaces under Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Requirements	Wednesday 04.11.2026	**Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting:** Wednesday, 11.11.2026 at 10.00 am – 10.30 am **(Stima Plaza, 3rd Floor Meeting Room)**	Tuesday 24.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/6A.1/OT/9/26/C09	Procurement of Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 2×23 MVA, 132/33 kV Substation, 132 kV Line, a 132 kV Line & Transformer Bays and Six (6No) 33 kV Line Bays at Rongai, Nakuru County	Tuesday 03.11.2026	**Pre-Bid Meeting:** Monday, 09.11.2026 at 10.00 am – 10.30 am **Mandatory Site Visit:** Thursday, 12.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.	Thursday 03.12.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
4.		Procurement of Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 2×23 MVA, 132/33 kV Substation, 132 kV Line-In Line-Out (LILO) Connection to the Kamburu–Meru 132 kV Line, a 132 kV Line Bay and Six (6No) 33 kV Line Bays at Kathwana, Tharaka Nithi County	Tuesday 03.11.2026	**Pre-Bid Meeting:** Monday, 09.11.2026 at 10.00 am – 10.30 am **Mandatory Site Visit:** Wednesday, 11.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.	Thursday 03.12.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
5.		Tender for Procurement of Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 2×23 MVA, 66/11 kV Substation and Associated Lines in Kiserian, Kajiado County	Tuesday 03.11.2026	**Pre-Bid Meeting: Monday, 09.11.2026 at 10.00 am – 10.30 am** **Mandatory Site Visit: Tuesday, 10.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.**	Thursday 03.12.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
6.	KP1/9A.2/017/HR/26-27	Provision of Statutory Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Medical Examination Services	Monday 09.11.2026	Tuesday 17.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m. **(Stima Plaza, Auditorium)**	Monday 30.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
7.	KP1/9A.2/OT/007/ICT/26-27	Supply and Installation of 48 VDC Chargers and Batteries in Substations	Thursday 05.11.2026	N/A	Thursday 19.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
8.	KP1/9A.2/OT/008/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Maintenance Toolkits	Thursday 05.11.2026	N/A	Thursday 19.11.2026 at 10.30 a.m.
9.	KP1/9A.2/OT/021/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Spares for Power Telecommunications Transport Network Infrastructure	Friday 06.11.2026	N/A	Friday 20.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
10.	KP1/9A.2/OT/022/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Servers and External Raid Adapter for Servers	Friday 06.11.2026	N/A	Friday 20.11.2026 at 10.30 a.m.
11.	KP1/9A.2/OT/020/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Information Security Solutions **(Anti-DDOS, XDR/EDR, IDPS)**	Wednesday 04.11.2026	N/A	Wednesday 18.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
12.	KP1/9A.2/OT/018/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Additional Licences for Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) Solution	Thursday 05.11.2026	N/A	Thursday 19.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
13.	KP1/9A.2/OT/016/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Support & License Renewal for The Fortinet Cybersecurity Suite	Thursday 05.11.2026	N/A	Friday 20.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
14.	KP1/9A.3/OT/08/FC/26-27	Supply of Cables and Conductors **(Framework Contract)**	Thursday 05.11.2026	N/A	Thursday 26.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
15.	KP1/9A.3/OT/06/26-27	Procurement of Equipment & Instruments for all County O&M Teams and Aerial Warning Balls	Wednesday 04.11.2026	N/A	Thursday 26.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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