



The Director in the State Department for East African Community Affairs, Musa Okwamba, addressing stakeholders at Busia Vocational Training Centre grounds.

Busia Jumuiya Market set to boost cross-border trade

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Preparations for the establishment of the Busia Jumuiya Cross-Border Market are at an advanced stage, with the national government expressing confidence that the facility will transform Busia into a regional commercial hub and boost cross-border trade within the East African Community (EAC).

The announcement was made during a sensitisation forum for cross-border traders on the EAC trade regime held in Busia.

In a speech delivered on her behalf by the Director in the State Department for EAC, Musa Okwamba, Principal Secretary for East African Community Affairs Dr Carolyn Karugu said the government was implementing a directive to establish Jumuiya markets at Kenya's border points to facilitate trade among EAC member states.

"I am pleased to note that preparations for the commencement of the Busia Jumuiya Cross-Border Market are at an advanced stage. This project will significantly transform Busia into a regional commercial hub. The Busia Jumuiya Market will serve as the pilot centre.

These markets will support MSMEs to undertake cross-border trade in modern and well-equipped facilities," the statement read.

"The deployed officers are assisting in coordinating implementation of EAC commitments,

facilitating resolution of cross-border trade challenges, improving inter-agency coordination, and ensuring businesses benefit fully from regional integration," she said.

Dr. Karugu further highlighted several trade facilitation instruments developed by the EAC to ease cross-border business for traders.

Among them are the EAC Simplified Guide for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which provides practical information on import and export procedures, customs requirements, duties and taxes, border procedures, and available support services.

She also cited the EAC Simplified Trade Regime (STR), the annual EAC MSMEs Trade Fair, One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs), and ongoing efforts to eliminate non-tariff trade barriers across the region.

Busia County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Olekachuna Omuse, welcomed the sensitization forum, saying it would help traders better understand the opportunities available under the simplified trade regime while encouraging the use of official border crossing points.

"We need to reduce the porous borders by enabling our traders to

understand the Simplified Trade Regime, which will encourage them to embrace official crossing points rather than porous borders. This will be achieved through capacity building. There is also a need to establish an information centre at the border so that all traders receive the same information, reducing misinformation that often causes unnecessary suffering while conducting business in neighbouring countries," he said.

Omuse also highlighted ongoing investments aimed at promoting value addition and expanding trade in Busia County.

"We are among the 12 counties selected to host an Export Processing Zone and the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP). These projects will promote consumption of locally produced goods through value addition. The projects are about 90 per cent complete through investments by both the county and national governments. We need our traders to prepare themselves so they can benefit from government funding and opportunities in value addition," he added.

Despite welcoming the government's initiatives, traders used the forum to raise concerns over challenges that continue to affect cross-border trade.

Kenya International Freight and Warehousing Association (KIFWA) Busia Liaison Office Secretary General, Peter Ojera, said inadequate infrastructure and congestion at the Busia One Stop Border Post have increased the cost of doing business.

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KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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OPEN CALL TO INVESTORS - KENYA LEATHER INDUSTRIAL PARK (KLIP)

Background:

The Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) is a State Corporation established pursuant to the State Corporations Act (Cap.) 446 of the Laws of Kenya through Legal Notice No. 114 of 2011. KLDC is the specialized agency under the State Department for Industry in the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, mandated to drive the development of the Leather sector and promote the leather value chain. As part of its mandate and in alignment with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), KLDC has undertaken the development of the Kenya Leather Industrial Park (KLIP) as a flagship initiative to position Kenya as a regional hub for leather and leather products manufacturing. The Park comprises approximately one hundred (100) acres of land situated on L.R. No. 23961, Kinanie, Machakos County.

KLIP will provide an incentivized and favorable business environment for investors within a clearly delineated special industrial park, with access to shared and integrated infrastructure facilities, including a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). The Park will operate as a specialized, integrated, and sector-specific leather and leather products manufacturing zone, offering a competitive one-stop-shop solution for industry players. It is envisioned as a sustainable and eco-friendly, world-class leather and leather products production facility, incorporating global best practices in industrial clustering, economic and social infrastructure design, export promotion, effluent treatment, and pollution control.

Scope of Work:

The Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) is seeking **Investors** who will develop, equip and operationalize the Kenya Leather Industrial Park as tabulated below:

S/N	Reference	Investment Opportunity	Details	Available
1.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/OLT	Large-Scale Tannery Operations	5,000 m ² Leather Industrial Warehouse	2
2.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DLT	Large Tannery Development	2-acre Plot	2
3.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DMT	Medium Tannery Development	1.5-acre Plot	3
4.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DST	Small Tannery Development	0.7-acre Plot	2
5.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DLPM	Leather Products Manufacturing	2,500 m ² Leather Industrial Warehouse	2
6.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DLLPM	Large Leather Products Manufacturing	2-acre Plot	3
7.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DMLPM	Medium Leather Products Manufacturing	1-acre Plot	10
8.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/MSE	Micro and Small Enterprises (Leather Products)	1 - acre Plot	3
9.	KLDC/KLIP/1/INV/DAI	Auxiliary Industries	1-acre Plot (Tannery Chemicals, Accessories, Cutting Dies, Lasts, Machinery Repairs and Spare Parts)	3

Eligibility and qualification of bidders:

The Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) welcomes applications from investors both local and international with demonstrated commercial, technical, and financial capacity in leather and related value chains. Interested investors shall be required to meet the prescribed Occupation Criteria for the respective investment category. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the information submitted against the **Occupation Criteria**, which can be accessed on the Council's website at www.leathercouncil.go.ke.

Clarification: Requests for clarification may be submitted at any time through: klip@leathercouncil.go.ke

Additional information, updates and related investment information will be available on the Council website: www.leathercouncil.go.ke

The Application should be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly labelled **"OPEN CALL TO INVESTORS- KENYA LEATHER INDUSTRIAL PARK"** and deposited in the tender box located at the Council's headquarters, CPA Centre, 5th Floor, Thika Road, Nairobi, next to KCA University, and addressed to:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
P.O BOX 14480 - 00800
NAIROBI - KENYA**

OR

Submitted electronically via email : klip@leathercouncil.go.ke with the subject line clearly indicated as:

"OPEN CALL TO INVESTORS-KENYA LEATHER INDUSTRIAL PARK"

NB:

- This is an open and continuous Investor Application process. Applications shall be received and evaluated on a rolling basis subject to the availability of investment spaces within the Kenya Leather Industrial Park.**
- Only applicants who meet the prescribed Occupation Criteria and investment requirements shall be invited to proceed to the subsequent stages.**