

# Ministry expands adult education and literacy

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The Government is expanding adult education and literacy programmes across the country, with 13,000 adult candidates expected to sit the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination this year. This is an increase from 7,700 in 2025. Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs Principal Secretary Joseph Motari said the increase reflects growing demand

for flexible and inclusive learning opportunities among adults and young people who missed formal education. Speaking in Kajiado during celebrations to mark the 60th International Literacy Day, Motari said the government is implementing measures to expand access to literacy, education and digital skills. The measures include developing local-language learning materials, expanding accelerated education programmes for out-

of-school youth, reviewing basic adult education and training and adult teacher education curricula, establishing additional community learning centres and expanding digital literacy programmes. The Government, through the Directorate of Adult Education, has established 5,220 adult education centres countrywide, with more than 165,000 learners currently enrolled. Motari said 15,241 adult learners had successfully completed

proficiency assessments and qualified for proficiency certification. He urged adults and young people who missed formal education to take advantage of available learning opportunities and register for upcoming examinations. The Government is also working with Japan and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning to expand adult education under a broader lifelong learning framework.

Motari said Kenya's participation in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities had demonstrated the importance of extending learning beyond traditional classrooms. Kenya currently has five UNESCO Learning Cities – Nairobi, Kilifi, Garissa, Laikipia and Makueni. In Kajiado County, adult illiteracy stands at approximately 30 per cent, highlighting the need for intensified efforts to promote adult learning.

## Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) Request for Bids Framework Agreement(s) for Non-Consulting (Primary Procurement, Two-Envelope Bidding Process)

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| Procuring Agency:              | The Information and Communications Technology Authority                                                                       |
| Country:                       | Kenya                                                                                                                         |
| Name of Project:               | Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project                                                                                    |
| Framework Agreement Title:     | Extending National Backbone and Cross Border Links:<br>Lot 1: National Backbone Links; &<br>Lot 2: Cross Border & Metro Links |
| RFB Reference No.:             | KE-ICTA-538567-NC-RFB                                                                                                         |
| Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: | 7289-KE and 7290-KE                                                                                                           |

1.

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under Call-off Contracts that may be awarded under the Framework Agreements (FAs) for Extending National Backbone and Cross Border Links: Lot 1 – National Backbone Links and Lot 2 – Cross Border & Metro Links concluded through this RFB Primary Procurement process. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.

2.

The Procuring Agency is undertaking the Primary Procurement with a view to concluding Framework Agreements. The Procuring Agency is the sole Employer under the Framework Agreement[s]. The Procuring Agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Extending National Backbone and Cross Border Links: Lot 1 – National Backbone Links and Lot 2 – Cross Border & Metro Links for a period of Three (3) Years.

3.

The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be "Single-User." The Single-User entitled to purchase under the Framework Agreements is The Information and Communications Technology Authority.

4.

The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be "Multi-Service Provider."

5.

The selection of a FA Service Provider to be awarded a Call-off Contract will be done through a Secondary Procurement process as defined in Framework Agreement. However, the conclusion of a Framework Agreement shall not impose any obligation on the Procuring Agency, including participating Employers, to purchase Non-Consulting under a Call-off Contract. The conclusion Framework Agreement does not guarantee that a FA Service Provider will be awarded a Call-off Contract.

6.

Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published in July 2016, Revised Fifth Edition, September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

7.

Bidders may submit Bids for one or more items.

8.

The Framework Agreements shall be concluded for a Term of Three (3) from the commencement date stated in the Framework Agreement. The initial term may be extended by a maximum of two (2) additional years.

9.

The Primary Procurement shall establish a Closed Framework Agreement(s).

10.

Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the bidding documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 80% and for Bid cost: 20%

11.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from ICTA, Deputy Director Supply chain management / [procurement@ict.go.ke](mailto:procurement@ict.go.ke) and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT) at the address given below.

12.

The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge by interested eligible Bidders from the ICTA's website <https://www.icta.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal website <https://www.tenders.go.ke> Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the purchaser by e-mail with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser during the procurement process, to all bidders where necessary

13.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000Hrs EAT, October 29, 2026**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Telposta Towers, 1000Hrs EAT, October 29, 2026. All envelopes marked "SECOND ENVELOPE: FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Procuring Agency until the second public opening.

14.

Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's/bidders' beneficial ownership, as part of the publication of the conclusion of framework agreement notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form included in the bidding document.

15.

The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CONTROLLER OF BUDGET(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 AND DRAFT CONTROLLER OF BUDGET REGULATIONS,2025

The Office of the Controller of Budget, in collaboration with the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies has developed the Draft Controller of Budget (Amendment) Act and Draft Controller of Budget Regulations with a view to strengthening the legal framework for the discharge of the mandate of the office.

The Bill seeks to address gaps that have become evident in the course of the implementation of the Controller of Budget Act. On the other hand, the Regulations set out the procedure for authorization of withdrawal of funds, enforcement of budgetary ceilings, monitoring, evaluating, reporting and making recommendations to the national and county governments on measures to improve budget implementation; preparation of and submission of quarterly reports and special reports; conduct of investigations and conciliation, mediation and negotiation. The Draft Regulations also provide for documentation to be provided to the Controller of Budget in the exercises of his/her powers and functions as well as the format for requisition and approval for withdrawal of funds.

In line with the requirement of public participation and stakeholder engagement as prescribed under Article 10 of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Controller of Budget hereby invites members of the public and all stakeholders to submit their comments on the Draft Controller of Budget (Amendment) Act and Draft Controller of Budget Regulations during the public participation forums which shall be held from 9:00am-12:00 noon at the following venues and dates

| DATE               | CLUSTER COUNTIES                                           | VENUE                                                                                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12th October 2026  | Turkana, West Pokot                                        | Lodwar Vocational Training Centre                                                     |
| 14th October, 2026 | Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet) | County Multipurpose Hall, Eldoret                                                     |
| 16th October 2026  | Busia, Bungoma, Vihiga, Kakamega                           | Kakamega Polytechnic                                                                  |
| 19th October, 2026 | Homa Bay, Kisumu, Nyamira, Kisii, Siaya and Migori         | Mama Grace Onyango Cultural and Social Centre (Formerly Kisumu Social Centre), Kisumu |
| 21st October 2026  | Bomet, Kericho, Nakuru, Narok                              | Kenya National Library Service, Nakuru                                                |
| 23rd October 2026  | Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Nyandarua                      | Nyeri Cultural Centre, Nyeri                                                          |
| 26th October 2026  | Laikipia, Samburu                                          | Nanyuki County Hall                                                                   |
| 28th October 2026  | Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Embu, Isiolo and Marsabit             | Kamundi Hall, Meru                                                                    |
| 30th October 2026  | Kitui, Machakos, Makueni                                   | Kitui Multipurpose Hall                                                               |
| 2nd November 2026  | Garissa, Wajir and Mandera                                 | Government Guest House, Garissa                                                       |
| 4th November 2026  | Lamu, Kilifi and Tana River                                | Takaye Social Hall, Malindi                                                           |
| 6th November 2026  | Mombasa, Kwale and Taita Taveta                            | Tononoka Social Hall, Mombasa                                                         |
| 12th November 2026 | Nairobi, Kiambu and Kajiado                                | Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Nairobi                                    |

The Draft Controller of Budget (Amendment) Bill and the Draft Controller of Budget Regulations can be accessed on [www.cob.go.ke](http://www.cob.go.ke) Members of the public may also send their comments and feedback in writing by **5:00pm** on or before **Thursday, 8th October 2026** through: **P.O BOX 35616-00100 Nairobi**, or to the following email address: [coblegal@cob.go.ke](mailto:coblegal@cob.go.ke)

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