

**High Commission of India
Nairobi**

Press Release

Subject: High Commission of India Celebrates the 62nd ITEC Day in Nairobi

The High Commission of India in Nairobi celebrated the 62nd Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day at the Apa Pant Auditorium on 15 September 2026. **Hon. Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes, attended the event as Chief Guest.**

2. The celebrations were attended by senior representatives of the Government of Kenya including Dr. Jane Imbunya, Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development; Mr. Mohamed Amin, Director of Criminal Investigations; Brigadier Hillary Kipkosgey, Director-General of the Kenya Space Agency; and Professor Nura Mohamed, Director-General of the Kenya School of Government. Over 120 Kenyan alumni of the ITEC Programme also attended the event.

3. High Commissioner of India to Kenya, H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika, highlighted the central role of capacity-building and knowledge-sharing in the India-Kenya partnership. Instituted on 15 September 1964 in the spirit of South-South cooperation, ITEC has trained over 200,000 officials from more than 160 countries, including over **45,000 African participants in the last decade**. It currently provides nearly **10,000 fully funded training opportunities annually** through approximately **400 courses at more than 100 leading Indian institutions**.

4. The Government of India fully sponsors tuition fees, return airfare, accommodation, living allowance and study visits. **Kenya is an important partner, with over 400 officials and professionals undertaking short- and long-term programmes annually and more than 3,000 Kenyans benefiting over the past decade**. The courses cover diverse areas, including governance, leadership, finance, taxation, agriculture, water management, information technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, renewable energy, healthcare, entrepreneurship, rural development, project management, media, urban planning and vocational training.

5. Customised programmes have further expanded this cooperation. These include the January 2025 NCGG programme led by Attorney General Hon. Dorcas Oduor for 29 senior officials; the Smart Governance programme from 7–12 September 2026 led by Secretary to the Cabinet Ms. Mercy Wanjau for 25 senior officials; training for Kenya Revenue Authority officials at the National Academy of Direct Taxes; forensic training for Directorate of Criminal Investigations officers; and remote-sensing and geospatial training for Kenya Space Agency scientists. The High Commissioner invited Kenyan ministries, county governments and public institutions to propose further customised programmes, including courses delivered in Kenya by Indian trainers, and called for closer partnerships between Indian centres of excellence and Kenyan institutions such as the Kenya School of Government.

6. Hon. Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku addressed the gathering as Chief Guest. Major General Peter Limo, Assistant Chief of Defence Forces for Personnel and Logistics, also spoke on behalf of the Chief of Defence Forces of Kenya, General Charles Kahariri, highlighting the contribution of professional training and institutional exchanges to the growing India–Kenya defence partnership.

7. ITEC alumni shared their experiences of studying and training in India. The speakers included Prof. Nura Mohamed, Director-General of the Kenya School of Government; Dr. Gilbert Mathura, Director in the Executive Office of the President; Mr. Eliud Were Achero, Communications Officer at the Kenya Private Sector Alliance; Ms. Rhoda Natasha Kathomi, Nurse Manager with the County Government of Nairobi.

8. The programme featured cultural performances by Kenyan and Indian artists. The event reaffirmed India’s commitment to supporting Kenya’s human capital and institutional development through a demand-driven, fully funded and mutually beneficial capacity-building partnership.

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