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***PRESIDENTIAL LAUNCH OF REBRANDED AND REMODELED 4K CLUB & ENABLE YOUTH KENYA PROGRAMME 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021, ASK GROUND, JAMHURI PARK***





H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at Ask Showgrounds Jamhuri Park, Nairobi, Launched the Rebranded and Remodeled 4K Club and Enable Youth Kenya Programme.

The President in his speech said developing youth talent in Agriculture is important in ensuring Food Security in the Country.

The President said 4K Club will ensure young people are equipped and trained on Agriculture in and out of school.

The President said the Youths will be empowered starting from primary schools. Then Youths who are out of school will be given soft loans in low interest and risk fund to maximize there agricultural potential.

The President said Mentorship and Training of youths in and out of school will create jobs for the youths, finance youth agribusiness startups hence improve the country GDP in Agriculture, and bring about growth in Kenya Economy and Promote Food Security and Nutrition.



***CS Munya Flags off Seedlings donated by development partners from Israel to be distributed to Several Schools***

CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives Flagged off vegetable seedlings to support the newly rebranded 4k clubs in Kenya.

The CS thanked Government of Israel through the Ambassador for support of vegetable seedlings to be distributed in various schools.

CS said schools provides effective platform for young people towards agribusiness.



***CS Munya during a Media Briefing on the second wave of Desert Locust Invasion at Kilimo***

CS Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 in a media briefing said that the country is under the second wave of Desert Locust Invasion which entered from Ethiopia and Somalia in mid-November 2020.

CS said the Government and FAO have trained over 500 NYS Personnel who have been deployed in all field bases in the country. The CS stated more NYS Personnel will be trained and deployed accordingly.

CS in his brief said the Government has established control bases to coordinate desert locust management operations by Deploying several surveillance and spray aircrafts, and vehicles mounted with sprayers for ground operations.

*CS PETER MUNYA  
RECEIVES A  
COURTESY CALL  
FROM FAO  
REPRESENTATIVE  
TO KENYA*



CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives received a courtesy call from the newly appointed Food and Agriculture Representative to Kenya Mrs. Carla Mucavi who started her appointment on 1st November,2020.

CS Peter Munya called on FAO Agency to increase its financial and technical contribution to complement the Government's Big 4 Agenda efforts of 100% Food Security.

In the meeting it was agreed that FAO will continue supporting the country to reach Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (2) of 100% Food and Nutrition Security.



***CS Munya launches Tea Regulations under Tea Act 2020***

CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 launched the Public Participation for Tea Elections Regulations under the Tea Act 2020 during a media briefing at Kilimo.

CS in his speech said that the Tea Act came to force on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 after approval by both National Assembly and the Senate. He said that the Tea Act is a culmination of long process towards reforms in the Tea Sector whose objective is to bring about good governance and efficiency in the Tea Value Chain.

CS stated that a public notice to invite comments from stakeholders on Draft Tea (Tea Factory Limited Company Election) Regulations, 2021 under the Tea Act 2020 will be held to incorporate stakeholder's views in the final document. Thereafter regulations will be submitted to parliament for scrutiny



***CS Munya inspects a shoe made of leather at (AHITI) Kabete alongside ministry government official***

CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives commissioned leather footwear and goods manufacturing facilities at Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI) Kabete.

CS said the facility will be used to train youths in leather processing for both domestic and international market.

CS stated that a land audit will be done in an effort to reclaim public land allocated for national veterinary services.





*CS Munya Commissions several fishing boats at Liwatoni in Mombasa County*

CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives commissioned several fishing boats at Liwatoni in Mombasa. These boats are fitted with safety equipment's and can cruise over 10 tons of fish.

CS said the Government is refurbishing and rehabilitating Liwatoni Fishing Port for a vibrant marine fishing industry.

CS told the Fishing Community at Liwatoni to make use of the fishing facilities and equipment's provided by the Government to create wealth, jobs, food and nutrition security in order to realize the Big 4 Agenda.



*CS Munya Flags of Bt. Cotton to counties at Kilimo alongside AFA Task Force*

CS Peter Munya Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives launched the Commercial Bt Cotton at Kilimo.

In this Launch there were several key stakeholders namely the Task Force for Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) .

The CS in his speech said that growing of Bt cotton field trials have being done in several counties and there is notably a potential for High Germination rate for Bt.Cotton.

The CS added that Bt. Cotton crop can be used locally by Revatix and Private companies and can also be exported in other countries just like Burkina Faso and Mali some of the African countries exporting the Bt. Cotton.



***CS Munya during public participation on Coffee Draft Bill  
2020***

CS Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives toured several counties during public participation on coffee draft bill 2020.

CS explained to the farmer's that a board known as Coffee Board of Kenya will be established.

The Coffee Board of Kenya will regulate and promote development of coffee industry, issue permits and licenses.

Coffee Board of Kenya will also register coffee dealers, conduct local and international promotional activities .

The Board will also use application of the Kenya Coffee Mark of Origin and coordinate capacity building for players in the coffee value chain.



## ***CS LAUNCHES COCONUT REVOLVING FUND AT KWALE***

CS Peter Munya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives launched Coconut Revolving Fund at Kwale.

The CS said he is fully cognizant of the Value attached to Coconut Crop in Coastal region and potential value of the Coconut Crop in the National Economy.

CS in his speech stated that once Coconut Production is increased stakeholders should invest in value addition.

CS added that a Fund is due for public participation with amendments to the crops Act, 2013 to ensure farmers needs for affordable credit is addressed. The beneficiaries of the revolving fund were presented with a Cheque to the Commodities Fund.



### ***CS MUNYA TOURS NEEMA LIVESTOCK & SLAUGHTERING***

CS Munya toured Neema slaughter house which is a local ultra-modern slaughterhouse founded by 3000 business men .

CS Munya was given a tour inside the slaughter house and got a chance to see how the animals are slaughtered and prepared under hygienic conditions for Export and Domestic Market.

The main Socio-Economic benefits of the company and its alignment to the Big 4 Agenda is that it ensures consumers have Food Nutritional value by availing its products from farmers to the domestic market.



***CAS ON ASTGS AS ENABLER TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES, INPUTS & BETTER TECHNIQUES OF PRODUCTION***

CAS Anne Nyaga Ministry of Agriculture, State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research in an official high opening panel forum told the stakeholders present. That increasing agricultural productivity is a priority agenda of the Government of Kenya.

The CAS said that Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy 2019-2029 (ASTGS) seeks to guide the sector in achieving 100% food and nutrition security which aims to inform and bring to life the food security pillar of the Big Four Agenda.

The CAS informed the key stakeholders present that the primary agenda of the forum was to explore and suggest policy directions on how research will support the transformation, relevance and growth of the agricultural sector in the country.



***CAS Anne Nyaga gives seeds to Isiolo farmers at Isiolo county***

CAS Anne Nyaga State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research noted that the second wave of locust invasions that came from Ethiopia and Somalia is a threat to Food Security in the country.

CAS told crop farmers in Isiolo County that the Government will support livelihood by bringing pasture and forage restoration, crop restoration for households affected by locust invasions. CAS encouraged the farmers to start kitchen garden.

CAS provided the farmers with several learning tools to enrich their knowledge in kitchen garden techniques and also gave them some seeds for planting.

CAS told the farmers that 4k clubs will be operational again and training programs in farming will be put in place for the success of the 4K clubs.



***CAS COURTESY CALL BY ISRAEL AMBASSADOR AT KILIMO***

CAS Anne Nyaga State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research got a courtesy call by H.E Oded Joseph, the ambassador of Israel to Kenya.

CAS in a meeting with the ambassador said there is need for Kenyan youths trained in Israel to utilize modern agricultural technologies here in the country.

CAS stated that Capacity Building and Training of farmers through establishment of Agri-Parks (Centers of Excellence) will provide improved farming methods





***CAS Unveils Aquaponic System at Njoro Girls School in Nakuru County***

CAS Anne Nyaga State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural research unveiled an Aquaponic system to promote a “Eat More Fish Campaign” at Njoro Girls School in Nakuru County.

The CAS said youths should be positive in Agriculture related value chains and bring out there ideas and innovations to help in securing Food Security.

CAS stated that the Government is committed in ensuring the country food needs are met through 4K Clubs and Young Farmers.

*PS Prof.  
Hamadi  
Boga issues  
certificates  
to FAO  
graduates at  
Bukura  
Agricultural  
College*



PS Prof. Hamadi Boga State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 at Bukura Agricultural College, awarded Certificates to a total of 29 FAO graduates trained on Desert Locusts Management Modules.

PS stated that Training and Capacity Building is important when it comes to tackling the issue of Desert Locusts Invasion in the country.

The 29 FAO graduates trained, will use the skills learned to help address the issue of locust invasions.

***PS Agriculture ,State  
Department for Crop  
Development and  
Agricultural  
Research Prof. Hamadi  
Boga and  
Development Partners  
during World  
Food Day 16th  
October,2020  
Celebrations***



PS Prof. Hamadi Boga Ministry of Agriculture, State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research on World Food Day 16th October,2020 said the theme of this year's World Food Day is “*Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our Actions Our Future*”.

The PS said access to safe and nutritious food is essential during COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for poor and vulnerable communities.

In line with the Big 4 Agenda the Ministry is committed to achieving 100% Food & Nutrition Security by using the Ministry's Agriculture Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy. (ASTG).

*PS Prof .Hamadi  
Boga  
addressing  
stakeholders on  
the Warehouse  
Receipt*



PS Prof Hamadi Boga Ministry of Agriculture, State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research addressed stakeholders on Warehouse Receipt System Act No. 8 of 2019 which was assented on June 2019.

PS said Warehouse Receipt System, regulates structured trading and perennial marketing challenges of agricultural commodities.

The PS stated that the Warehouse Receipt benefits to farmers is to create flexibility in sales, increase lending, access to competitive markets, efficient market with standard quality and weights, assurance to the buyer that the commodity is stored safely and is of known tradable quantity and quality. PS Prof Hamadi

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***PS INSPECTS KSG IN  
READINESS FOR  
TRAININGS***



PS Prof. Hamadi Boga State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research accompanied by the Agriculture Secretary on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 toured the Songa Mbele campus of Kenya School of Agriculture to inspect facilities in readiness for trainings and capacity building.

The PS was taken round the Lecture rooms, Resource Centre and he got a chance to see variety of products made from a variety of crops e.g. Tomatoes, Vegetables and Fruits used for learning purposes.

***PS & KWALE  
STAKEHOLDERS  
CAPACITY BUILDING  
STUDY***



PS Prof. Hamadi Boga Ministry of Agriculture, State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research has an aim to transform Asal.

By adapting a Farming Model which will transform small scale farming leading to Food Security in line with the Big Four Agenda.

The PS said his focus is to mobilize capacity building funds to ensure that Stakeholders at Kwale County are taught Mindset Change for Sustainable Transformation at Bishop Masika Yatta Farm, Machakos County.



### *A COFFEE FARMER IN NYERI COUNTY*

Mr. Charles Mugo a Coffee Farmer in Nyeri County, Mathira East Iriani ward says that Coffee Reforms Bill by the Government has brought great hope to the coffee farmers in Nyeri County.

Mr. Mugo has two variety types of coffee (SL28) and Ruiru 11 which is only 2yrs old but in about 7yrs it will be about 8ft fully grown coffee tree.

The Farmer says he harvests coffee in two seasons that is within the months of June and the main seasons on December.

Mr. Mugo was able to produce around 924 kilos of coffee but he targets to get 1200 kilos of coffee this year. When asked how he will get to his goal.

Mr. Mugo says that now as a coffee farmer he is motivated to go back to the farm because the coffee reforms grant him good returns.

The Coffee farmer is optimistic that the coffee reforms will enable him get reasonable loans with low interests.



### ***SISTER NGAVA IN TOMATOE GREEN HOUSE***

Sister Ngava the Headmistress at ST. Teresa’s Catholic Primary Girls Boarding School in Nyeri County and her staff decided to source for funds and build a greenhouse in the school compound.

Sister Ngava says the staff had some free time during covid 19 when the school was closed and the learners were home.

The Headmistress said she does not regret on investing resources and time on the greenhouse. This is because she has harvested a number of onions for consumption by her and the staff and also for sale to the nearby community. Currently the Headmistress and the staff have planted tomatoes and some of them are ready for harvest.

The Tomatoes will be consumed by the staff, school children and some will be for sale.



### ***Discolored Tomatoe Leaves attacked by Tutor Absoluter Pest***

In the greenhouse the Tomatoes are sometimes attacked by Tutor Absoluter Pest. In Nyeri this is an identified pest that attacks most farmers’ tomatoes.

The pest lowers the quality of tomatoes and sometimes the crop is destroyed even before maturity hence the farmer does not get any returns from the crop but in the Greenhouse at St Teresa’s, the Headmistress and the staff are able to identify the pest tomato.

Once the pest attack tomatoes the color of tomato leaves is no longer green therefore farm pest control experts are alerted.





***Mr. Kusenga a Mixed Crops Fruit Farmer***

Mr. Jackson Kusenga is a crop farmer from Iveti Sub-County, Machakos County. Mr. Kusenga expertise, is in mixed crop farming and livestock rearing. Mr. Kusenga was born on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1934.

He was employed by British Colonial Government on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1956 .He later was employed as an Agriculture Officer.



***MR KUSENGA FRUIT CROPS SATISFY DOMESTIC MARKET IN MACHAKOS COUNTY***

Mr. Kusenga now retired Agricultural Officer is currently a member at Upper Kaawa Society. The Upper Kaawa Cooperative Society targets the Big 4 Agenda of Food Security through Farming.