

Ministry steps up biodiversity action ahead of global conference

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Kenya has renewed its resolve to tackle biodiversity loss by restoring degraded ecosystems and aligning environmental governance with its economic transformation agenda.

Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa announced that the country is moving from policy ambition to practical delivery, backed by evidence-based monitoring and measurable socio-economic benefits.

Dr Barasa was speaking at the launch of the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) as a Sub-Regional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The CS emphasized Africa’s need to strengthen technical and institutional readiness ahead of the 17th Conference of Parties (COP 17) this year.

The event also marked the opening of a workshop on biodiversity monitoring and reporting linked to Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

“Restoration is about giving nature a chance to recover while protecting livelihoods, securing water, supporting food production and building resilience to climate change,” Dr. Barasa said, noting that degraded forests, rivers, wetlands, grasslands and coastlines must be urgently revived.

She highlighted that the Kunming-Montreal Framework represents a global shift from ambition

to implementation, with progress judged by measurable outcomes rather than intent.

Target 2, which calls for large-scale restoration of terrestrial, inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems by 2030, is both an environmental necessity and a development priority for Africa.

Delivering on this target, she added, requires clear baselines, reliable data systems, and strong national-to-global reporting mechanisms.

The designation of RCMRD as a regional support centre was described as timely, enabling countries to apply harmonised methodologies, leverage geospatial and earth-observation data, and strengthen biodiversity monitoring systems.

The Centre will also serve as a hub for technical exchange, ensuring consistency and shared learning across Africa.

Kenya’s restoration efforts, Dr. Barasa noted, are firmly anchored in BETA, with initiatives such as the 15-billion-tree growing programme and broader landscape restoration projects.

Communities remain central to these efforts, involving county governments, forest associations, farmers, schools, faith-based groups, the private sector and individual citizens.

Success, she stressed, will be measured not by numbers alone but by survival rates, ecosystem functionality, biodiversity outcomes and long-term resilience.

In a related engagement, Dr. Barasa launched the review of the 2013 National Environment Policy, calling it a critical process focused on delivery and economic transformation rather than routine administration.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

KENYA LIVESTOCK COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT (KELCOP)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

3RD FEBRUARY 2026

No.	Procurement activity	Date and time of submission
1.	Extension of submission period for Calls for proposal for matching grants and full grants to the Group or the individual entrepreneur through the Project Management and Coordinating Unit (PMCU) PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD/SDLD/KELCOP/GRANTS/02/2025-2026	9th February 2026 at 1100 hours
2.	A service provider to administer the e-voucher system and Capacity building of implementers on administration and management of e-voucher PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD/SDLD/KELCOP/RFP/02/2025-2026	5th March 2026 at 1100 hours
3.	Procurement of assorted Pastures and Trees Seeds and Seedlings for the Project Counties PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/015/2025-2026	6th March 2026 at 1100 hours
4.	Procurement of a service provider to establish kitchen gardens in the four ASAL counties of Baringo, Marsabit, Samburu and Elgeyo Marakwet PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD /SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/016/2025-2026	6th March 2026 at 1400 hours

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 - The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) is a six-year project jointly funded by: Government of Kenya (GoK), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Heifer International, and Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) and Beneficiary communities. The Project came into force on 05 March 2021 with a Completion date of 31 March 2027 and Loan Closing date of 30 September 2027. The Project Goal is to contribute to the Government’s agriculture transformation Agenda of increasing rural small-scale farmers’ incomes, food and nutrition security. The development objective is to increase incomes of 110,000 poor livestock and pastoralist households, especially youth and women, in an environmentally friendly manner, in selected project areas of the 10 participating counties. The Project areas are Semi-Arid counties (Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo), Arid counties (Marsabit and Samburu) and other areas are Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Siaya, Nakuru and Trans Nzoia.
 - This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website, KeLCoP website, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website and The Star Newspaper (MyGov publication) on 16th September 2025.
 - The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) and calls for proposals from interested applicants for grants for the above mentioned procurement activities. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the bidding documents and grant Application forms and grant guidelines for the matching grants and full grants to the Group or the individual entrepreneur through the Project Management and Coordinating Unit (PMCU) to value chain actors and drivers in the 10 counties where KeLCoP operates.
 - This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement.
 - Bidding will be conducted using the methods, the evaluation procedure for which are described in the bidding documents, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement and Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015 and the application forms for grants. The bidding process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award for procurement activities number 2 to 4.
 - Bidding documents and Grants application forms may be viewed and obtained electronically for free from the www.kilimo.go.ke, www.ppip.go.ke, www.kelcop.or.ke websites. Tenderers who download the documents and form must forward their particulars immediately to pmcu.kelcop@gmail.com to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
 - All interested bidders are required to continually check every Tuesday the mentioned websites for any bid addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.
 - Bidding documents obtained electronically will be free of charge.
 - Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet –no later than time and date specified to:
**Project Coordinator,
Project Management and Coordination Unit (PMCU),
Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP),
Nakuru-Ravine Road, Opposite KEMSA Nakuru Regional office
P.O. Box 12261-20100 Nakuru, Kenya**
 - Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance and will be returned unopened at the written request and cost of the bidder.
 - All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security (as required and where applicable) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet in the form of unconditional bank guarantee.
 - Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified or any deadline date and time specified later. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers’ designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
 - Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted.
- Yours sincerely,
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