

Bahati traders to reap from integrated market

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Traders in Bahati Sub-County in Nakuru are set to benefit from a multi-million integrated modern market to be constructed at Kabatini Trading Center.

Speaking during the handing over of the site, Governor Susan Kihika announced that the project is a partnership between the national government and the County Government of Nakuru. She said it will be completed in five months.

The tendering process was completed in March. According to Ms. Kihika, the project will include social halls, prefabricated stalls, market area segmentation, cold room facilities, offices, an ATM lobby, baby daycare services (creche), and primary processing facilities for value addition.

The governor said the project will also include supporting infrastructure such as sewer systems, high-mast flood lights, raised water tanks, banking institutions, a food court, and modern wash-rooms compliant with the needs of persons living with disabilities.

Ms. Kihika assured the traders that they will have a conducive working environment to carry out their businesses once the project is completed.

She was accompanied by Deputy Governor Mr. David Kones, Bahati Member of Parliament Ms. Irene Njoki, the Baringo County Women Representative Ms. Florence Jematia, her

Nyeri counterpart Ms. Rahab Mukami, and area Member of County Assembly Ms. Leah Nganga. The two-storey market will be constructed on half an acre of space, with at least 200 traders expected to have cold storage facilities.

“The market will also have water towers, cabros, an ablution block, and market offices,” Ms. Kihika said. She added that the objective of the market is to act as a feeder for the market hub in Bahati, Subukia, Nakuru Town East and Nakuru Town West Sub-Counties.

Ms Kihika said the national government in partnership with counties was committed to improving traders’ business environment in the country.

“Majority of Kenyans are traders by nature and what they look for is the dignity of their hustles and the places they trade from, but most of them trade in filthy places, where there is no road, sewerage and other amenities, hence attracting people with low purchasing power,” the Governor said.

The market is expected to bolster trade and transform the economy of the trading center along the busy Nakuru-Nyahururu highway.

The Sh200 million modern market is part of the government’s Economic Stimulus Program (ESP).

Bahati MP Ms Njoki emphasized that the government’s investment in market infrastructure will



A market. FILE PHOTO.

ensure that traders at the grassroots operate in conducive environments and cut food losses.

“This will guarantee our farmers and traders more earnings to support more livelihoods in our county,” the legislator added.

The MP urged the contractor to ensure construction materials are sourced locally and all jobs given to the locals.

The market will consist of a ground floor that will accommodate more than 200 modern stalls for traders and the first floor will include a boardroom.

The stalls will be divided into fresh produce and clothes and wares sections.

In addition, the modern market will include a lactation room for breastfeeding mothers, an ICT room fully connected to the internet and a revenue center.

The market will further have food courts for traders to sell meals to consumers in the area.

Deputy Governor Mr Kones noted that the project will help create employment in the area and

urged the contractor to complete it on time, further insisting that locals should be prioritized in the supply of building materials and construction jobs.



1. INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT POSITIONS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED

Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited (MUSWASCO) is a Water Service Provider that was incorporated on 22nd May 2008 under the Companies Act, 2015 (formerly Cap 486). The Company is responsible for the provision of Water and Sanitation services within her jurisdiction pursuant to the Water Act of 2016.

In accordance with Article 174 of the Constitution of Kenya, to ensure the public served has an opportunity to participate in decision-making in service delivery that affects them, MUSWASCO in conjunction with the Murang'a County Government through the stakeholder participation procedure is recruiting five (5) members of the Board of Directors. For eligibility, the applicants must be locals from the Company's area of service and should be compliant with Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

The Company has Five (5) board vacancies for representatives of the following stakeholder groups:

1. One (1) member from Women Organizations nominated by their bodies
2. One (1) member from the Business Community nominated by their bodies
3. One (1) member from Farmers Organizations nominated by their bodies
4. One (1) member from the Professional Organizations nominated by their bodies
5. One (1) member from Education Institutions nominated by their bodies

For details on the application procedure, interested candidates should visit the Company's website; www.muswasco.co.ke

All applications should be sealed in a plain envelope "APPLICATION FOR DIRECTORSHIP" and addressed to the undersigned. All applications should be received no later than **Wednesday, 19th June 2024 at 10:00 am** at Kandara Head Office.

**THE CHAIRPERSON, SELECTION COMMITTEE
MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED
P.O. BOX 87-01034, KANDARA.**

2. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh (11th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited will be held on **Thursday, 27th June 2024 at 11:00 am**. The venue will be Golden Palm Breeze Hotel, located along the Kenol - Murang'a highway.

The agenda of the AGM is as follows:

1. To read the notice convening the meeting
2. To receive the Chairman's Report
3. To receive the Managing Director's Report
4. To adopt the Chairman's and Managing Director's Reports
5. To receive, consider and, if approved, adopt the Company's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2022, together with the Chairman's, Directors' and Auditors' Reports therein
6. To note that the Auditor General shall continue in office as Auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration in accordance with the provisions of Section 724 (1) of the Companies Act, 2015
7. Election of Directors
 - (a) To note the retirement of the following Directors;
 - i. Director Mathew Chege Kimani representing Registered Farmers Organizations
 - ii. Director Pauline Wanjiru Ngigi representing Women Organizations
 - iii. Director John Kahiu Kiiru representing Education Institutions
 - iv. Director Rose Wambui Kinuthia representing Professional Organizations
 - v. Director Lawrence Munga Njoroge representing Business Community
 - (b) To receive and adopt the report of the Selection Committee
 - (c) To elect directors to fill the five (5) vacancies in the Board;
 - a. One (1) member representing Women Organizations
 - b. One (1) member representing Business Community
 - c. One (1) member representing Farmers Organizations
 - d. One (1) member representing Professional Organizations
 - e. One (1) member representing Education Institutions
8. To authorize the Board to fix the remuneration of the Directors in accordance with benchmarks and guidelines in the Water Sector
9. To transact any other business of the Annual General Meeting for which written notice has been received by the Company Secretary 48 hours before the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Companies Act, 2015

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
FCS Richard K. Gikuhi
Company Secretary
3rd June 2024**



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

State Department for Water and Sanitation

SALE OF BOARDED STORES BY PUBLIC AUCTION

TENDER NO. MWSI/SDWS/DIS/001/2023-2024

The State Department for Water and Sanitation hereby invites interested bidders for the sale of unserviceable, obsolescent, obsolete or surplus stores by Public Auction on "as-is-where-is" basis.

The Public Auction will take place on **Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 10.00 am at the Chief Mechanical & Transport Division Offices on Machakos Road Nairobi**, in conjunction with the appointed registered auctioneer **M/s. Petfriend Auctioneers of P. O. Box 784-00902 Kikuyu**.

1. The details of items can be viewed on the State Department for Water and Sanitation website: www.water.go.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke.
2. All interested purchasers are required to continuously check on the details of items, location, conditions for sale and reserve prices posted on the website. www.water.go.ke or PPIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke for any addendum (s) or clarifications that may arise before the Public Auction date.
3. For any clarification, please get in touch with the Head, Supply Chain Management - State Department for Water and Sanitation or (M/s. Petfriend Auctioneer Mobile Numbers: 0725 591 984/0722 639119)

**HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

