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## REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON THE ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE MATRIX

The COVID-19 pandemic has already impacted all areas of economic activity globally and in Kenya sector.

This [document](#) proposes a prioritized set of recommendations and interventions focused on economic response in consideration of health and social dimensions

KPDA is requesting you for your **feedback** in the same format as in the document so that we add it to the KEPSA initiative. Kindly send your feedback to [ceo@kpda.or.ke](mailto:ceo@kpda.or.ke) or [membership@kpda.or.ke](mailto:membership@kpda.or.ke)

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Business Daily | Edwin Okoth | Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### ROADS AGENCIES FINALLY GET MAINTENANCE CASH

Roads agencies and county governments have received the first half of funds meant for maintenance this financial year. [Read More.](#)

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Business Daily | Dominic Indokhomi, Walid Khan & Stephen Adier | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### DIGITISED TRANSACTIONS LAW TO BOOST EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

President Uhuru Kenyatta assented to the Business Laws Amendment Act on March 19. The new law is aimed at enhancing the ease of doing business in the country. [Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Faustine Ngila | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### NEW SOFTWARE TO SOLVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A local software firm has launched a solution that will ease the process of property management. [Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Stanley Ngotho | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### MABATI MAKER BANKS ON DIGITAL MODEL

As the ongoing coronavirus attack and subsequent measures to check its spread choke businesses across the world, customised roofing material maker Rhino Mabati is banking on its digital model to reach its customers. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Wainaina Wambu | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### PENSIONERS ACCUSE SCHEME OF SHORT-CHANGING THEM IN HOUSE BUYING

Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas, noted a British writer. But for scores of Kenyan pensioners, the musing falls dead flat. Retirement for them has been a torturous 17-year battle to retain the roofs over their heads. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Winnie Makena | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### MESSY PLANNERS RUIN POSH SUBURBS EXCLUSIVE STATUS

The young, the educated, and the princely of the fast-growing middle class who stream back to urban centres are driving up rents in posh areas' apartments - giving rise to new patterns of gentrification. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Wainaina Wambu | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### REAL ESTATE REMAINS MOST PREFERRED ASSET FOR INVESTMENT ACROSS THE CONTINENT, SAYS KNIGHT FRANK REPORT

Properties used by manufacturing and production industries recorded the highest yields in Africa, growing at a 12 per cent average. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Peter Theuri | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Deadly Corona bug may kill off Kenya's hurting property market

What started as a public health crisis has fast spiralled into a financial one and is now threatening an already troubled property market. [Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Joseph Wangui | Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### SEPARATED WIDOW INHERITS HALF OF MAN'S ESTATE

A widow, who had separated from her polygamous husband for 20 years, has inherited half of the man's estate after the co-wife failed to prove to the court that she had been divorced. [Read More.](#)



25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**ORBIT LOSES SH1BN CLAIM AGAINST NBK**

National Bank of Kenya (NBK) has escaped paying a manufacturer of chemicals more than Sh1 billion in a protracted land dispute in Mukuru Kwa Njenga after a judge ruled that the suit was time-barred. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | John Mutua | Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**AGENCIES GET TWO MONTHS TO PREPARE ASSETS REGISTERS**

Ministries, state departments agencies (MDAs) have two months to create a data bank of their assets as Treasury moves to protect taxpayers' property from fraudulent acquisition by private developers. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | George Wachira | Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**HOW GENERAL BADI CAN RESTORE NAIROBI'S GLORY**

Shifting Nairobi city management from politicians to appointed and accountable executives provides a major opportunity to make Nairobi great again after years of a free fall to the bottom, especially in areas of services delivery. The recent appointment of a military person, Major General Mohamed Abdalla Badi, to head the newly created Nairobi Metropolitan Service, provides hope that his skills can reinstate order, discipline and dignity to a city that was once the pride of Kenya. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | David Muchui | Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**WIDOWS FIGHT CUSTOMS, BIASED LAWS DENYING THEM SHARE OF FAMILY WEALTH**

When Violet Kobia lost her husband in 2000, the Eastern provincial commissioner and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (Fida) had to intervene for her to get a share of her dead husband's land. This was after her in-laws in Igembe North, Meru County, ganged up against her. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | AFP | Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**WHY OLYMPIC DELAY SPELLS LIMBO ON ATHLETES' VILLAGE**

Hundreds of luxury apartments overlooking Tokyo Bay that were due to be converted from the Athletes' Village have already been sold - just one of the many headaches caused by the historic postponement of the Tokyo Olympic. [Read More.](#)

## 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Business Daily | Edwin Mutai | Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **ABSA HOLDS BULK OF UNCLAIMED JEWELLERY, TITLES**

Absa Bank is holding the bulk of unclaimed assets, including jewellery, title deeds, share certificates and Treasury bills, documents tabled in Parliament show. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Victor Juma | Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **BILLIONAIRE CHRIS KIRUBI TO BUY SH2.7BN MORE CENTUM SHARES**

Billionaire investor Chris Kirubi is set to buy an additional 20 percent stake in Centum Investment Company in a deal worth Sh2.7 billion at a time the investment firm's stock has hit a seven-year low. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | John Mutua | Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **EMBASSY RENTAL COSTS FALL 60PC IN SIX MONTHS**

The cost to taxpayers for renting offices for diplomats fell by Sh749.3 million in the six months to December 2019, reflecting a shift in policy from leasing to purchase of space. [Read More.](#)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

**Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **UHURU KIN FIGHTS STEPMOTHER IN ROW OVER MILLIONS OF SHARES**

President Uhuru Kenyatta's brother-in-law Udi Gecaga has brought to court a fresh suit against his stepmother over the control of millions of shillings linked to the transfer of shares in Gateway Insurance. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Gitonga Muriithi | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **TECH TRENDS THAT ARE CHANGING THE FACE OF REAL ESTATE**

The growing middle class and rising disposable incomes have fuelled rising activity in Kenya's real estate over the last 20 years, with the local sector being more robust than almost anywhere else in the world. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Brian Ngugi | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **CHOPPIES TO SELL KENYA PROPERTY**

Botswana retailer Choppies Supermarket has put up for sale its retail equipment and property in Kenya weeks after scaling down local stores from more than 15 to two. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | Francis Mureithi | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **COVID-19: NAKURU PROPERTY MARKET HIT HARD**

The Sh1 billion property market in Nakuru County has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic fears. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | Gitonga Marete & Kennedy Kimanthi | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **REPORT REVEALS WANTON LAND GRABBING IN MERU**

Grabbing of public land and greedy allocations have been slowly distorting land use in Meru, leaving the county government without sufficient space for public amenities. [Read More.](#)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**Business Daily | Collins Omulo & Wanjohi Githae | Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

### **NEW DEAL IS THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO RESTORE LOST GLORY TO TROUBLED CITY**

When President Uhuru Kenyatta and Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko agreed that the national government should [take over some of the functions of the county government](#) this month, it was not a new concept. [Read More.](#)

## 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**Business Daily | Gitonga Marete | Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

### **'HOW WE BUILT SH140,000 A DAY LODGE'**

When Elizabeth Loker and her late husband bought land in an arid area in Laikipia in 2010, they set off on a journey to rehabilitate it, taking 10 years of patience and planting of over 4,500 trees at the expansive farm where they also do managed grazing. [Read More.](#)

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