

KPDA Media Weekly Review Report as at 14th May 2021



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2021 UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOUR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award was launched in 1989 and is one of the most prestigious human settlements awards. The award acknowledges initiatives which have made outstanding contributions in the field of Human Settlements, Provision of affordable, accessible and adequate housing, developing and improving human settlements and the quality of urban life to leave no one behind.

Nominations guidelines for the award can be accessed at <https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2021/04/scroll-of-honour-guidelines-2021.pdf> and <https://unhabitat.org/call-for-nominations-of-the-2021-scroll-of-honour>.

Take note that the deadline for receiving nominations via the online form is **Sunday, 8th August 2021**.

OPEN FOR APPLICATION! PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION PROGRAMME "INNOVATION FOR CHANGE IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT" AT LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

Lund University has proudly opened the application process for the second edition of Public Sector Innovation programme *Innovation for Change in Public Transport*. The programme is carried out with financial support from the Swedish Institute (SI). This year, the programme targets international professionals from *Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda* and contributes to innovation in the public sector and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

The programme aims to empower individuals representing the actors in public as well as private organizations so that they can work together for a renewal of public transport systems and thereby contribute to sustainable cities and communities. Take the opportunity and apply for the programme [here](#).

The programme is mainly online with one week in Sweden during 2022 and participation is free of charge. To find more information about the programme, target group, and application process please open the attached document. You may also find further information about other capacity development programmes at Lund University [here](#).

For questions, please contact innovationPT@education.lu.se

THE 51ST MEETING ON COORDINATING PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORTS AND COMPLEMENTING GOK EFFORTS ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

In an effort to promote a conducive business environment, KEPSA has continued to partner with the government through various mechanisms and other relevant stakeholders in formulating business-friendly interventions. KEPSA recently held its 51st meeting on the Covid- 19 update. To download the 51st KEPSA Covid-19 update please [click here](#)

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Business Daily | John Mutua | Friday 14th May 2021

WEALTHIEST, CHEAPEST ESTATES IN CORONA ERA

Nairobi's Gigiri suburb is home to the most expensive houses in the capital while Kiserian is the most affordable neighbourhood with house prices in estates associated with the Kenya's super-rich defying Covid-19 economic fallout. [Read More](#).

Business Daily | Joseph Wangui | Friday 14th May 2021

PORTLAND SUFFERS BLOW IN LAND GRABBING SUIT

A court has dismissed case filed by loss-making East African Portland Cement Company challenging recommendations of the Ndung'u Land Commission Report on inquiry into the illegal and irregular allocation of public land.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Patrick Alushula | Friday 14th May 2021

HF EYES SH3.8BN FROM AUCTIONS, PRIVATE TREATIES

HF Group is eyeing Sh3.8 billion from property auctions and negotiated sales with borrowers who have defaulted on loan payments amid rising economic hardships.[Read More.](#)

13th May 2021

Business Daily | Kevin Rotich | Thursday 13th May 2021

NAIROBI'S BUILDING APPROVALS DIP SH33BN ON PANDEMIC

The value of building approvals in Nairobi fell Sh33.4 billion in the two months to February, compared to a similar period last year as investors froze investments on the economic uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Business Daily | Thursday 13th May 2021

NEGLECTING FOREIGN MISSION PROPERTIES UNACCEPTABLE

The government's shift to buying properties in foreign missions instead of renting sounds well-reasoned in the face of substantial and rising lease costs. Kenya is spending Sh3 billion annually to rent space for its diplomats, a figure that will keep rising over the years.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Wainaina Wambu | Thursday 13th May 2021

AUCTIONS EVERYWHERE, BUT NO TAKERS

For over a year now, [auctioneers and banks](#) are stuck with prime commercial properties with no buyers in sight, even at cut prices.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Graham Kajilwa | Thursday 13th May 2021

CULTURE OR PROFIT: IS YOUR RURAL HOME DEAD CAPITAL?

[Owning a home](#) is one of the major milestones working-class Kenyans seek to achieve in their lifetime.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Peter Theuri | Thursday 13th May 2021

HOW THE WEALTHY ARE LOSING THEIR PRIVACY TO MIDDLE CLASS

You have bought a piece of land in a prime suburb of the city and gone ahead to build yourself a dream bungalow.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Peter Theuri | Thursday 13th May 2021

WHEN LAND SUBDIVISION GOES TOO FAR

A rapid population increase comes with the pressure to occupy more land. Each day there is [a new land owner](#), or someone breaking their backs to become one.[Read More.](#)

12th May 2021

Business Daily | Otiato Guguyu | Wednesday 12th May 2021

EACC EYES SEIZURE OF KIDERO'S SH540,000 A MONTH LUXURY FLATS

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has revealed a trail of cash allegedly stolen from City Hall and used in the upgrade of luxurious apartments in Nairobi's Riverside Drive that are owned by former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | John Mutua | Wednesday 12th May 2021

KENYA SPLASHES SH1BN ON LONDON ENVOY OFFICE

Kenya is set to spend Sh1 billion on its new London embassy in the year starting July as the country races to stop paying rent in Western capitals, underlining the taxpayers' burden of running the foreign missions.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Collins Omulo | Wednesday 12th May 2021

CITY HALL EYES NEW DIGITAL LAND SYSTEM TO SEAL REVENUE LOSS

Nairobi County is betting on the recently launched National Land Information Management System (NLIMS) to seal revenue leakages through land rates.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Brian Ngugi | Wednesday 12th May 2021

KCB SEEKS PARTNERSHIP IN SH6BN HOMES, OFFICES PLAN

KCB Group is seeking partners to build 5,786 residential homes and commercial buildings worth Sh6.035 billion on its prime land along Thika Road as it seeks to a piece of the growing property market on the outskirts of the city.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Edwin Mutai | Wednesday 12th May 2021

QUERIES OVER SH73M PAY TO SPY AGENCY FOR DIGITAL LAND SYSTEM

Parliament has questioned payment of Sh73 million to the National Intelligence Service (NIS) for an electronic land system that President Uhuru Kenyatta launched last month.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Mary Wambui | Wednesday 12th May 2021

TERROR OF BODA-BODA GANGS KEEPS PRIME JUJA FARM UNDEVELOPED

Located just 33 kilometres north of Nairobi between Ruiru and Juja towns, Juja farm is considered a prime location for residential property.[Read More.](#)

11th May 2021

Business Daily | John Mutua | Tuesday 11th May 2021

AFFORDABLE HOMES BUDGET DOUBLES TO SH8BN IN UHURU'S LAST YEAR IN OFFICE

Treasury has doubled the allocation for construction of affordable houses as the State races against time to deliver the low-cost units in President Uhuru Kenyatta's last year in office.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | Brian Ngugi | Tuesday 11th May 2021

HOME PRICES DROP AS LAND VALUE INCREASES

Land prices in Nairobi and the surrounding counties of Kiambu, Kajiado and Machakos have increased in the three months to March on the back of ongoing recovery from coronavirus hardships that failed to lift home prices.[Read More.](#)

Business Daily | John Mutua | Tuesday 11th May 2021

LANG'ATA APARTMENT RENTS RISE HIGHEST

Apartments in Lang'ata recorded the highest rise in rent prices of all Nairobi suburbs in the three months to March, as the rental market maintained its recovery from last year's economic fall-out of the Coronavirus pandemic.[Read More.](#)

10th May 2021

Daily Nation | Gerald Bwisa | Monday 10th May 2021

WE WANT OUR SHARE OF DAD'S LAND, SAY SISTERS IN 30-YEAR TUSSLE

For seven sisters in Trans Nzoia County, the adage, justice delayed is justice denied has come to acquire a special - if painful - meaning.[Read More.](#)

9th May 2021

Daily Nation | Acorn Investment Management Ltd | Sunday 9th May 2021

WHY KENYA NEEDS MORE PURPOSE-BUILT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Kenyan students are largely forgotten for the college-going period of their lives. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has, however, thrust the supporting services that make students' life satisfying, into the limelight.[Read More.](#)

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