

KPDA Media Weekly Review Report as at 21st May 2021



CEO DE-BRIEF

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

21st May 2021

Business Daily | Kevin Rotich | Friday 21st May 2021

KONZA HANDS INVESTORS ANOTHER 73,000 ACRES

Konza Technopolis is set to offer investors an additional 73,000 acres of land amid rising interest due to the recently completed standard gauge railway (SGR) and the planned expansion of the Nairobi-Mombasa highway which promises to open up the area for business. [Read More](#).

Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Friday 21st May 2021

TRIAL OF CHINESE CONTRACTORS IN SH2.5BN MALL SCANDAL HALTED

The High Court has stopped the trial of directors of a Chinese company that constructed the Sh2.5 billion Lake Basin Mall in Kisumu, which the anti-graft agency says was inflated to defraud taxpayers. [Read More](#).

Business Daily | Philip Muyanga | Friday 21st May 2021

TRUCK FIRM SEEKS SH520M FROM KCB IN ROW OVER LAND HELD AS COLLATERAL

A long distance truck company has sued the Kenya Commercial Bank seeking Sh519.3 million as compensation for lost revenue over alleged holding of its prime parcel of land as security for a loan which was never disbursed. [Read More](#).

Business Daily | Otiato Guguyu | Friday 21st May 2021

LABOSO WIDOWER SURRENDERS IN FIGHT FOR MOTHER-IN-LAW ASSETS

The widower of former Bomet Governor Joyce Laboso has expunged contested properties belonging to his mother-in-law from an inheritance list that had triggered a court fight with his in-laws.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Washington Onyango and Harold Odhiambo | Friday 21st May 2021

RIAT HILLS IS NEW MAGNET FOR THE RICH AND LUXURY BUSINESS HUBS

Just 20 years ago, the land that is now a residential paradise in the outskirts of Kisumu town was a jungle.[Read More.](#)

20th May 2021

The Standard | Graham Kajilwa | Thursday 20th May 2021

BEDSITTER OR ONE-BEDROOM? WHY SIZE IS KING

If you live in a [bed-sitter](#), you might feel insecure to divulge such information, as it attracts all manner of unpleasant comments and sarcasm from some quarters.[Read More.](#)

The Standard | Dominic Omondi | Thursday 20th May 2021

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR LAMU OLD TOWN AS NEW PORT OPENS

[Lamu Old Town](#)'s alleys, sandwiched by classical buildings, are painfully narrow.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | David Muchui | Thursday 20th May 2021

WE'VE NO MORE LAND FOR TOWN'S EXPANSION, NKUBU RESIDENTS TELL COUNTY

Residents of Nkubu have threatened to sue the Meru County Assembly over what they say is illegal passing of a report on the town's development plan.[Read More.](#)

19th May 2021

The Standard | Philip Mwakio | Wednesday 19th May 2021

THE CHANGING SKYLINE OF MOMBASA TOWN

The rush to modernity is altering [the skyline and architectural design](#) of the port city of Mombasa.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Mercy Chelangat | Wednesday 19th May 2021

AGONY OF INVESTORS AS THIKA HOUSES STALL FOR SIX YEARS GOBBLING MILLIONS

Would-be investors have cried their ducts dry after a promising real estate project in Thika turned out to be a nightmare.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Ibrahim Mwachane | Wednesday 19th May 2021

WHY IT'S PRUDENT TO DIGITISE LAND RECORD MANAGEMENT

Land is central to Africa's economy. Good land management is, therefore, a prerequisite to unlocking its full potential. Hence, technology has become a helpful tool. The "Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa" underscores the importance of computerised land information management systems to African Union member states. Manual systems, they observe, are inaccessible and expensive to the user public and need to be redesigned and technologically upgraded.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Raghaw Gandhi | Wednesday 19th May 2021

PURPOSE-BUILT HOUSES HELP TO MOULD STUDENTS

With 75 per cent of Kenya's population under 35 - and the country's median age 18 - it makes sense that their needs be prioritised in planning for housing.[Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Pauline Ongaji | Wednesday 19th May 2021

LAND OWNERSHIP: WHY WOMEN IN KENYA STILL NEED MORE HELP DESPITE PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS

Land is central to life. It is a direct source of livelihood for a majority. Therefore, it is an emotive subject.[Read More.](#)

18th May 2021

Daily Nation | Joseph Openda | Tuesday 18th May 2021

POLICE, LAWYER FIGHT FOR MISSING BELGIAN'S SH100M ESTATE

Two years after the mysterious disappearance of 63-year-old Belgian woman, Dysselleer Mireille Lesoipa, a new controversy has emerged over what should become of her Sh100 million estate.[Read More.](#)

17th May 2021

Business Daily | Kevin Rotich | Monday 17th May 2021

CEMENT USAGE AT FOUR-MONTH LOW ON PROJECTS FREEZE

Cement consumption slumped to a four-month low in February as investors either froze or scaled down construction projects on the economic uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. [Read More.](#)

16th May 2021

Daily Nation | Faustine Ngila | Sunday 16th May 2021

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE? TRY THE ONLINE PLATFORM WHERE TENANTS MEET LANDLORDS

Mercy Muthui spent the first four months of this year looking for a house to shift to after her employer made working from home permanent last October. [Read More.](#)

15th May 2021

Daily Nation | Simon Mburu | Saturday 15th May 2021

ITCHING TO OWN A HOUSE? TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW APARTMENT LAW

Over the past few months, the government has revised home ownership regulations. The revisions under the sectional properties law on homeownership in Kenya are part of the State's efforts to boost homeownership. [Read More.](#)

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