

Kenya showcases geothermal potential at global energy event

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has rallied participants at the World Geothermal Congress to invest in Kenya's geothermal sector. The call was made at the World Geothermal Congress in Calgary, Canada,

where EPRA Acting Director General Dr. Eng. Joseph Oketch noted that Kenya remains richly endowed with geothermal resources. He further observed that the country's electricity sector is well-structured and guided by technically and economically sound frameworks. "We are currently overseeing the implementation



The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) officials who were part of the exhibiting team at the World Geothermal Congress (WGC) 2026 in Calgary, Canada.

of the INEP Regulations 2025 which seek to align county energy plans with

national plans, ensuring coherence across levels of government and ensuring

all actors follow a common framework and that energy planning is economically efficient and technically sound," said Dr. Oketch.

Kenya's electricity sector is guided by key planning instruments, such as the Least Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP), which outlines optimal electricity generation and transmission expansion pathways and policy frameworks such as the National Energy Policy and the Integrated National Energy Plan (INEP).

The Ag. Director General added that EPRA is keen

on establishing Regulatory Frameworks that support geothermal growth in Kenya.

"We are making significant strides in establishing frameworks that enhance the operational environment for geothermal energy investments.

We are finalizing the Draft Geothermal Resources Regulations 2026, which are designed to streamline the permitting and licensing processes in the geothermal space while ensuring environmental health and safety (EHS) compliance," he added.

Government forms taskforce to probe rising school unrest

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI (KNA)

The Government has announced a series of measures to address rising cases of unrest in secondary schools, including the formation of a multi-stakeholder team to investigate the causes of the disturbances and recommend lasting solutions.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said the Government was treating the matter with utmost seriousness following a recent wave of unrest that has disrupted learning, caused destruction of school property and resulted in loss of lives.

Speaking during a media briefing in Nairobi, Ogamba said investigations into the tragic fire at Utumishi Girls Academy in Nakuru County, which claimed the lives of 16 learners, had established that the incident was a criminal act orchestrated by some students.

"Nine suspects have already been arraigned and are in custody awaiting trial. We condole with the families of those who lost their loved ones and continue to wish those who were injured a quick recovery," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized that while learners may have legitimate grievances, violence and destruction of property could never be justified.

"Any grievances must only be addressed through appropriate channels without resorting to unlawful actions or violence. All perpetrators found to be involved in such actions



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba pictured while announcing measures to address rising cases of unrest in secondary schools.

will be dealt with firmly and in accordance with the law," he stated.

According to the Ministry, unrest has so far been reported in 204 Senior Schools across the country, most of them boarding institutions. However, Ogamba noted that the affected schools account for less than two per cent of all Senior Schools, adding that the vast majority of institutions remain stable and operational.

"Most of our schools, around 98 per cent, remain stable and continue with their normal operations," he said, adding that 59 of the affected schools had already resumed learning while others were in the process of reopening.

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He noted that learners in Grades 1 to 9 had not experienced any disruptions, with the basic education system continuing to function normally apart from challenges reported in some boarding secondary schools.

The Ministry attributed the unrest to several factors, including leadership challenges in schools, examination-related anxiety, poor boarding conditions, alcohol and drug abuse, strenuous school routines, peer influence and copycat behaviour, as well as demands by some learners for early closure of schools.

Ogamba reminded school heads of their responsibility to safeguard learners and promptly address emerging concerns within their institutions.

"Heads of institutions have a statutory and moral responsibility to ensure challenges are addressed in good time and that the safety and security of our learners are guaranteed," he said.



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WATER ACT 2016 Section 70,72,85, 87 & 139

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received applications for water services regular tariff adjustments pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) and (c) of the Water Act, 2016. The proposed tariffs are intended to enable full cost recovery, ensure sustainable service delivery, and support critical investments aimed at improving water services. The applications have been submitted by the following Water Service Providers (WSPs):

1. Kisii Water & Sanitation PLC(KWASCO)
2. Kiambu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (KIAWASCO)
3. Murugi-Mugumango Water Society

Therefore, in compliance to WASREB principal object under the Water Act 2016 Section 70(1)-"protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1)- "An application for a licence and tariff shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we hereby notify the public of upcoming consultation meetings. These meetings will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to express their views on current service delivery, proposed tariff adjustments, and potential service improvements.

Please note that the Water Service Providers shall hold hybrid public consultation meetings (physical and virtual) as outlined below.

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME	TYPE OF APPLICATION
Murugi-Mugumango Water Society	Tharaka-Nithi	Murugi-Mugumango Water Society Office Ground, along Katharaka Baragu-Ntumu Road	Tuesday, 7 th July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment
Kisii Water & Sanitation PLC(KWASCO)	Kisii	Dallas Premier Inn, Kisii Town	Wednesday, 8 th July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment
Kiambu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (KIAWASCO)	Kiambu	ACK St. James Cathedral Church, Kiambu Town	Thursday, 9 th July 2026 10.00 am	Tariff Adjustment

Important information:

- Each WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within its service area before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Participants should be seated by 10.00 am. Personal identification of participants will be required.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, investments, and performance targets can be accessed at www.wasreb.go.ke.

Written comments on the application can be emailed to WASREB at info@wasreb.go.ke. Hard copies can be submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
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P.O Box 41621 -00100,
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The closing date for receipt of comments is 30 days after the publication of this notice.

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