6th – 12th September, 2025

# Kenya Gears up for 2025 Climate Action Summit



A section of the delegates attending the Climate Action Summit 2025 breakfast meeting held on September 3, 2025 at PrideInn Azure. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to mobilize support and chart a collaborative path towards a climate-resilient future for Kenya.

n September 3, 2025, the Kenya School Government (KSG), in collaboration with the Nairobi Rivers Commission and Expo Events, (NRC) convened the second Climate Action Breakfast Meeting. (The first was held at KSG on August 12, 2025.)

This gathering was more than a routine briefing over coffee. Around the breakfast tables, climate champions, government leaders, innovators, and development partners assembled with a shared sense of

Their mission: To urgency. ensure that Kenya's climate commitments translate into real, visible progress on the ground.

The Climate Action Summit 2025 is intentionally timed to align with World Rivers Day (celebrated on the last Sunday of September) and is envisioned as a transformative platform to drive action. The official theme Summit, o f t h e "Institutionalizing Climate Action in Kenya: Policy Alignment, Leadership Coordination, and Localized Implementation," underlines its focus on embedding climate

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Building the Next Generation of **Climate Adaptation Champions**
- KSG Shines at ASK Mombasa **International Show 2025**
- The KSG Matuga Choir: Staff Voices Unite in Harmony
- Digital Hygiene; Why It Matters
- KSG@100: Embu Campus Tree Planting
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KSG Director General Prof. Nura Mohamed at the Climate Action Breakfast Meeting.

action into every level of governance and society.

The event will bring together stakeholders from government, business, communities, and international organizations, with the goal of moving beyond highlevel policy statements and delivering measurable results on the ground.

# From Ambition to Action: Showcasing Kenya's Progress

Discussions at the breakfast highlighted Kenya's climate journey and the imperative to shift from ambition to action. Participants reflected on the Nairobi Declaration (2023) from the inaugural Africa Climate Summit, which was a declaration that urged African nations to convert climate ambitions into concrete deeds.

Several success stories were shared to illustrate significant strides Kenya has made since then. For instance, nearly 90% of Kenya's electricity is now generated from renewable sources, including geothermal,

wind, hydro, and solar. This remarkable achievement in clean energy reflects Kenya's bold investments in geothermal plants, wind farms, and other green infrastructure over the past decade.

Kenya's pioneering County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) model has financed dozens of local projects that build climate resilience. These projects have brought clean water through solar-powered boreholes, new water storage and irrigation systems, and other adaptation measures to communities across the country.

Such locally led projects, ranging from drought-proof water supplies to community-owned solar pumps, have already changed lives, benefiting hundreds of thousands of households and demonstrating the power of devolved climate action.

### Revitalizing Nairobi's Rivers: A Flagship Climate Initiative

A highlight of the meeting Nairobi Rivers Regeneration Programme, a Kshs. 50 billion initiative to restore 175 km of river ecosystems from their sources to the Athi River basin-One Kenya's boldest of undertakings. Beyond cleaning waterways, upgrading sewerage, and reducing floods, the project is people-centered - creating youth providing affordable housing for families along



Mr. Andrew Rori, Director Institute of Devolution Studies and Ms. Eunice Weveti, faculty member, giving their insights ahead of the Climate Summit.

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riverbanks, and developing parks and green spaces. For many in the room, this ambitious river project was a powerful reminder that climate action is not just about the environment, it is about people, livelihoods, and dignity

2025 Climate Action Summit: Partnerships, Accountability, and Global Alignment

Looking ahead, the 2025 Climate Action Summit is envisioned as more than a platform for pledges—it is a space for partnerships, innovation, and implementation. Designed to break down silos, the Summit will feature expos, innovation showcases, and thematic forums that bring together government, private sector, civil society, and communities under a whole-ofgovernment, whole-of-society approach. Importantly, it is expected to deliver concrete outcomes that institutionalize accountability. Central to this will be the Climate Implementation Charter and the County Climate

Action Matrix, which will set out clear commitments and milestones for all 47 counties. These instruments are intended to embed transparency, consistency, and measurable progress at both national and county levels—ensuring that Kenya's climate vision is backed by practical, on-the-ground delivery across every region.

The 2025 Climate Action Summit will focus on four priorities: shaping Kenya's reporting posture ahead of COP 30 by showcasing progress under the Paris Agreement; laying a foundation for demonstrable results by COP 31 in 2026; advancing whole-ofa government and whole-ofsociety approach that unites national a n d county governments, the private sector, communities, and youth; and embedding accountability and durability through mechanisms like the Climate Implementation Charter and County Action Matrix to ensure commitments are transparent, measurable, and built to last.

### **From Promises to Progress**

As plates were cleared and the breakfast meeting concluded, one resounding truth remained: Kenya is poised to enter a new chapter of climate leadership. The forthcoming 2025 Climate Action Summit will not be about lofty promises. Rather, it will be about concrete progress. Every participant, from senior government officials to grassroots innovators, recognized that they have a role in writing this next chapter.

All eyes are now on the September Climate Action Summit, where Kenya will showcase real progress on its journey to a sustainable, climate-resilient future.

Compiled by Eunice Weveti, Diana Ndung'u and Sonia Mbithe



Delegates who attended the Climate Action Summit preparation meeting.

### Save the Dates!



### Building the Next Generation of Climate Adaptation Champions



Genesis Daquinan-Philippines (Left), Chantelle Tauya -Zimbabwe (Center) and Jerry Okumu-Kenya at the Youth Academy on Climate Adaptation and Leadership in Lower Kabete

#### BY TABITHA KEMUNTO

The Kenya School of Government (KSG) is at the forefront of advancing climate resilience and adaptive leadership across Africa. As a strategic institutional partner of the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), the School is committed to driving capacity building, research, and policy development that address the pressing realities of climate change. Through joint programs, KSG equips both current and future public service leaders with the knowledge and skills to design innovative, inclusive, and sustainable solutions for climate adaptation.

From September 1-5, 2025, KSG, in partnership with the Global Center on Adaptation, the University of Nairobi, the University of Groningen, and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, held a Youth Academy on Climate Adaptation and Leadership.

The program brought together Chief Executive Officers and 50 youth leaders from across Africa for an intensive training designed for shaping the next generation of adaptation champions. Attendees gained skills in proposal writing, project implementation, and entrepreneurship, with the expectation that they will share this knowledge with peers and communities in their home countries.

## From the voices of the vouth:

Speaking about her experience, Chantelle Tauya from Zimbabwe, the in-country focal point for Action 24 and the African Youth Adaptation Network, said:

"The Youth Academy on Climate Adaptation Leadership was an amazing experience, with curriculum that covered proposal writing, adaptation solutions, leadership development, and importance of partnerships and collaboration. A key lesson for me was the need to integrate sustainability and financing into every adaptation initiative by adopting viable business models. I plan to replicate the training in Zimbabwe through universities and networks, using the toolkits and guidelines provided to reach young people. Academy has strengthened my confidence to engage with organizations, influence policies, and promote meaningful youth participation in climate action. Beyond the training, the Academy has allowed me to establish strong networks with focal points across Africa, and we will sustain these bonds through continued collaboration, joint programmes, and digital platforms."

From the Philippines, Genesis Daquinan, currently based in the Netherlands and working with Mangrove Matters Philippines, gave his reflections:

"I came to Kenya for the Youth Adaptation Academy both as a member of the Youth Advisory Panel representing Asia and the Philippines, and on behalf of my organization to seek collaborations that can foster south-to-south knowledge exchange. The Academy has been a valuable space not only training but also for connecting with peers from Africa and beyond, creating meaningful opportunities for young people to share experiences, imagine innovative solutions, and challenge business as usual in climate adaptation. The workshops, especially on grant writing and management, have been practical for strengthening our organizational

### Building the Next Generation of Climate Adaptation Champions



Dr. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), delivering his keynote address during the closing ceremony and witnessing the energy of the youth at the forum.

capacity to mobilize resources and sustain projects back home. More broadly, the experience has reinforced my belief that young people must play a central role in driving climate adaptation, not as tokens, but as true actors with space, voice, and influence. I see universities and even schools at all levels as vital platforms for integrating climate education early, so future generations can better understand and protect

their environments."

Offering a Kenyan perspective, Jerry Okumu, Programs Officer and Research Fellow at the Youth Innovation Centre, KSG, shared:

"My experience at the Youth Academy has been practical, informative, and very educative because the training was not just about discussions but about finding real, actionable solutions to climate challenges. It

reaffirmed my belief that we have the capacity to drive change, youth must be at the Centre of climate action. One of the most useful things I gained was a training tool that I plan to use in my engagements, because for me the key is not just training but ensuring that action follows. My biggest takeaway- while we already have many policies, most are poorly implemented, and what we truly need sustainable, actionable policies that directly address climate challenges. I also value the partnerships built here, which I plan to sustain by staying supporting engaged, initiatives, another's collaborating across regions to strengthen impact. I believe universities and youth councils should play a strong role by integrating climate issues into their curricula, because knowledge is power, and when young people are informed, they are better positioned to take the right actions."

From these voices, the Youth Academy was not any ordinary training—it was a launchpad for bold ideas, fresh collaborations, and youth-powered climate solutions arming young leaders to reshape Africa's climate future.



Chief Executive Officers and youth leaders from across Africa at the intensive training designed for shaping the next generation of adaptation champions. The forum was held at KSG Lower Kabete from September 1st to 5th, 2025.

Sights at the Youth Academy on Climate Adaptation Forum



## KSG Shines at ASK Mombasa International Show 2025



H.E President William Ruto presents Mr. Mwaibei Seif Omara with a 20-Year Loyal Service Award. Mr. Omara is a member of staff at KSG Mombasa.

#### BY GLENN LUMITI

he Kenya School of Government (KSG) is making a strong mark at this year's ASK Mombasa International Show 2025, with a vibrant exhibition stand, inspiring cultural performances, and a proud moment of recognition for one of its long-serving staff members. Over the first two days, KSG has not only showcased its mandate of strengthening public service capacity but also highlighted the institution's enduring commitment to leadership, governance, and service to the nation.

The opening day of the Show set a lively pace at the KSG stand. From the first hour, streams of visitors engaged with the School's products, interacting with staff, and learn about the institution's unique role in shaping the future of public service in Kenya.

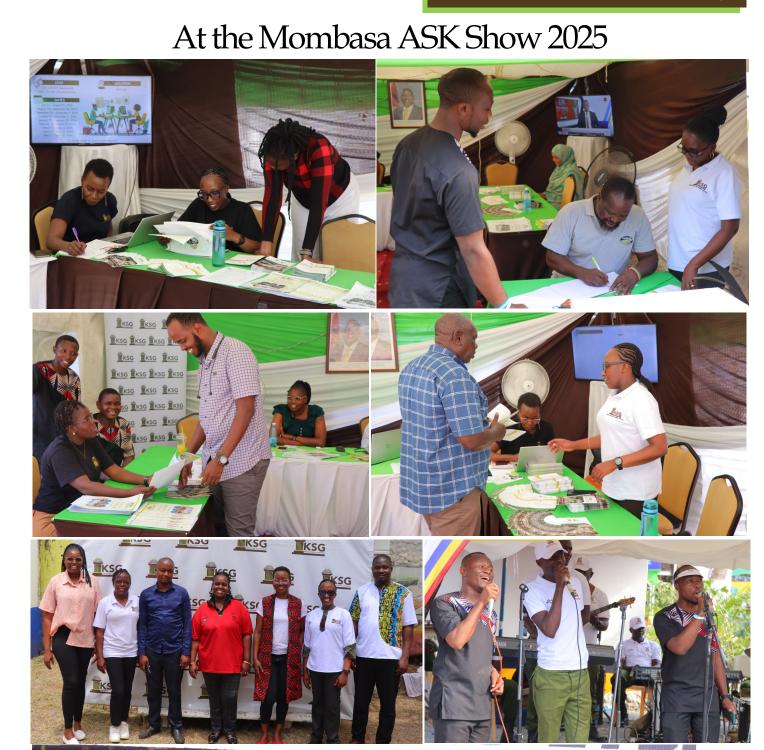
The KSG Mombasa Campus Choir lit up both the stand and the main Arena with a vibrant cultural showcase. powerful harmonies and spirited performance captivated audiences, earning admiration from local and international guests alike. More than the choir's entertainment, presentation was a celebration of Kenva's rich cultural heritage and a testament to KSG's commitment to nurturing talent that thrives both within and beyond the workplace.

The second day of the exhibition carried even greater significance as H.E. President William Samoei Ruto honoured the event as Chief Guest. His presence elevated the occasion and underscored the importance of participating institutions such

as KSG that advance Kenya's national development agenda.

But the most memorable moment was when Mr. Mwaibei Seif Omar, a dedicated member of staff of KSG Mombasa, was honored with a 20-Year Loyal Service Award. The award, presented by the President of the Republic himself, was a testament to Mr. Omar's commitment, integrity, and long-standing contribution to the growth of the ASK Show. His recognition not only celebrated individual excellence but also symbolized the collective spirit of dedication that KSG staff embody in service to the nation. It was a proud moment for the entire KSG fraternity, shining a spotlight on the values of loyalty, service, and excellence that continue to define the institution.

With vibrant showcases, inspiring performances, and the recognition of loyal service, KSG's participation at the ASK Mombasa International Show 2025 has been a statement of commitment and engagement. The School has not only highlighted its wide range of programs but also demonstrated its impact in shaping governance and leadership for Kenya's future. Every moment has reflected KSG's values of innovation. professionalism, and service. As the exhibition continues, KSG invites more visitors to experience the "KSG difference"—where knowledge meets action, and where strong institutions are nurtured to drive national transformation.





## The KSG Matuga Choir: Staff Voices Unite in Harmony

#### BY KEFFAS MUTETHIA

Every great institution has a rhythm - a heartbeat that keeps the community alive and connected. At the Kenya School of Government, Matuga, that rhythm has found a new and beautiful expression through music. The recently launched KSG Matuga Choir, made up entirely of staff members from different departments, is more than a group of singers—it is a symbol of unity, creativity, and the vibrant spirit of our Campus.

The story of the choir began with a simple but powerful idea: to bring staff together in a way that transcends offices, roles, and responsibilities. While the Kenya School of Government is well known for its leadership training, capacity building, and academic excellence, the Campus community also thrives on wellness, culture, and togetherness.

The choir was born from this desire to enrich campus life and provide staff with a space to

express their talents. For many, this is a refreshing change from daily routines. Rehearsals have quickly become moments of happiness where members discover the thrill of music. Some had sung in church choirs years ago; others had never stood in front of a microphone. But together, their voices blend into something larger than any one individual—an echo of Matuga's spirit of unity.

Every rehearsal doubles as a leadership lesson, reinforcing the very qualities that the School strives to impart in its training programs and after a long day this brings relaxation and motivation- a quick a reminder that work is not only about productivity but also about wellbeing and balance.

The establishment of the choir has been made possible by the encouragement and goodwill of the School's leadership whose support has enabling this initiative to take root. Their recognition of the importance of cultural and social activities has been a source of encouragement

for the members motivating staff to dedicate their time and talents to making the choir a success.

The choir's presence is already transforming Campus life. It is set to play a role in graduation ceremonies, official events, and cultural gatherings, adding a new dimension of celebration and inspiration to these occasions.

Looking ahead, the choir hopes to represent KSG in interinstitutional music festivals and other cultural exchanges. There are also plans to collaborate with choirs from other KSG campuses and even explore recording opportunities.

The Matuga Choir stands as a powerful testament to what happens when people unite with purpose and passion. Each performance will carry the story of an institution that values not just intellectual excellence, but also emotional and social wellbeing. Together, we sing. Together, we lead.



The newly launched Matuga choir with trainers from the choirs in Mombasa and Nairobi Campuses. The singers comprise staff from every department of the Campus.

# Digital Hygiene; Why It Matters

#### BY ELIAS MAKOKHA

Digital hygiene is one of the modern essentials professionalism, standing alongside other familiar expectations like proper dress code, punctuality, respectful communication, and ethical conduct in today's workplace. It refers to the conscious and responsible management of your online presence, which has widely become just as significant as how we appear in physical spaces. Increasingly, colleagues, clients, and your next potential employers form impressions not only from how you conduct yourselves in person, but also from how you present yourself in digital spaces.

Think of it as brushing your teeth every morning. Missing it once may not seem like a big deal, but over time, the neglect leads to plaque, bad breath, eventually serious dental issues. Similarly overlooking small digital habits like weak passwords, outdated profiles, or impulsive posting may feel harmless in the moment but often results in bigger problems: data breaches, reputational damage, or lost opportunities. Just as good personal hygiene safeguards health and confidence, digital hygiene protects credibility and trust in the online world.

According a 2023 research done by CareerBuilder, Closer to the professional environment, recruiters increasingly admit to screening candidates' online activity, with over 70 percent acknowledging that social media profiles influence hiring decisions. These findings confirm what many already suspect: neglecting digital hygiene does not just pose security risks, it also shapes career opportunities and organizational reputation.

One of the most fundamental practices is regularly changing passwords. Weak or reused passwords remain among the leading causes of data breaches globally. Simple habits such as updating passwords every few months, using unique credentials across different platforms, and enabling two-factor authentication can protect both personal and organizational information. Neglecting this basic yet important practice exposes you to unnecessary risks that could easily be avoided.

Equally important is curating one's online image. Every photo shared, caption written, or comment left on a certain post contributes to a lasting digital footprint. In professional circles, this footprint often precedes faceto-face introductions. An updated LinkedIn, X or Facebook profile, thoughtful sharing of industry insights, and the removal of outdated or questionable content all help in presenting a polished and credible image. Just as one would prepare carefully for a

presentation, curating online spaces ensures that digital impressions are equally wellprepared.

Posting responsibly is an element of digital hygiene. Social media offers a platform for expression, but it also carries weight in a way. Inappropriate jokes, emotional rants, or careless comments can spread widely, damaging reputations in ways that are difficult to reverse. As a professional, you should recognize that your online interactions often represent not only you as a person but also your organization, therefore responsible posting means pausing to consider tone, relevance, and audience before hitting 'post'.

Finally, digital hygiene requires regular account reviews. Outdated profiles, unused applications, or unchecked privacy settings can all leave vulnerabilities. Conducting periodic audits of online accounts helps to close gaps, ensure information is up to date, and reinforce security. This practice, though often overlooked, reduces exposure to while threats keeping professional profiles aligned with current roles and achievements.

Practiced consistently, these habits form a backbone of digital hygiene safeguarding personal credibility, strengthening organizational trust, and contributing to a culture of responsibility in the digital age. In an environment where first impressions are often formed online and reputations can shift with a single post, digital hygiene becomes is a daily discipline for every professional committed to growth and integrity.

### **DIGITAL HYGIENE**



# **Embu Campus Tree Planting**







The Kenya School of Government, Embu, held a tree planting exercise at Nthambo Primary School grounds, where 500 trees were sowed as part of the KSG@100 pre-celebration activities. The initiative, which supported the Presidential Directive towards the national target of 15 billion trees by 2032, was carried out in collaboration with Nthambo Primary School students. This was the second tree planting at the school, aimed at promoting environmental sustainability, enhancing community benefits, and mentoring the younger generation on the value of conservation.



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## **Leadership Lesson**

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it.

Great leadership is about empowering others, sharing credit, and working together toward a common goal. The best leaders make others feel valued and part of the success, rather than overshadowing them.

**Andrew Carnegie** 

## Have your say



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**Prof. Nura Mohamed, Ph.D, EBS** Your strategic vision is propelling us forward. Thank you for your exceptional leadership.

Keep shining Prof

# Word of the Week

~Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### UPCOMING AND ONGOING PROGRAMS

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Senior Management Course No. 215/2025 Online

**Training of Trainers** 

Strategic Leadership Development Programme No. 490/2025

Senior Management Course No. 213/2025

Strategic Leadership Development Programme No. 494/2025

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18th August to 26th September, 2025

### **Embu Campus**

Strategic Leadership Development Program No. 488/2025

Management Course for Office Admin

Supervisory Skills Development Course-State Department for Industry

21st July-26th September, 2025

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1st -12th September, 2025

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Supervisory Skills Development Course No. 31/2025

Strategic Leadership Development Program No.496/2025

Supervisory Skills Development Course No. 33/2025

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11th August - 5th September, 2025

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### Mombasa Campus

Strategic Leadership development Program

**Records Management Course** 

Workshop: The National Treasury

18th August - 26th September,2025

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