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COUNCIL
HONOURING HEROES, HONOURING KENYA

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MANDATE

The National Heroes Council is established by the Kenya Heroes Act No. 5 of 2014. The mandate of the Council is to provide for the identification, recognition and honoring of national heroes.



Vision:

Excellence in honouring heroes



Mission:

To promote nationalism by identifying, honouring and supporting national heroes.



Core Values:

1. Professionalism
2. Diversity
3. Innovation
4. Integrity
5. Patriotism

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL HEROES COUNCIL

On behalf of the Council, I take this opportunity to congratulate the 2025 National Heroes featured in this publication. Their selfless contributions and sacrifices have played a vital role in transforming communities and advancing Kenya's development. Through their unwavering dedication, they have brought honour and recognition to our nation at the county, national and international levels.

The recognition of National Heroes in Kenya is a transparent, inclusive and participatory process. Heroes are identified and honoured across 14 distinct categories that capture the diverse faces of heroism in our society. These include freedom fighters, cultural custodians, innovators, entrepreneurs, professionals, artists, environmentalists, sports personalities and others whose contributions continue to shape the life of our nation.

At the heart of this process lies public participation, with Kenyans nominating individuals who have made outstanding contributions. These nominations are

evaluated and publicly scrutinised to ensure fairness, transparency and accountability. Through this process, both celebrated figures and heroes whose stories may not make headlines are honoured.

Tragically, some heroes depart before they can be honoured in person. However, their legacy arises from the sacrifices they made in their lives. So we commemorate and honour such heroes posthumously, affirming that their sacrifices and legacies will never be forgotten.

By documenting the achievements of honoured heroes in this publication, the Council seeks to record and preserve their contributions as an educational resource, to promote national values, pride and identity, and to inspire individuals to undertake similar actions for the continued betterment of our nation.

**Hon. Jimmy Nuru Ondieki Angwenyi,
MGH**

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO, NATIONAL HEROES COUNCIL

It is my great honour to introduce the 2025 National Heroes selected from across 14 distinct categories. Their stories reflect the rich diversity of how Kenyans continue to shape, uplift and fortify our nation in extraordinary ways.

The process of identifying heroes, governed by the Kenya Heroes Act No. 5 of 2014, has been rigorous and transparent. It involved public participation in the nomination and objection stages. This ensured that those being honoured truly reflect the principles and standards of integrity, service and excellence.

Therefore, we honour our heroes from those who fought in the liberation struggle to those whose impact does not make headlines.

We celebrate heroes with disability who overcome numerous obstacles and barriers to not only excel but also be outstanding. Their resilience fills our heart with pride and inspires us.

We honour our artists whose passion and creativity turn imagination

into enterprise, creating livelihoods, generating jobs and driving wealth that fuels the vibrant engine of our creative economy.

Other heroes include entrepreneurs and industrialists, whose vision, courage, resilience and risk taking create jobs and contributes to economic development.

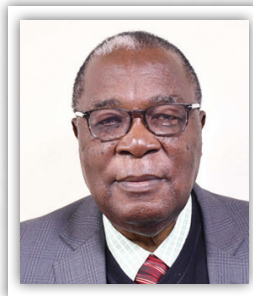
We salute our sports heroes whose victories bring glory to the nation and inspire a deep sense of pride in being Kenyan, fostering unity and uplifting the spirit of our people.

We honour teachers who help to shape the trajectory of our children's minds, our national security agencies personnel who safeguard our peace and borders as well as our medical professionals who provide critical care that saves lives.

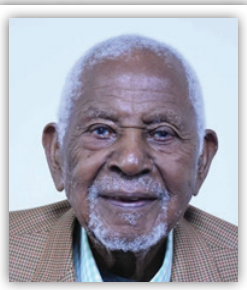
May the heroes we celebrate today inspire each one of us to act with purpose and make a lasting difference in the lives of fellow Kenyans.

Dr Charles O. Wambia, OGW, CoP

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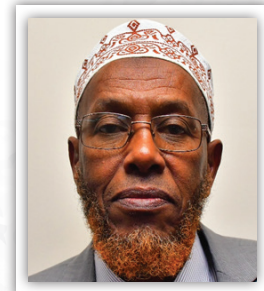
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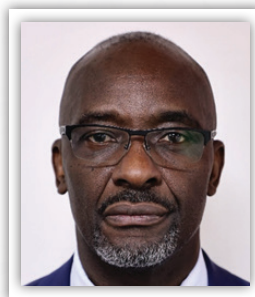
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CATEGORIES FROM WHICH HEROES ARE IDENTIFIED FROM

Liberation Struggle

Heroes in the liberation struggle embody unwavering patriotism, courage and sacrifice in the fight for Kenya's freedom. Through their acts of resilience and defiance against oppression, they inspired unity and ignited the spirit of self-determination. Their legacy safeguards the nation's sovereignty, preserves the memory of those who fought for independence and continues to strengthen Kenya's identity and pride.

Peacemaking

Heroes in peacemaking champion dialogue, reconciliation and unity in the face of conflict. With wisdom, integrity and courage, they create pathways for healing, bridging divides across communities and generations. Their efforts foster harmony, safeguard human dignity and inspire lasting stability. Such heroes leave behind a legacy of hope and resilience, reinforcing Kenya's values of peace, coexistence and national cohesion.

Scholarship, Professionalism and Research

Heroes honoured in this category contribute to expanding the body of

knowledge in a particular field in theory and practice through outstanding professionalism, scholarship, research and technological innovation with a positive impact to the society. This includes an individual's contribution to the formulation, advancement and application of curriculum, standards, policies, principles used to guide the development and application of a certain discipline. It also includes training, knowledge exchange and mentorship of upcoming scholars and professionals for continued achievement of exemplary results.

Philanthropy

Heroes honoured in this category, undertake actions or programmes to improve lives of the less privileged and or marginalised members of the society. Their actions enable the less privileged access basic needs and services, access to skills and opportunities for improved self-reliance. Such actions of philanthropy must be motivated by selflessness, empathy and generosity for the greater good of the society.

Arts

Heroes in this category embody

patriotism, creativity and innovation, using their talent to inspire and unite. Through works that challenge norms and address social issues, they foster cultural dialogue while showcasing Kenya's identity. Their art preserves heritage, sparks change and brings national and international recognition to the country.

Human Rights

Heroes in this category demonstrate integrity, courage and advocacy and advance justice and equality. Such individuals inspire hope by creating awareness of human rights issues while innovating and implementing solutions that protect dignity and freedom. Their work embodies resilience and inspiration, uniting communities in the pursuit of fairness and leaving a legacy that strengthens Kenya's democratic values and humanity.

Indigenous Knowledge

This category recognises individuals who have dedicated their lives to preserving, practising and passing on traditional knowledge and wisdom. These heroes embody a deep connection to heritage, language, environmental stewardship and cultural practices. Through their efforts, traditional knowledge continues

to thrive in the modern world, inspiring new generations and strengthening community identity.

Cultural Values and Practices

Heroes in this category undertake the preservation and promotion of cultural values, which serve as a powerful reminder of our identity and heritage. These individuals demonstrate unwavering commitment to cultural heritage thus inspiring generations and strengthening the fabric of our community. Through their tireless efforts, they nurture traditions, promote inclusivity and safeguard the richness of our shared identity.

Entrepreneurship and Industry

Heroes in this category embody vision, innovation and resilience in driving Kenya's economic transformation. Through enterprise, creativity and hard work, they create opportunities, generate employment and strengthen national self-reliance. Their legacy empowers future generations to embrace novelty, foster sustainable development, and elevate Kenya's standing in the global marketplace.

Spiritual Leadership

Heroes in this category embody faith,

integrity and compassion in guiding society through moral and ethical challenges. By nurturing hope, unity and resilience, they inspire communities to uphold values that safeguard human dignity and social harmony. Their legacy provides moral grounding, strengthens the nation's spiritual fabric and fosters peace, justice and cohesion across Kenya.

Sports

Heroes in this category demonstrate patriotism, discipline and excellence, raising Kenya's profile on the global stage through talent and determination. By breaking barriers, inspiring teamwork and achieving milestones, they unite the nation in pride and belief. Their legacy fosters resilience, empowers the youth and preserves Kenya's tradition of sporting greatness while nurturing future champions.

Environmental Conservation

Heroes in this category safeguard Kenya's natural heritage for present and future generations. With wisdom, courage and innovation, they lead efforts in conservation, sustainability, and climate action.

Their actions protect biodiversity,

preserve ecosystems and inspire collective responsibility. These heroes leave behind a legacy of resilience and harmony with nature, strengthening Kenya's values of stewardship, balance, and shared prosperity.

Statesmanship

This category honours respected, experienced, wise leaders who serve the public with integrity, vision and a long-term perspective. They are persons who are principled, thoughtful and willing to make sacrifices and difficult decisions for the benefit of society as a whole. Their actions promote diplomacy and international relations and contribute to the nation's political stability while transforming the social, political and economic lives of the people. They display a high level of patriotism, wisdom, dedication, leadership and diplomacy.

National Cohesion and Integration

Heroes in this category are those who have fostered the inclusion of special interest groups. Their actions inspire unity, nurture a sense of belonging and transform diversity into a pillar of social cohesion.

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LIBERATION STRUGGLE



1



Hon. Gitu wa Kahengeri, OGW - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Hon. Gitu is being honoured for his contribution to the liberation struggle. In 1950, he took an oath in support of the Mau Mau freedom movement. He spent nearly seven years in Athi River and Manda Island detention camps where he was tortured and denied food. He recently launched his memoir, *The Betrayal of Mau Mau Freedom Fighters*.

2



Muchiri M'Mwitha - (Male) THARAKA-NITHI COUNTY

Muchiri is being honoured for his contribution to the liberation struggle by supplying food and water to the freedom fighters while in the forest. He was actively involved in mapping hide outs and escape routes to evade colonialist invasion.

3



M'kanga Mwararia Emilio - (Male) THARAKA-NITHI COUNTY

Mwararia is being honoured for his contribution to the liberation struggle by leading in operational logistics and oath taking that ensured solidarity and team work in the Mau Mau struggle in Lower Mt Kenya Ndigia Forest.

4



Lucia Cianjoka Leonard - (Female) THARAKA-NITHI COUNTY

Lucia is being honoured for her role in the liberation struggle. As a commander, she directed operations and sustained morale for fellow freedom fighters. Using her knowledge of the forest terrain, she was able to map escape routes from areas prone to colonial raids in lower Mt Kenya.

5



Dorcas Kibura Ngahu - (Female) MURANG'A -NITHI COUNTY

Dorcas is being recognised for her contribution to the liberation struggle. She was involved in cooking and delivering food together with intelligence information to the Mau Mau fighters. She also took care of injured Mau Mau who sought help from villagers.

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**Harisson Githaiga Githaibi -**

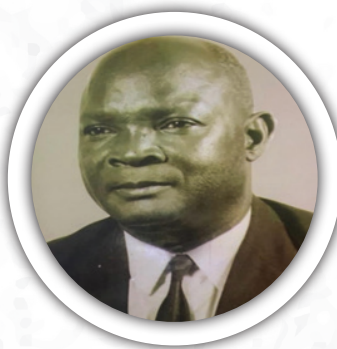
(Male) MURANG'A COUNTY

Githaibi is being honoured for courageously taking part in the Kenya's liberation struggle. He stood firm against colonial oppression and dedicated his life to the pursuit of freedom, justice and dignity for the people of Kenya. As a member of the Mau Mau movement, he endured immense personal sacrifice, including persecution, displacement, detention and loss, yet remained steadfast in the vision of an independent nation.



POSTHUMOUS

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**Hon. Fanuel Walter Odede -** (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Hon. Odede is being honored posthumously for his contribution towards the liberation struggle. After the arrest of the famous Kapenguria Six, he stepped up with Pio Gama Pinto, Joseph Murumbi and Wycliffe Works Wasia Awori and raised funds for their successful defence.

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Stephen Nyang'or Aloo - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Nyang'or Aloo is being honoured posthumously for his role in the liberation struggle. He supported the Mau Mau movement through his position in the police force. This led to his dismissal from the force and detention for seven years by the British administration.

9



Haji Galma Dido - (Male) ISIOLO COUNTY

Dido is being honoured posthumously for his contribution during the struggle for independence in the Northern region and Kenya at large. As a Senior Chief, he worked closely with Mzee Jomo Kenyatta ensuring that peace existed in the region and that it did not secede to Somalia. He was assassinated together with the first Isiolo District Commissioner, David Dabaso Wabera, by Shifta rebels while on a peace mission to Sericho.

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Githae wa Kiguru - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Githae is being honoured posthumously for his participation in the Mau Mau liberation struggle. He was involved in advising freedom fighters. He equally sacrificed his wealth to support Mau Mau freedom fighters.

11



Njeri wa Ndugo - (Female) KIAMBU COUNTY

Njeri is being honoured posthumously for her contribution to the liberation struggle. She participated in the resistance against British colonial powers. She was part of the Kikuyu Central Association, a special purpose vehicle used to garner support for liberation struggle against the oppressive colonial Government. She persevered brutal torture by the colonial administrators and home guards during her detention in colonial camps.

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Kirongothi wa Ndegwa - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

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13



Gatabaki wa Mundati - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Gatabaki is being honoured posthumously for his role in the liberation struggle. He resisted British colonial power. He was among the founders of Kikuyu Central Association, a special purpose vehicle used to garner support for the liberation struggle against the oppressive colonial government. He persevered brutal torture by the colonial administrators and home guards during his detention in colonial camps.

14



Nabii Lukas Pkech - (Male) WEST POKOT COUNTY

Nabii Pkech is being feted posthumously for his role in Kenya's early liberation struggle through spiritual resistance to the colonial rule. As a Pokot elder and devoted follower of the Dini ya Msambwa movement, he boldly defended African identity and indigenous leadership. His death during the 1950 Kolloa Massacre marked a powerful act of defiance, making him a martyr in the fight against colonial oppression.

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Chief Ng'eleyo Wero Tomele - (Male) BARINGO COUNTY

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INDUSTRY



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Judy Mwende Mutunga - (Female) MAKUENI COUNTY

Mutunga is being honoured for her contribution to entrepreneurship through her innovation as the founder of Ustawi Foods company. This company is involved in the development of nutritious fortified flours and food products using orange- fleshed sweet potatoes, effectively addressing critical challenges of malnutrition and Vitamin A deficiency.

17



David Wambua Joel Masika, OGW - (Male) MAKUENI COUNTY

David is recognised as an industrial leader, visionary public servant, agribusiness innovator and a pioneer in Kenya's real estate and valuation landscape. He championed vital infrastructure projects, including the construction of Masinga and Kiambere dams, irrigation systems and community driven livestock initiatives in agribusiness sector. He revived Makueni Ginners Limited and turned it into a model of profitability and rural empowerment.

18



F A James Wangunyu - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Wangunyu is recognised for his transformative leadership in capital markets and investment banking. As founder and Managing Director of Standard Investment Bank, he spearheaded landmark transactions worth over Sh250 billion, launched the Mansa-X Fund managing over Sh70 billion, and introduced Kenya's first Islamic investment banking division. His vision has shaped the growth and inclusivity of Kenya's financial sector.

19



Victor B Otieno Maura - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Maura is being recognised for his unwavering contribution to initiating and establishing a palm oil pressing unit at his home in Siaya County. He has boosted local economic growth, created jobs for the youth and improved livelihoods within the community. His innovation in agro-processing has strengthened inter-county economic linkages and stands as a model for sustainable development and empowerment.

20



F A Dr Luke Mwiti Kinoti - (Male) MERU COUNTY

Dr Kinoti is being feted for his contribution to the advancement of entrepreneurship, industry and economic development in the country and beyond. His key initiatives include co-founding one of Africa's and Kenya's pioneering private equity (Fusion Capital Group) through which more than Sh200 billion was mobilised in foreign investments between 2006 and 2017. Through this, more than 350 companies received direct equity and debt investment and thousands of jobs were created.

21

**Fatuma Abubakar Abdalla Elmaawy -**

(Female) MOMBASA COUNTY

Fatma is being honoured for her outstanding contribution to entrepreneurship, ethical business and community empowerment. As a master trainer, she has equipped startups, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), universities and marginalised groups, including teen mothers with skills for growth and self-reliance locally and regionally. She has championed ethical business practices and continues to inspire women, youth and businesses to drive sustainable economic development with integrity.

22

**Tobias Ouma Alando -** (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Alando is recognised for his exemplary leadership and innovation in the entrepreneurship and industry sector. He has championed policies to strengthen Kenya's manufacturing sector, fostered Government industry collaboration, and driven sustainable economic growth. He has spearheaded key initiatives, including the Women in Manufacturing Programme, the SME Hub and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Programme, all aimed at empowering women, nurturing SMEs, and bridging skills gaps.

23



Clement Tulezi Atitwa - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Atitwa is being recognised for his outstanding leadership in entrepreneurship and industry using eco-friendly technology in Kenya's floriculture sector. As a CEO of the Kenya Flower Council, he has driven the shift to eco-friendly farming practices, including water conservation, wastewater recycling and climate-smart technologies. Clement pioneered tools like ECOTRACE to track farms' environmental performance and promoted renewable energy adoption, with many flower farms now using solar power. His vision has positioned Kenya as a global model for green innovation while advancing climate resilience and socio-economic growth.

24



Julius Festus Mutinda Munene - (Male) MACHAKOS COUNTY

Munene is being recognised for his contribution to entrepreneurship and industry through his innovative work in creating an affordable and durable composite dam liner. This innovation has significantly benefited small scale farmers by reducing plastic pollution, carbon footprints and creating jobs through the recycling of cement bags.

25



Charles Maina Thuo - (Male) KAJIADO COUNTY

Thuo is being honoured for his outstanding contribution to entrepreneurship and logistics innovation. As founder and CEO of Apexloads, he is driving the formalisation and digitisation of freight logistics in East Africa. Charles developed the region's first digital credential verification system for logistics providers, addressing regulatory and trust gaps. Through collaboration, forums and platform demos, he has championed industry engagement while helping formalise informal logistics showcasing the power of locally driven innovation.

26



Mohamud Mohamed Salat - (Male) GARISSA COUNTY

Salat is being honoured for his exceptional leadership in entrepreneurship and industry. As the group CEO of Hass Petroleum, he has driven expansion across 10 African countries, creating thousands of jobs and attracting major investments. He is committed to empowering local talent and inclusive growth, while championing clean energy through electric vehicle charging stations and auto- gas fuelling.

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Dr Eng. Francis Ngunjiri - (Male) NYERI COUNTY

Dr Ngunjiri is being feted for his contribution to promoting development of affordable renewable energy, to catalyse industrial development by establishing Gikira Small Hydro Power plant.

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**Bertrand Lubanga Ngaywa** - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Bertrand is being honoured for his outstanding contribution to entrepreneurship and industry, the built environment and sustainable development in East Africa. With expertise spanning quantity surveying, project management, cost control and dispute resolution, he has worked with Governments, corporates and communities to deliver impactful solutions. He has championed clean energy adoption, advanced solar projects in rural Kenya and promoted clean mobility across the region. Through strategic partnerships, he has linked local SMEs with international players, driving renewable energy growth.

29

**Edwin Abonyo Jacob** - (Male) KISUMU COUNTY

Abonyo is being honoured for his contribution to the entrepreneurship and industry sector. He has established a coffee farm and set up a pulping station that has created employment opportunities for the locals thus fostering economic growth.

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HUMAN RIGHTS



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Dr Dianah Wanjiku Kamande, HSC -
(Female) MURAN'GA COUNTY

Dr Kamande is being honoured for her contribution to gender and equity advocacy as the founder and Executive Director of “Come Together Widows and Orphans Organisation” where she has served for more than 12 years. She has advocated for social inclusion and protection of widows and children in areas of economic empowerment as well as access to health and justice.

31



Philip Kiprono Muge - (Male) KERICHO COUNTY

Muge is being feted for his contribution to promotion of human rights. He promotes mobility, independence and dignity for persons with disabilities by coordinating distribution of wheelchairs. His tireless efforts have provided essential support to individuals facing physical barriers enabling their participation in education, employment and community life.

32



Ebei Benson Ewoi - (Male) TURKANA COUNTY

Ewoi is being honoured for his contribution towards protection and promotion of human rights for people with disabilities in Turkana County. He has been involved in awareness creation and advocacy programmes, which have resulted in many learners and people with disabilities access education and financial support from the Government and other sponsors, hence leading to the improvement of their lives.

33



Daniel Mutai - (Male) BOMET COUNTY

Mutai is being recognised as an inspirational educator and disability advocate. He has dedicated his career to empowering students with disabilities and promoting inclusive education. Through his work as a teacher and a mentor, he has transformed countless lives by championing accessibility, challenging stigma and ensuring that learners are supported to reach their full potential.

34



Dr. Hellen Wambui Nkuraiya - (Female) NAROK COUNTY

Dr Nkuraiya is being honoured for her outstanding contribution to advancing human rights for marginalised communities. Through advocacy, grassroots work and policy engagement, she has tirelessly fought for equity, dignity and justice for those often unheard and underserved. She has built a rescue centre to house women and girls rescued from gender-based violence and retrogressive cultural practices.

35



Davice Otieno Wita - (Male) KISUMU COUNTY

Wita is being honoured for his voluntary service and selflessness to safeguarding human rights. He is a dedicated human rights activist promoting the rights and welfare of vulnerable children and marginalised groups. Alongside other stakeholders, he has played a critical role in rescuing and re-integrating children from abuse, neglect, trafficking and harmful practices. His leadership has empowered communities to understand children's rights, response to violations and built safer environments for children.

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Tabitha Ruguru Kibue - (Female) KAJIADO COUNTY

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Fatuma Ibrahim Hakar - (Female) GARISSA COUNTY

Fatuma is being feted for her outstanding contribution to the defense of human rights. As a fearless defender of justice and dignity, she is dedicated to fighting female genital mutilation (FGM), early child marriages and gender-based violence. Through her work with GirlKind Kenya, Fatuma has empowered girls and families across Northern Kenya to reclaim their rights, pursue education and live in dignity.

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Yasmin Mohammed Nassur - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Yasmin is being honoured for championing and advocating for human rights for women and girls. She has been conducting public awareness campaigns on constitutional rights and responsibilities, reproductive health rights and responsibilities as well as gender equality. She innovated a pad dispenser out of a used water jerrican with an aim of ensuring easy and sustainable access to period products for adolescent girls and young women during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, she opened a unique fully equipped feminist information centre in Kibera slums.

39



Rahma Gulam Abbas - (Female) MOMBASA COUNTY

Rahma is being honoured for her exceptional contribution to advancing human rights by tirelessly combating gender-based violence. Through advocacy, support services and policy influences, she has empowered survivors, challenged systemic injustice and driven meaningful change in both community attitudes and national responses.

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Moses Chirandine Mangeni - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Mangeni is being honoured for his contribution towards combating children rights abuses and gender-based violence in Busia County. As a police officer, he has gone beyond his call of duty using his resources to facilitate the prevention, apprehension and prosecution of child abuse and gender-based violence cases. This has won him commendations and accolades from many entities, including the community, the Kenya Police Service, schools, Ministry of Education, Teachers Service Commission, Law Society of Kenya, World Vision as well as media houses.

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Hamisi Suleiman Dzole - (Male) LAMU COUNTY

Dzole is being honoured for demonstrating exceptional leadership in programme management and gender advocacy, delivering impactful initiatives that promote gender equity and empower women and marginalised groups. Through strategic planning, policy development and inclusive management, he has driven meaningful change in communities and institutions.

42



Lotaruk Ekuam Nahashon - (Male) ISIOLO COUNTY

Lotaruk is being honoured for championing equality, promotion and protection of human rights. He has set up community-based protection structures such as gender desks to curb increased gender-based violence (GBV) and female genital mutilation cases in Isiolo County. He has initiated development of various policies to protect special interest groups. His efforts have significantly improved referral services for GBV survivors, support services and protection of human rights at the grassroots level. His work has earned him recognition for his commitment to safeguarding human rights and dignity for all.

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Daniel Otieno Randa - (Male) HOMA BAY COUNTY

Randa is honoured for championing human rights for persons with disabilities. His pioneering role in inclusive education and disability mainstreaming within Kenya's TVET system has revolutionised the learning environment by integrating curriculum, infrastructure and support systems that empower learners with visual and hearing impairments to access quality education and vocational training. His visionary work has advanced equal opportunities and dignity for persons with disabilities in Kenya.

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Dr Elizabeth Jemutai Keitany -

(Female) ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

Dr Keitany is being honoured for her outstanding dedication to community transformation in Elgeyo Marakwet and neighbouring regions. Her selfless contributions include: rehabilitation of women from illicit alcohol brewing and providing them with alternative livelihoods, supporting needy students, orphans, young mothers and vulnerable learners through scholarships and educational mentorship, establishing community libraries and donating learning materials for the improvement of literacy and school performance, donating sanitary pads to keep girls in school and promoting menstrual dignity, founding the Kenya Grannies (Masters) Football Federation, which promotes physical and mental health among the elderly. The team represented Kenya at the Grannies International Football Tournament in Limpopo, South Africa in 2024.

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Dr Josephine Kulea, HSC - (Female) SAMBURU COUNTY

Dr Kulea is being honoured for her outstanding role as a human rights defender whose work has transformed the lives of vulnerable girls and women from pastoralist communities. As the founder of the Samburu Girls Foundation (SGF), she has rescued and educated over 2000 girls from harmful cultural practices including FGM, early marriage and beading, a practice that sexually exploits young girls under the guises of tradition.

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Nancy Wangechi Ndegwa - (Female) NAKURU COUNTY

Nancy is being feted for her contribution to human rights protection by establishing a CBO that has transformed the lives of over 1,000 vulnerable children and youth in Nakuru County through rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and mentorship programmes. Her work continues to drive dignity and empowerment for marginalised communities.

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Esther Nyambura Gathuo - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Esther is being feted for her role in advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities across the country. Her proposal to Mastercard Foundation and the United States International University, resulted in the establishment of a modern computer laboratory which is functional in Thika, Kiambu County. Through her efforts, she has sought equipment that has changed the lives of persons with disabilities showing her resilience in advancing the rights of PWD's and helping them live a dignified life.

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Shimsia Abdullahi Hassan - (Female) MARSABIT COUNTY

Shimsia is being honoured for her commitment to promoting the rights and dignity of marginalised groups. Her efforts specifically target retrogressive cultural practices like early marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), drug abuse and child labour. Through her strong leadership, she has consistently worked at the grassroots level, directly engaging with survivors to challenge long-standing harmful norms.

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Dr Joyce Daudi Nzulwa - (Female) KITUI COUNTY

Dr Nzulwa is being feted for her dedication to promoting and upholding good governance ideals in the realms of diversity management, equality, equity and inclusion across all areas of life and work. She is a passionate public servant who has championed service excellence while embodying the virtues of integrity, servant leadership, authenticity and humanity. A devoted educator, empathic mentor, life coach and counsellor, her efforts have significantly enhanced gender equality, youth leadership and empowerment, psychosocial wellness as well as the rights and visibility of persons with disabilities (PWDs) within public policy and society at large.

50



Caroline Adhiambo Kisuge - (Female) HOMA BAY COUNTY

Caroline is being recognised for her advocacy for the rights of children with neurodiversity issues especially cerebral palsy, autism and epilepsy by demystifying myths and misconceptions while also amplifying inclusion at grassroots level. Additionally, she has teaching experience spanning over 27 years and has been deployed as a special needs teacher to special education institutions where she specialises in the autism class. She has further championed inclusion matters through vernacular radio stations.

51



Caroline N Lentupuru - (Female) BARINGO COUNTY

Caroline is being feted for her unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of vulnerable girls through education and the fight against female genital mutilation (FGM). She secures scholarships for needy girls in Baringo and beyond to enable them pursue education and achieve their academic goals. This effort has significantly enhanced access to educational opportunities for underprivileged girls from minority communities.

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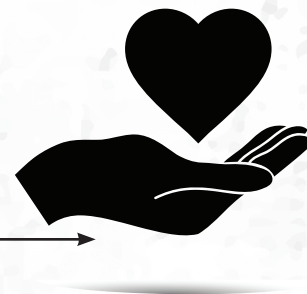


Dr Nyakona Roselyne David - (Female) KISII COUNTY

Dr Nyakona is being recognised for her outstanding dedication to human rights, particularly in addressing gender-based violence and advancing women's rights, justice and equality. Through fearless advocacy and community engagement, she has championed the voices of the marginalised and driven meaningful change.

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PHILANTHROPY



53



Lillian Anyango Ngala - (Female) HOMA BAY COUNTY

Lillian is being feted for her contribution to the promotion of the welfare of widows, orphaned, children and unemployed youths through her Lillian Ngala Foundation. She has built homes for widows, fundraised for school-going children and is committed to keeping girls in school by championing for an end to menstrual poverty. She has also supported churches through fundraising for development.

54



Susan Peris Wairimu Karina - (Female) MURANG'A COUNTY

Susan is being celebrated for her remarkable humanitarian work in combating menstrual poverty and promoting education among underprivileged girls. She provides menstrual products, undergarments, stationery and pays school fees, while also running school-feeding programmes thus significantly improving student retention rates. Her initiatives extend to menstrual and mental health counseling, as well as mentorship programs that transform lives.

55



Ziporah Nyariki - (Female) KISII COUNTY

Ziporah is recognised for her extraordinary service in philanthropy. As a psychologist, she provides free mental healthcare to vulnerable groups. She has led numerous mental health outreach programmes through schools, universities, churches and chief's barazas, where she facilitates forums, trains peer counselors, partners with faith institutions and combats stigma through community dialogue. Her work in trauma recovery, suicide prevention and mental wellness advocacy has transformed and reshaped lives.

56



Susan Kitheka - (Female) KILIFI COUNTY

Susan is being recognised for her unwavering support and service to persons with disabilities. Through her Disability with Ability community based organisation, she has empowered, mobilised resources and advocated for the rights of PWDs. As a PWD, Susan has been a staunch proponent of the maxim that "disability is not inability."

57



Dr Manilal Premchand Chandaria, OBS, CBS, EBS -
(Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Dr Chandaria is being honoured for his remarkable philanthropy programmes. Through the Chandaria Foundation, he has impacted the society in education, health, arts and culture, environment, community outreach and entrepreneurship. For more than six decades, his foundation has played a pivotal role in inspiring generations both in Kenya and beyond. Driven by a deep commitment to community empowerment, his benevolence has not only enhanced livelihoods, but also improved the overall well-being of many people.

58



Jackline Nyagochi Ongechi - (Female) NYAMIRA COUNTY

Jackline is being recognised for her groundbreaking philanthropic work in strengthening mother-daughter relationships across Kenya. Through her organisation's annual healing events, she brings together psychologists, therapists and relationship coaches to guide families through transformative experiences of emotional restoration and bonding. Her efforts fill a critical gap in national wellness by addressing generational trauma and empowering women as pillars of resilience.

59



Ben Onyango Haggai - (Male) KISUMU COUNTY

Haggai is being feted for using cycling to raise awareness on issues affecting marginalised populations. In 2024, he cycled across Kenya's 47 counties to raise funds for Baby Briella; a child in need of a life-saving liver transplant. His relentless effort, fuelled by compassion and resilience, led to a successful campaign that enabled Briella undergo surgery in India, restoring hope to a family and inspiring a nation. His philanthropic work redefines endurance, transforming every mile into a message of hope, visibility and action.

60



Harry Kirigha Mwailengo - (Male) TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Mwailengo is being feted for his contribution to philanthropy. He established PJ Mwangola Secondary School using his own resources. This initiative saw the development of the first rural incubation hub for innovation and has impacted over 10,000 marginalised youth. His advocacy, community engagement and empowerment efforts have been recognised globally by the Obama Foundation Fellowship, Ashoka Changemakers, African Change-makers Fellowship and Ubuntu Global Leaders Network, among other organisations.



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Eunice Koli Kimwele - (Female) KITUI COUNTY

Eunice is being honoured for her charitable service to special interest groups. Through her mentorship, she has equipped young people with civic knowledge and entrepreneurship skills hence build their resilience and transformed lives. She also advocates for youth inclusion in decision making.

62



Rosalline Chebet Kuresoi - (Female) NAKURU COUNTY

Rosalline is being recognised for her unwavering commitment to creating lasting social impact through visionary philanthropy. Through her generosity, compassionate leadership and deep sense of civic responsibility, she has transformed lives, empowered the Ogiek community and inspires others to act in service to humanity.

63



Robert Allen Andersen - (Male) TRANS NZIOA COUNTY

Andersen is being honoured for his outstanding philanthropy work through which he has uplifted the lives of many community members in Trans Nzoia County. The initiatives include Andersen Medical Centre, Andersen Primary School and High School, a vocational training centre, an orphanage and housing estate. He also runs community empowerment projects and sponsorship for learners from less privileged backgrounds.

64



Amb. Dr Kiran Suthar HSC - (Male) MERU COUNTY

Dr Suthar is being feted for his long-standing philanthropic support to community events and social impact initiatives. Through annual sponsorship of the Rhino Charge and Lewa Marathon, he has provided vital resources and logistical aid, uplifting communities and promoting shared values.

65



Abdul Bari Hamid Hassanali - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Hassanali is being honoured for his unwavering commitment to serving the public through various community service and philanthropic initiatives. As the Secretary General of Jamia Mosque Nairobi, he has spearheaded an array of humanitarian projects, including provision of housing for displaced families, wheelchairs to the physically challenged persons as well as food and medicare for the needy.

66



Dr. Manoj Ramnikal Shah, CStJ, HSC, EBS -
(Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Dr Shah is being honoured for his exemplary service, visionary leadership and lifelong commitment to charity. Through decades of dedicated philanthropic work in healthcare, he has uplifted the lives of many in the community.

67



Lucy Muthoni Kuria - (Female) NYANDARUA COUNTY

Lucy is being feted for her lifelong dedication to humanitarian service. Guided by an unwavering commitment to uplift the vulnerable, she has consistently supported children's homes, special schools and needy students across all levels of education. Her efforts have extended to empowering youth, promoting environmental stewardship and enhancing community health and well-being. Through direct charity and sustained engagement, Lucy has transformed lives.

68



Peter Odhiambo Okuli - (Male) KISUMU COUNTY

Okuli is being feted for his philanthropic dedication to helping improve the quality of lives of members of the community. Through his programmes that include safety and security education, training and tree planting, he has created employment opportunities for youth, directly contributing to poverty alleviation and economic growth.

69



Rolex Akinyi Ong'ute - (Female) HOMA BAY COUNTY

Rolex is being recognised for her philanthropic endeavours. She champions education equity, youth empowerment, social justice and grassroots philanthropy. In 2019, she established Destiny Shapers Foundation Integrated CBO, a community-based organisation that runs teenage mothers' mentorship programmes. In 2015, she organised the Great Teens and Children Conference (GRETECHI), which has become an annual event that brings together over 300 children and teens for spiritual growth, mentorship, life skills and advocacy against sexual and gender-based violence.



POSTHUMOUS

70



Tusmo Ibrahim Ogle - (Female) WAJIR COUNTY

Tusmo is being recognised posthumously for her exceptional philanthropic leadership in youth development across Northern Kenya. Through her charitable initiatives, she conducted mentorship planning, civic education and mental health advocacy with deep compassion and personal sacrifice. Her efforts uplifted countless lives and created lasting change.

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ARTS



71

**Martin Ndirui Munyua** - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Munyua is being honoured for his contribution to the growth of Kenya's film sector and creative economy. He has advanced both form and function in Kenyan media. His original productions like Ms President used TV to elevate national conversations about women in leadership and peacebuilding. Through this initiative, he has elevated Kenyan filmmaking to global standards and used his platform to create jobs, build institutions, promote national values and uplift future generations.

72

**Hellen Wambura Mwangi** - (Female) KIAMBU COUNTY

Hellen is being recognised for researching, scripting and directing a documentary film titled *Matumia: Tracing the roots on the cultural heritage among the Kauma sub-tribe of the Mijikenda community*. The film featured in the 2024 Kenya National Drama and Film Festival. As a young filmmaker training at the Kenya Film School, she directed a feature film titled, *Lights Out* revolving around crime which got her a nomination at the Kalasha International Film Festival in 2024. Through her creativity and commitment, Hellen has inspired a new generation of storytellers and positioned film as a powerful tool for education, social change and national pride.

73



Matthew Onyango Ondiege - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Ondiege, a choreographer of international repute, is being feted for training, mentoring and providing opportunities to many young artists, including those with special needs. He is a pioneer and practising contemporary dancer with a career spanning over 33 years. He is also the founder of inclusive dance in Kenya. Through his visionary leadership and dedication, Matthew has transformed Kenya's dance landscape by breaking barriers, nurturing talent, and championing inclusivity.

74



Daudi Manduku Michael - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Manduku is being honoured for his innate talent in painting, pencil drawing and soapstone carvings. Through years of research and prototyping, he developed an innovative method of converting high-density polyethylene plastic waste into durable plastic chain link, a pioneering solution that garnered international attention from the *BBC*. He has also inspired and mentored underprivileged youth to focus on waste management through innovations of turning plastic waste into valuable products.

75



Elizabeth Obege Awor - (Female) VIHIGA COUNTY

Elizabeth is being honoured for her enduring commitment to broadcasting in Kenya. As a veteran broadcaster in *KBC*, her talent, creativity and expertise broke barriers in a highly male dominated field. Through her shows in various local radio stations, she has not only entertained but also positively impacted Kenyans by addressing societal issues. Additionally, Elizabeth has mentored and inspired a generation of female broadcasters.

76



Nahashon Mukhwaya Nabwayo - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Nabwayo, popularly known as Shikwekwe is being recognised as a long-standing actor who uses humour and satire to highlight pertinent and contemporary issues in society. His acting laid foundation for modern Kenyan television comedy. He has participated in programmes such as *Baba Zero*, *Majaliwa*, *Kinyonga*, *Jee Huu ni Ungwana* aired on KBC. His creative expression has greatly enriched national cultural heritage in Kenya, leaving an enduring impact that continues to inspire generations of performers and audiences alike.

77



Peter Ouma Nyadawa - (Male) WAJIR COUNTY

Nyadawa is being honoured for his contribution to music, drama and dance through participating in Kenya National Drama and Film Festival and Kenya Music Festival. His artistic works that address pertinent and contemporary issues have elevated performance in the North Eastern region to national and regional recognition leaving an enduring legacy of creativity, inspiration and cultural pride.

78



Faith Nziva Kithiele - (Female) KITUI COUNTY

Faith is being recognised as a veteran Kamba gospel musician and songwriter. Her career spanning over 30 years has seen her produce timeless works such as *Msiwe Kama Kinyonga*, *Kithembeo* and *Ngeekia Kyau*. Her performances and numerous compositions have shaped Kenya's gospel music scene and inspired audiences both regionally and globally. She has championed the rights of music creators and advanced transparency in the industry. Her artistry preserves cultural heritage, challenges norms and sparks dialogue.

79



Justus Manthi Ngemu - (Male) KITUI COUNTY

Ngemu is being honoured for his impactful spiritual musical compositions like *Kilio kwa Mungu*, which reflect deep faith and social consciousness. Beyond music, he is a bold advocate for artists' rights, challenging unfair practises by major copyright organisations in Kenya. His continuous pursuit of fairness and fight against exploitation in the music industry has empowered a new generation of artists thus strengthening Kenya's creative economy.

80



Josiah Edmond Odongo - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Odongo is honoured for being a pioneering music producer, whose work laid the foundation for Kenyan modern urban sound. He mentored and produced legendary artists such as Kalamashaka, Necessary Noize, Suzzana Owiyo and Poxi Presha, who helped shape Kenya's musical identity. He is regarded as an icon in the music industry for his role in elevating Kenyan music to global standards and nurturing a generation of influential artists.

81



John Eric Ochieng Okumu - (Male) KISUMU COUNTY

Okumu, popularly known as Wuod Fibi, is being honoured for his contribution to the music industry as a musician and producer behind the modern Ohangla and Rhumba fusion music. He is acknowledged for democratising music production, mentoring upcoming artists and elevating Luo music to national and international platforms. Through his Barikiwa Studios, John has produced hits for top Luo artists like Prince Indah, Emma Jalamo, Johnny Junior and Musa Jakadalla, transforming the sound and reach of Ohangla music and enabling artists earn a livelihood.

82


Bosco Mulwa Musyoka - (Male) MAKUENI COUNTY

Mulwa is being feted as a music artist whose works have played a significant role in shaping Kenya's musical landscape. He has been performing and recording music works of different genres and styles since the early 80s, with over 15 music albums. His legacy lives through bridging a gap between Kamba folk songs, folk tunes and fusing cultural music styles with modern sounds giving Kamba Benga as well as Kamba Rhumba new sounds. He has mentored many legendary artists as well as live music performing bands within the country.

83


Clement Rapudo Sijenyi - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Sijenyi, popularly known as Clemo, is being feted for promoting Kenyan music as a producer through Calif Records, which pioneered the Genge genre. Clement was the creative force behind hits by artists like Jua Cali, Nonini, Pilipili, Jimwat and Mejja, helping define the sound of Nairobi's Eastlands and giving voice to a generation. He later founded Ngomma VAS, a digital platform that distributes and promotes Kenyan music globally, making him a pioneer in both analogue and digital music revolution. Through his vision and innovation, Clement has not only shaped Kenya's contemporary music identity, but also created pathways for artists to thrive locally and globally. His work has preserved, amplified and exported Kenyan creativity, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to inspire new generations and enable artists earn livelihood.

84



Paul Julius Nunda - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Nunda, popularly known as Jua Cali, is honoured as a pioneering Kenyan rapper and co-founder of CalifRecords. His breakout hits like *Ruka*, *Nipe Asali*, *Kamata Dame* and *Kwaheri* (featuring Sainapei Tande) dominated airwaves, earning him national fame and multiple brand endorsements. In 2007, he was named one of the 100 most influential Kenyans by *The Standard* newspaper and remains a creative icon whose music continues to shape Kenya's urban identity. Jua Cali has elevated Kenya's music industry, inspired generations of artists and contributed to the global recognition of Kenyan urban culture, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to influence the nation's creative landscape.

85



Prof John Geoffrey Mugubi - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Prof Mugubi is being honoured for his outstanding and far-reaching contributions to the field of Arts in Kenya, particularly in film, theatre and creative writing. He is the founding Dean of the School of Creative Arts, Film and Media studies at Kenyatta University and the pioneer chairperson of the Department of Film and Theatre Arts. In these roles, he spearheaded the institutionalisation of formal academic training in film and theatre in Kenya, laying the foundation for hundreds of young creatives to thrive professionally.



POSTHUMOUS

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Dr Henry Miyinzi Chakava - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Dr Chakava is being honoured posthumously for his profound work in publishing, which redefined Africa and Kenya's cultural and literal landscape. His work also has promoted language equity, democratic debate and regional literary prominence. His career bridged educational imperatives, cultural heritage and global visibility for African authors. The exceptional quality and innovation of his work, especially in Kiswahili publishing and the elevation of African narratives, have brought enduring honour and recognition to Africa and Kenya.

87



Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Prof Ngugi is being honoured posthumously for being Kenya's foremost author and one of Africa's most influential writers. His career spanning more than half a century elevated Kenyan literature on the global stage and his works have been translated into numerous languages and studied internationally, bringing scholarly and international recognition to Kenyan literary culture. Through his persistent advocacy for indigenous language and cultural sovereignty, he expanded Kenya's democratic discourse and earned global admiration. His achievements were transformative for literature, society and cultural identity.

88



Daniel Owino Misioni - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Misioni, popularly known as D.O. Misioni, is being recognised posthumously as a founding father of Benga music, a genre that revolutionised East African music. He led the iconic Shirati Jazz Band, recording hundreds of songs in Luo and Swahili including *Lunch Time* that blended traditional rhythms with electric guitar, creating a unique and enduring sound. His music was not only artistic but also politically bold, leaving a lasting imprint on Kenya's cultural identity and inspiring generations across the region.

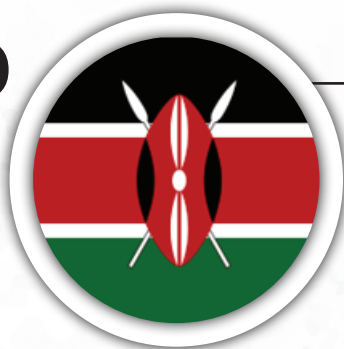
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Fundi Konde - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Konde is being honoured posthumously for having been Kenya's first popular recording artist and is widely credited as East Africa's first electric guitarist, pioneering a new sound in the region. He began his professional music career during World War II, performing for East African troops abroad, and later recorded timeless hits like *Mama Sowera*, *Majengo Siendi Tena* and *Dereva Kombo*. His music blended Swahili lyrics with regional rhythms and imported rhumba, creating a unique fusion that resonated across generations. He is celebrated as a musical hero for laying the foundation of Kenya's recording industry, preserving cultural stories through song and inspiring future generations of musicians.

90



Issah Mmari Wangui - (Male) WAJIR COUNTY

Issah, popularly known as E-Sir, is being recognised posthumously as a trailblazing Kenyan rapper who revolutionised urban music with his lyrical mastery, blending Swahili, Sheng and English to create relatable, high-energy tracks. His record hits like *Boomba Train*, *Leo ni Leo* and *Moss Moss* captured the spirit of Nairobi's youth and proved that Kenyan music could rival international pop. He won multiple awards including Best Male Artist, Best Hip-Hop Artist and Song of the Year at the Kisima Awards 2003. His legacy lives on through his music and influence. E-Sir's artistry not only redefined Kenya's music industry, but also inspired a generation of young people to believe in their creative potential. His enduring influence continues to shape Kenya's urban soundscape, cementing his place as a national hero whose music united, energised and uplifted the nation.

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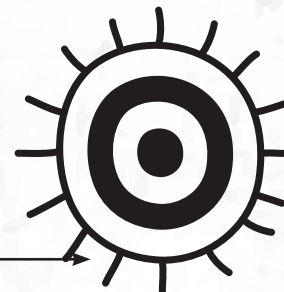


William Osundwa Wasike - (Male) BUNGOMA COUNTY

Wasike is being feted posthumously for his unmatched commitment to choral music. Through music, he inspired generations of singers and worshippers. His melodious voice, coupled with his deep sense of faith, brought life and meaning to liturgical celebrations, touching hearts and lifting souls closer to God. He performed and extensively toured with Muungano National Choir across the World.

6

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE



92



Dr Jane Bosibori Obuchi - (Female) KISII COUNTY

Dr Obuchi is being honoured for identifying, documenting, researching, preserving, protection, promoting and enhancing the transmission of the intangible cultural heritage of the Abagusii. She is also a cultural inheritor and custodian in the community. Through her dedication, she has safeguarded a vital part of Kenya's cultural identity, ensured its continuity for future generations and enriched the nation's heritage landscape, fostering pride, unity and cultural resilience.

94



Dr Kennedy Momanyi Bosire - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Dr Bosire is being recognised for his pioneering work in documenting Ekegusii and authoring the first ever dictionary and linguistic data of the language. His efforts have inspired other indigenous writers to author books in the local language using the dictionary as a point of reference, thereby preserving indigenous knowledge of the community for posterity.

93



Abdullahi Matker Yunis - (Male) MANDERA COUNTY

Yunis is being feted for his contribution to manufacturing of cultural products from animal skins and hides, therefore contributing to the growth of the cultural creative industry. His central role in documentation and digitisation of the indigenous knowledge assets of his community gave birth to the County Repository. Through his work, Yunis has safeguarded invaluable indigenous knowledge, empowered local artisans and promoted sustainable cultural enterprise. His legacy stands as a bridge between tradition and innovation, ensuring that the richness of his community's heritage continues to inspire national identity, economic growth and global recognition of Kenya's creative potential.

7

SPORTS



95



Kennedy Ndemo Omwange - (Male) NYAMIRA COUNTY

Omwange is being honoured for his contribution to sports particularly athletics. He has trained athletes and other professionals in the sports ecosystem, who have produced sterling performances. Through his philanthropic organisation Alidais Group Kenya, he has shaped and nurtured young talented youth and helped them acquire sports scholarships both nationally, regionally and internationally.

96



Clarence Mwakio Ingalwa - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Ingalwa is being recognised for his contribution to sports. He has played a major role in the expansion of Tong-il Moo-Do in Kenya. As a player, he participated and won gold, silver and bronze medals in various global championships thus bringing recognition to Kenya. He is also a trainer who has coached many athletes who have excelled in Tong-il Moo-Do and have won numerous medals for Kenya. In 2013, he founded the Annual Mombasa Open Tong-il Moo-Do International Martial Arts Championship that brings together competitors from across the globe, thus promoting sports, tourism, inter-cultural exchange and uplifting the economy.

97



Vincent Ongera Onsomu - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Onsomu is being honoured for his contribution to Kenyan Rugby for over two decades. As a key member of the Kenya Simbas from 2003 to 2013, he earned 25 international CAPS. He was instrumental in Kenya's victories in the Elgon Cup (2008-2011), Victoria Cup (2010) and the Africa Rugby Cup (2011). At the club level, he was crowned Kenya Cup Top Try Scorer and Player of the Year (2010) with the Kenya Harlequins and won five Kenya Cup titles, three Enterprise Cups and six Rugby Super Series championships. In 2004, while a student at Strathmore University, he helped revive and lead the university rugby team, laying the groundwork for the now prominent Strathmore Leos. He has inspired generations of players.

98



Shadrack Andenga - (Male) KITUI COUNTY

Andenga is being recognised for his contribution to sports through media reporting. As a sports journalist, commentator and analyst, he covers players and makes them get recognised and be recruited. He helped elevate the profiles of individual Kenyan youngsters globally during the Talanta Hela Championships and the Safaricom Chapa Dimba in 2024 resulting in some of them being drafted to the national Harambee Stars team as well as the Kenyan Premier League clubs. Additionally, his investigative sports documentaries on radio and TV have illuminated corruption in sports among other vices. This has led to drastic action among leaders and change of policies, hence more protection and enhanced athlete welfare as well as safety in and out of competition.

99



Nicholas Chumba Musonye - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Musonye is being honoured for his contribution to soccer development in East and Central Africa. As a Secretary General of Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA), he organised tournaments that provided opportunities to promote the talents and image of Kenyans and other Africans in world soccer. He has been guiding and steering Kenya's preparations to host African Nations Championship 2024 tournament and the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON 2027).

100



Mourice Omondi Aloo - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Aloo is being recognised for his contribution to Karate. He is the first Kenyan Karate instructor to start East Africa Gojukai Karate Championship as well as conduct the referees and judges' course. He has positively changed people's lives by using Karate as a platform to promote self-defence, physical fitness, create awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and high levels of self-discipline.

101



Catherine Katumbu Mutwa - (Female) KITUI COUNTY

Mutwa is being honoured for her contribution to sports coaching and operational management. She is a certified coach in Martial Arts and the founder of KEA Athletics Club in Mwingi West, where she supports and nurtures emerging talented young athletes using her personal resources. As a military officer, she also coaches her fellow colleagues.

102



Clinton Aluvi Owatinya - (Male) VIHIGA COUNTY

Owatinya is being honoured for winning a gold medal in 100m in Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) U18 and U20 Championships in Nigeria 2025.

103



Cynthia Chepkurui - (Female) KERICHO COUNTY

Chepkurui is being honoured for winning a gold medal in 3,000m and a bronze medal in 800m in Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) U18 and U20 Championships in Nigeria 2025.

104



Nancy Jepngetich Makani - (Female)

Nancy is being honoured for winning a gold medal in 800m in Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) U18 and U20 Championships in Nigeria 2025.

105



Mildred Omari Cheche - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Mildred is being honoured for her contribution to football development. As a coach, she spearheaded the U17 Starlet team to the ladies 2024 World Cup for the first time in the history of the country.

106



Shikuku Eric - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Shikuku is being honoured for his achievement in race walk. He is the World Masters Champion and a winner of a gold medal 5,000m race walk and 10km Road Race walk in Sweden (2024) and USA (2025).

107



Rebecca Kerubo Koroso - (Female) UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Rebecca is being honoured for winning a gold medal in Hammer Throw in the World Masters Competition in Poland (2024).

108



Pauline Memagenda Sheghu -

(Female) TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Pauline is being feted for her contribution to motorsport in Kenya. She has been a three-time podium finisher during the World Rally Championships. As part of the first all-women crew to conquer the gruelling World Rally Championship (WRC) Safari Rally, she finished on the podium in 2023, 2024 and 2025 in a male-dominated field. For over 15 years, she has championed women's participation in motorsports earning global acclaim.

109



Linet Ayuko Osiako - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Linet is being honoured for her contribution to motorsport. She is an accomplished rally co-driver with over 14 years' experience in motorsport. She was part of the first all-women crew to conquer the gruelling World Rally Championship (WRC) Safari Rally.

110



Sharon Jeptarus Bitok - (Female) UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Sharon is being honoured for her achievements in Deaflympic games. She won silver medals in 800m and 1,500m in Brazil (2022).



111



Lucas Wandia Wanjiru - (Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Wanjiru is being honoured for his achievements in Deaflympic games. He won gold medals in 3,000m steeplechase in Brazil (2022) and in Turkey (2017).

112



Anne Lichina - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Anne is being honoured for her role of being a sign language interpreter in deaf sports. She has interpreted for deaf federations and through her interpretation, most of the deaf sports have been able to register their federations, enabling the participation of the deaf in various sports and, therefore, promoting their inclusion.

113



Jairus Ongeta Okora - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Okora is being honoured for winning gold medals in 100m and 400m 2025 Grandpax Dubai Paralympics as a person with disability (PWD). He also won silver and bronze medals at the IBSA power Lifting and Bench press in Almaty Kazakhstan in May 2025.

114



Faith Ogallo - (Female) BUSIA COUNTY

Faith is being honoured for winning gold medal in 2025 African Open Series Zone Five Taekwondo Championship. She was also a gold medalist in university games East Africa 2018 in Dodoma.

115



Kennedy Ivuzu Ogada - (Male) VIHIGA COUNTY

Ogada is being honoured for being an accomplished Kenyan paracyclist (Tandem B and A) Paralympian with a track record in local and international competitions.

116



Fabian Kungu Gathoni - (Male) VIHIGA COUNTY

Gathoni is being honoured for being the guide to Kennedy Ogada, a Tandem B and A Paralympian.



117



Parin Nasambu Simiyu - (Male) BUNGOMA COUNTY

Parin is being feted for her contribution to netball. As the national netball team captain, she led and inspired the Team to the African Championship in South Africa 2022 and Botswana 2024, world championships rankings in Singapore and Dubai 2025.

118



James Ngarariga Kagambi - (Male) NYERI COUNTY

Kagambi is being honoured for becoming the first Kenyan citizen to summit Mt Everest the highest point on earth in May 2022. He continues to mentor and inspire rock climbers in Kenya.

119



Wesley Ogam Rabok - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Wesley is being honoured for his role as a player in Harambee Stars. He scored two crucial goals for Harambee Stars during 2024 CHAN Championship. He was the top scorer.

120



Morris Okolla Alfayo - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Okolla is being honoured for his contribution in being a professional heavyweight boxer having contended for 17 bouts and won 13 technical knockouts (TKO) both locally and internationally. On September 21, 2024, he headlined the main event at Charter Hall in Nairobi against Cedric Oliver of Mauritius. Okolla won by unanimous decision over six rounds. In 2023, he achieved a swift victory by TKO in just 20 seconds against Yannick Katuta Manda at Charter Hall. He was crowned Kenyan National Heavyweight Champion in 2015 after defeating James Nyariki. In September 21, 2024, he won in a unanimous decision against Louis Cedric Oliver in Nairobi ("Clash of the Giants" event). He has achieved notable success as an amateur boxer in the light-heavyweight category. At the Africa Zone Five Championships in Nairobi, he delivered a standout knockout, defeating Uganda's Twaib Mayanja in the fourth round to claim gold for Kenya in that division.

121



Abraham Mutala Mukulu - (Male) MAKUENI COUNTY

Mukulu is being honoured for his contribution to sports. He has coached volleyball teams up to national level since 2015 to date with the team finishing top three. He has officiated volleyball competitions during national intercollegiate games since 2015 to date.



122



Abud Omar Khamis - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Omar is being honoured for his role in the Kenyan football industry and Harambee Stars. He was captain during 2024 CHAN. He led the team to quarter-finals.

123



Byrne Omondi Odhiambo - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Odhiambo is being honoured for his contribution to Kenyan football and Harambee Stars. He earned Man of the Match award with outstanding goal-keeping displays.

124



Alpha Chris Onyango - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Onyango is being honoured for his contribution to Kenyan football and Harambee Stars. He received Man of the Match award for influencing midfield performance twice.

125



Nicodemus Kimanthi Musau - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Musau is being honoured for his contribution to Kenyan football and Harambee Stars. He is the Team Manager and Data Analyst for the team. He drove the integration of technology and sports science supporting the teams historic run to the quarter-finals for 2024 CHAN.



POSTHUMOUS

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Hakizimana Gervais - (Male) RWANDA

Hakizimana is being honoured posthumously for his contribution to sports. He trained the late Kelvin Kiptum, who became the world record-holder and only person in history to run a marathon in less than two hours and one minute.

8

CULTURAL VALUES AND PRACTICES



127



Dickson Kipketer Sitienei - (Male) KERICHO COUNTY

Sitienei is being honoured for his effort in safeguarding the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of his community. He has been at the centre of organising community cultural festivals, a vehicle responsible for transmitting cultural values to subsequent generations. His efforts in preserving cultural values has helped bridge generational and ethnic divides by fostering cultural diversity through inter-community cultural festivals.

128



Rev Javan Kiprotich Tarno - (Male) NANDI COUNTY

Rev. Tarno is being recognised for his contribution to cultural preservation through infusing cultural values into a modernised form of rites of passage from boyhood to responsible adulthood in a way that promotes discipline, moral integrity, civic responsibility and peaceful co-existence among communities in Nandi County.

129



Moses Nyakweba Okemwa - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Okemwa is being recognised for his contribution to cultural heritage. A cultural enthusiast and philanthropist, he has constructed a modern cultural facility that hosts monthly cultural talks, stories, traditional artifacts exhibitions and a cultural museum. He is setting up Kisii traditional homesteads for safeguarding the Kisii cultural heritage that will also serve as a focal point for promotion, preservation and development of the cultural heritage of the Abagusii.

130



Evans Osango Keya - (Male) NAKURU COUNTY

Keya is being honoured for his contribution to the preservation and promotion of culture through music, storytelling and civic education. He has been instrumental in organising and adjudicating cultural performances, symposiums and African languages for diverse audiences at institutional and community levels. He has served as the Technical chairman of Music and Culture in Rift Valley Schools and Colleges Festivals, and is a cultural creative leader in Nakuru UNESCO Creative City of Craft and Folk Arts.



POSTHUMOUS

131



Moses Leleu Laima - (Male) WEST POKOT COUNTY

Laima is being feted posthumously for his immense contribution to promoting and preserving the intangible cultural heritage of the Sengwer Cherang'any community through documenting, digitising and enactment of the cultural heritage of his community for posterity. As a custodian of the intangible cultural heritage of his community, he has used the cultural sector as a platform of enhancing peaceful coexistence through cultural dialogue.

132



Prof Henry Stanley Kabeca Mwaniki -

(Male) EMBU COUNTY

Prof Mwaniki is being honoured posthumously for his contribution to conservation and preservation of cultural heritage. As a cultural historian and scholar, he dedicated his career to the documentation of Embu oral traditions including songs, poetry, migration history and proverbs. His work emphasizes the value of oral tradition as a legitimate source of historical knowledge and has helped preserve the cultural identity and legacy of the community.

9

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP



133



Rev Paul Kipkorir Kemoi - (Male) NAKURU COUNTY

Rev Kemoi is being honoured for serving as a spiritual leader for over two decades in Nakuru County, providing unwavering faith-based guidance, unity and advocating for the marginalised. His ministry integrates traditional Ogiek values with Christian teachings and has contributed to peace, preserving cultural identity while fostering spiritual growth and community reconciliation. He has shaped the next generation of spiritual leaders and supported orphans and widows.

134



Alice Biyeshe Shivisy - (Female) VIHIGA COUNTY

Alice is being feted for her exemplary spiritual leadership and over three decades of faithful service within the Friends Church (Quakers). As an elder, evangelist and Bible teacher, she has provided unwavering pastoral support and mentorship, nurturing Christian values and strengthening the spiritual foundation of families. Her role in doctrinal instruction and church administration has empowered generations of believers and expanded the impact of women's ministry, reflecting a legacy of integrity, devotion and transformative faith.



135



Rev Dr Simon Mwangi Ndegwa - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Rev Ndegwa is being recognised for his unwavering contribution to providing spiritual leadership. Through missionary work, he has contributed to the establishment of schools, boreholes being dug and formation of demonstration farms in the country. He has mentored generations of young leaders and pastors, embedding values of integrity, accountability and servant-leadership into the fabric of faith institutions. Through the above activities, he has delivered humanitarian aid, pastoral care and community transformation projects in underserved areas. He has also led interdenominational and interfaith efforts to promote peace, tolerance and unity bridging divides in times of conflict. Through spiritual guidance, he has participated in the founding of orphanages for needy children in Nairobi, Kisii and Nyando.

10

SCHOLARSHIP, PROFESSIONALISM AND RESEARCH



136



Dr Solomon Ikote Muntet - (Male) THARAKA-NITHI COUNTY

Dr Muntet is recognised for his exemplary contribution to Tharaka University, particularly in promoting good governance. His leadership has significantly supported the university's strong financial performance and institutional progress.

137



Prof Susan Wanjiru Mbugua - (Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Prof Mbugua is being feted for her distinguished contribution to the field of veterinary surgery nationally and internationally. She pioneered advanced diagnostic and surgical procedures in the field of small animal care thus contributing to research and academia. She has inspired many to take up careers in the field. She is the founding Chairperson of the Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association, an organisation that has played a crucial role in advancing standards in veterinary orthopaedic health of small animal care in the country, thus contributing to Public Health and Disease Prevention.

138



Sylvester Angoye Musikoyo - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Musikoyo is being feted for his professionalism and contribution to the education sector. He was the founding head teacher of Koyonzo Secondary School, an institution he transformed from a single stream school to a double stream eight classroom national symbol of academic and co-curricular excellence. He also played a key role in the implementation of Free Primary and Secondary Education, the 100 per cent Transition Policy and the roll-out of Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in the school.

139



Prof Wyne Kenneth Mutuma - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Prof Mutuma is being feted for his contribution to scholarship, professionalism and research. His qualifications and expertise as an advocate of the High Court of Kenya, enable him to contribute to governance, international law, alternative dispute resolution and expanding the body of knowledge through capacity building. As a researcher and scholar, he has published extensively in these areas.

140



Dr Majid Mbarak Warshow - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Dr Warshow is being feted for his exemplary contribution to medical professionalism, clinical excellence and patient-centred care. With decades of experience in internal medicine, he has consistently demonstrated deep expertise, sound judgment and compassionate service. His commitment to accurate diagnosis and effective treatment has significantly advanced healthcare delivery, while his mentorship and leadership continue to shape the next generation of medical practitioners.

141



Nicholus Orang'i Matoke - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Matoke is recognised for his outstanding dedication to advancing the standards of critical care nursing in Kenya. A key figure in the establishment of the Critical Care Unit at Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital, Matoke played a pivotal role in shaping the delivery of intensive care services at one of the country's leading medical institutions. With deep expertise in administering complex procedures within the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), his clinical acumen has been instrumental in saving countless lives. Beyond his excellence in practice, he stands out as a distinguished leader, educator and mentor in the field of nursing. His commitment to teaching and mentorship has nurtured a new generation of healthcare professionals, many of whom now serve the nation in various capacities.

142



Leonid Ashindu - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Ashindu is being honoured for his dedication to building engineering technology and infrastructure development. His expertise in construction engineering, occupational safety, procurement and policy implementation has positioned him as a reliable adviser in the built environment. Ashindu is a leader in Kenya's professional community, currently serving as the Chairperson of the Institute of Clerks of Works of Kenya (ICWK) and the first vice-chairperson of the Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA). Through these platforms, he has championed ethics, professional development and youth mentorship.



143

**Dr Simon Okumba Miruka** - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Dr Miruka is being honoured for being a distinguished scholar in the field of gender work. He is a columnist and development practitioner with over 30 years' experience in gender mainstreaming, policy advocacy and social development. He provides technical expertise to national, regional and international institutions on gender equality, human rights and social justice.

144

**Dr James Ouma Okaka** - (Male) SIAYA COUNTY

Dr Okaka is being honoured for his contribution in scholarship, professionalism and research. His notable works are in the construction research landscape particularly in areas concerning informal construction practices, craftsmanship quality and project performance. He co-authored a study focusing on improving the application of value management (VM) in Kenya's constructions projects, which highlighted the benefits of integrating VM early in project planning to enhance cost-effectiveness, quality and timely completion.

145

**Prof Bosire Monari** - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Prof Bosire is being feted for his contribution to research and scholarly work for over three decades, in the spheres of educational consultancy globally and nationally working with World Bank, UNESCO and UNICEF among others. Prof Bosire was the technical expert/adviser to Kenya's Competency Based Curriculum from design to rollout.

146



Dr. Elicanah Moenga Mosiori - (Male) KISII COUNTY

Dr Mosiori is being feted for his contribution towards professionalism in public service. As an astute administrator, he has rendered exemplary service in human resource management and development in various public institutions.

147



Mwanahamisi Hamadi - (Female) MOMBASA COUNTY

Mwanahamisi is being honoured for her professionalism as a seasoned TV anchor, who recognises Kenyan women who have demonstrated excellence, commitment and innovation in various areas of influence against all odds, through *Mwanamke Bomba*, a programme aired on Citizen TV. The programme spotlights ordinary women who are doing extraordinary things through entrepreneurship, innovation and community leadership thus inspiring others.

148



Dr Ibrahim Ondeko Matende - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Dr Matende is being recognised for his contribution to the medical field. Through the College of Ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (COECSA), he has transformed eye-care training by establishing a strong and suitable framework for professional development. He has advocated for trachoma treatment at grassroots level. Additionally, he established the first children eye clinic in the coastal region.

11

PEACE MAKING



149



Inspector Patrick Joshua Indimuli -

(Male) KIAMBU COUNTY

Indimuli is being honoured for providing leadership and guidance to the community and to fellow officers on matters peace. He mobilises community leaders, police officers, business owners, pastors, imams, school heads and civil servants to hold meetings where they articulate key security concerns in order to reduce crime, alcohol and drug abuse.

150



Elias Jama Noor - (Male) WAJIR COUNTY

Noor is being honoured for his contribution to peace keeping and cohesion in Wajir County. He was among the founding members of the Peace Education Campaign Torch, an initiative to promote peace. After the 2007 post-election violence in Kenya, he championed peace education, helping restore calm, rebuild trust and encourage children's return to school. His efforts contributed to healing divided communities and fostering lasting reconciliation.

151



Kevin Stephen Owino Osido - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Osido is being honoured for his contribution to governance and peacebuilding in Kenya. In collaboration with national institutions, regional bodies and international development partners, he has undertaken initiatives that have impacted the country. He has been featured on various local and international media platforms advancing conversations on governance, public accountability, peace-building and inclusive development.

152



Adan Hassan Sagar - (Male) WAJIR COUNTY

Sagar is being honoured for his immense contribution to peacemaking. He has been actively reconciling diverse ethnic and cultural groups, particularly in the North-Eastern region who have had conflict. His approach to peacemaking involves grassroots activism, strong leadership and spiritual motivation.

153



Dr Sellah Jebwambok Ruto - (Female) NANDI COUNTY

Dr Ruto is being recognised for her dedication to the advancement of peace, reconciliation and social harmony. A respected educator, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Dispute Resolution by the American University of Peace and Governance (January 2025) in recognition of her advanced skills in conflict resolution and peace making.

154



Henry Kiptoo Murey - (Male) UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Murey is being feted for his contribution to peacebuilding and conflict resolution since 2009 by being involved in initiatives to strengthen capacities of the local peacebuilding and conflict management structures. He is a strong advocate of grassroots approaches to resolving conflict sustainably in Uasin Gishu County.

155



John Mwangi Munyiri - (Male) NAIROBI COUNTY

Munyiri is being honoured for his commitment to peace making. During the post-election violence in 2007, he led peace teams in the Saboot area to amend relations with neighbouring communities. He also conducted youth and community engagements during the Gen-Z demonstrations.

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H.E. Amb. Dr Jonathan Emmamuzo Ojadah
- (Male) NIGERIA

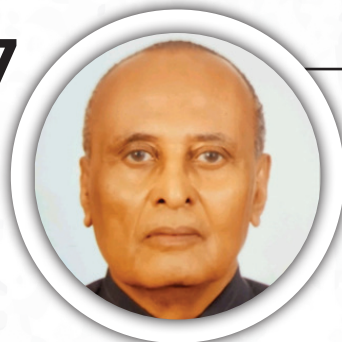
Dr Ojadah is being honoured for his exceptional dedication to advancing peace, good governance and sustainable development across Africa. In Kenya, his strategic initiatives as the President of United International Global Peace Council, have significantly promoted peace and impacted the country by institutionalising the recognition of local peace champions.

12

STATESMANSHIP



157



Shukri Baramadei - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Baramadei is being recognised for his contribution to the nation's stability and development. He has played a pivotal role in shaping the public sector, particularly through his leadership in national security and maritime infrastructure. During his tenure as chairman of the Kenya Ports Authority, he championed modernisation and security initiatives that strengthened Kenya's strategic trade gateways. His prior service in intelligence and security further cement his reputation as a decisive and influential figure in the country's governance landscape.

158



Harison Ochieng Yogo - (Male) MOMBASA COUNTY

Yogo is being honoured for his exemplary contribution to the delivery of Government services to citizens. Through his initiative "Huduma Mashinani", that was implemented in partnership with Mombasa Cement, 30,000 Mombasa residents received various services free of charge within a 40-day outreach programme. This led to the ranking of Mombasa as the best Huduma Centre in 2023/2024. He was also nominated for the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders and the Spirit of Detroit Award in July 2025.

159



Peter Khamala Nyikuli - (Female) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Nyikuli is being honoured for his outstanding dedication to advancing Kenya's interests in international trade and diplomacy. Throughout his career, he championed policies and partnerships that positioned Kenya as a key player on the global stage. His most notable achievement was his instrumental role in lobbying and advancing the enactment of African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

160



Omar Shuria Abdi - (Male) GARISSA COUNTY

Abdi is being honoured for delivering exceptional public service through a career spanning over 45-years as a civil servant. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership, policy expertise and dedication to improving the National Police Service. His efforts restored peace in the Northern frontier where he was based.

161



Dr Susan Jemtai Koech - (Female) TRANS NZOIA COUNTY

Dr Koech, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, is being recognised for her distinguished service in banking and transformative leadership in public service. She has championed women's empowerment, regional integration, sustainable development, and community advancement. For her exemplary contribution to national growth and resilience, she is celebrated as a true heroine of Kenya.



13

NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION

162



Bishop Alkan Jacob Lesuuda - (Male) SAMBURU COUNTY

Bishop Lesuuda is being recognised for his unwavering commitment to peace, inclusion and national unity. As an interfaith leader, he has championed religious tolerance, dialogue transforming adversaries into allies and regions of tensions into models of reconciliation. Through his efforts, he has united Turkana and Samburu pastoralists, breaking barriers of mistrust and fostering lasting cohesion.

163



Precious Dama Randu - (Female) KILIFI COUNTY

Precious is being honoured for initiating social inclusivity programmes aimed at ensuring members of various communities and special interests groups have access to essential Government services. She is recognised for her distinguished service, innovation and servanthood in promoting peace, national unity and cohesion among different communities living in Kilifi.

164



Kennedy Kunani Isaac - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Kunani is being honoured for his immense contribution to establishing Amani Peace Clubs in learning institutions. Through peace clubs, Kennedy has organised debate competitions with topics exploring themes such as inclusivity, national values, diversity and good governance thus contributing to unity and strong communities. These peace clubs have spread to many counties in the country.

165



Dr Elizabeth Chesoi Kigai - (Female) KAKAMEGA COUNTY

Dr Chesoi is being feted for her contribution to enhancing good relations between leaders and the community in Western Kenya. As a seasoned mediator, she has used her skills in dispute resolution to enhance community cohesion and peace building. Additionally, she has sensitised women and youth on peaceful co-existence thus enhancing community welfare and social development.

166



Amos Olereyan Olenasolio, HSC - (Male) BARINGO COUNTY

Olenasolio is being feted for his role in promoting national cohesion by empowering marginalised communities across Kenya. As the executive director of the MAA Girl Foundation, he has championed the rights of women and girls in pastoralist regions through programmes on education, menstrual dignity, climate resilience and economic inclusion. His efforts have fostered unity and social integration, benefiting thousands and advancing peaceful co-existence.

167



Safia Saro Guyo - (Female) MARSABIT COUNTY

Safia is being honoured as a courageous and visionary youth leader who has emerged as a powerful voice for mobilising youth from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds through sporting activities, tree planting campaigns, clean-up drives and climate change awareness events. She has led peace tournaments and inter-community dialogues across Marsabit County fostering unity and cohesion among youth. Her initiatives have significantly contributed to reduced inter-ethnic conflict, building trust and mutual respect among diverse communities.

168



Mohamed Hassan Hamadi - (Male) KWALE COUNTY

Hamadi is being feted for championing youth mentorship, peacebuilding and resilience in Kwale County through prevention and countering of violent extremism programmes and conflict management. As the head of outreach at Jamii Action Centre, he uses participatory theatre to promote dialogue, unity and social cohesion. His collaborations with Government and success in nurturing schools to national recognition in drama and music festivals underscore his commitment to fostering peace, integration and national harmony.

14

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



169



Dr Christopher Kiprotich Kiptoo, CBS -

(Male) ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

Dr Kiptoo is being honoured for his contribution to environmental conservation. He founded The Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Program (KICP) as a way of responding to deforestation and degradation in the Kaptagat forest ecosystem in conjunction with the local community. This initiative has strengthened ecological resilience, preserved habitats and created a sustainable future for forest-edge communities. Through KICP, over 2,765 hectares of degraded forest have been restored, and more than 300,000 high value avocado trees have been planted, benefitting over 28,000 households. KICP has also promoted eco-friendly farming and use of clean energy thus reducing reliance on forests.

170



Caleb Ambulwa Burudi - (Male) KAKAMEGA COUNTY →

Burudi is being honoured for his contribution to spearheading tree planting campaigns nationwide, planting over 2 million trees and establishing nurseries to support Kenya's 15 billion tree target by 2032. His efforts include tree planting initiatives in Kirimum, Samburu County and a tree for peace project along the borders of Kakamega, Nandi, Uasin Gishu and Vihiga counties. These projects have restored critical ecosystems, such as the Kakamega Forest, while promoting peace and sustainability. By donating over 100,000 seedlings, he has significantly advanced ecological restoration in areas like Kerarapon, Kisaju and Enchan in Kajiado County.

171



Benard Kipkorir Koech - (Male) BOMET COUNTY →

Koech is recognised for his contribution to environmental conservation and sustainability. He has lead tree-planting initiatives and mobilised youth involvement in climate action. He has organised youth volunteers to plant trees in Cheptalal Hospital, Taboino Primary and Secondary Schools, Aregeriot Primary and Secondary Schools, Satiet, Cheptlal Primary School and Cheptalal Police Station in Embomos ward, Konoin sub-county.

172



James Makau Muthui - (Male) KAJIADO COUNTY →

Muthui, a senior superintendent and farm manager who has served in several G.K Prisons, is being honoured for his contribution to environmental conservation. He is a renown conservationist whose work has impacted different G.K. prisons. He has also partnered with schools to create environment conservation awareness and tree planting.



173



Dr. Thomas Mbithi Musili - (Male) MACHAKOS COUNTY

Dr Musili is being honoured for his commitment to environmental conservation through e-waste management initiatives. Through his Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment centre (WEEE Centre), one of Africa's largest electronic waste management facility, he has contributed to reducing the toxic effects of e-waste on human health and the environment by processing over 10,000 tonnes of e-waste. He has trained over 6,000 youth on e-waste management and entrepreneurship.

174



David Mutembei Festus - (Male) NYANDARUA COUNTY

Mutembei is recognised for his contribution to environmental conservation, especially preservation and protection of endangered wildlife. He has coordinated and led operations conducted by the Aberdare Investigation, Intelligence and Wildlife Protection Department teams that apprehended poachers and recovered more than twelve pieces of elephant and rhino tusks within Nyeri and Nyandarua counties.

175



Okoth Alfred Ochola - (Male) HOMABAY COUNTY

Ochola is being feted for his professionalism and consistent engagement with local communities and administration to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. Through public barazas, he sensitises residents on safety and wildlife protection. His efforts have addressed recurring challenges, including hippopotamus and crocodile, attacks along lake shores, snake bites, hyena incursions and predation on livestock.

176



Dominic Kibitok Tanui - (Male) NANDI COUNTY

Tanui is being feted for his contribution to championing environmental conservation through community led initiatives focused on forest protection, bamboo value chain development and climate action. As the chair of Kobujoi Community Forest Association, he has led reforestation efforts, biodiversity awareness campaigns and youth training in sustainable livelihoods.

177



Lilian Letiwa - (Female) SAMBURU COUNTY

Lillian is being honoured for demonstrating exceptional dedication and innovation in the field of environmental conservation and sustainability. She has engaged in extensive tree-planting initiatives aimed at restoring degraded landscapes, improving soil stability, enhancing biodiversity and supporting local eco-systems. Through the multi-faceted approach, combining practical fieldwork, farmer training and strategic use of mass communication, she has led by example and inspired others to play active roles in environmental stewardship.

178



Recho Jerono Kibet - (Female) TURKANA COUNTY

Jerono is being feted for her contribution to environmental conservation. She has provided leadership and dedication in coordinating the refugee community and displaced persons in Turkana county in tree planting, mentorship, waste management and recycling programmes.

179



Stephen Kihuni Wachira - (Male) LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Wachira is being honoured for supporting environmental conservation in various fields. He is the director of Kihuwa Forestry Ventures, which has partnered with Kenya Defence Forces in Nanyuki for the past 17 years in planting trees in the environmental soldier programme.

180



Yunis Ibrahim Sheikh - (Male) WAJIR COUNTY

Sheikh is being recognised for his contribution to environmental conservation. He has been spearheading the Eldas Afforestation and Greenification Programme that has overseen the planting of over a million trees in Eldas over the last five years resulting in reducing the negative effects of climate change and increased economic opportunities for the traditionally nomadic community of Eldas.

181



Joyce Venessa Wanjiru Gachugi -

(Female) NAIROBI COUNTY

Joyce is being feted for her contribution to environmental conservation and sustainability. Through the Packaging Producer Responsibility Organisation (PAKPRO), she provides leadership in waste management contributing to a circular economy model. This ensures plastic waste reduction thereby implementing circular economy solutions that directly contribute to the reduction of plastic pollution and conservation of natural resources.

182



Joseph Kipngeno Towet - (Male) BOMET COUNTY

Towet is being feted for his exceptional contribution to environmental conservation. Following the destruction of Chepalungu Forest during the 2007-2008 post-election violence, he established the Chepalungu Apex Community Forest Association (CHEACOFA), where he mobilised the local community in conjunction with other stakeholders to begin reafforestation efforts. Through his organisation, he has planted over 90,000 indigenous trees, reclaimed degraded land and contributed to restoring biodiversity within Bomet County.

183



Prof Peter Muriungi Kinyua -

(Male) THARAKANITHI COUNTY

Prof Kinyua is being honoured for his contribution to environmental conservation. Employing transformative and holistic approaches, he has planted and sustained over 40,000 trees at the Tharaka University Campus and donated over 30,000 seedlings annually to the local community. He has also established a material clean up facility to combat plastic pollution.

184



Bruce Kimanthi Mukuru - (Male) THARAKA NITHI COUNTY

Mukuru is being feted for his contribution to environmental conservation. He has been producing clean cooking stoves which are environmentally friendly since 2013. This has resulted to less carbon emissions and also reduced deforestation th **Tanui** us helping to curb the negative effects of climate change.





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