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The 26th National Labour Board Meeting



The role of the National Labour Board is to advise the Cabinet Secretary for Labour on all matters relating to Labour and employment in Kenya

The National Labour Board held its 26th meeting on 13th and 14th October, at the Sarova Whitesands Hotel in Mombasa. Among those in attendance included the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Labour Hon. Simon K. Chelugui; the Principal Secretary ministry of Labour, Eng Peter Tum, the Chief Administrative Secretary ministry of Labour, Hon Jackson Kalla, the Secretary General of the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU), Dr. Francis Atwoli, the Executive Director, the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), Mrs. Jacqueline Mugo, the Secretary of the National Labour Board/Ag Labour Commissioner Mrs Helen Apiyo, The Chairman National Labour Board, Mr. Shukri Barmadi and the Ag. Director General, National Employment Authority (NEA) Mrs Edith Okoki.

The objectives of the meeting were to report on the status on the finalization of the Kenya Decent Work Country Programme 2021-2024, give update on the progress on the Draft National Wages and Remuneration policy, give reports on the country's compliance with and consideration for ratification of the International Labour Standards, receive the report from the Sub- Committee on the Revocation of Recognition Agreement, get the status report for review and development of labour laws and finally receive the progress reports from heads of department in the Ministry of Labour.

ABOUT NEA

The National Employment Authority (NEA) was established in April, 2016 by an Act of Parliament (the National Employment Authority Act 2016) . The Authority main policy priorities are the promotion of employment in all aspects of national development. Specific policy priorities are:

1. Employment creation, especially for the youth, minorities and marginalized groups
2. Provision of labour market information;
3. Re-engineering of public employment services; and
4. Promotion of foreign employment.



In his opening remarks, Hon. Simon K. Chelugui stressed on the need to have new methods of promoting harmonious industrial Labour relations; promoting social dialogue and fair Labour practices as well as promoting the fundamental principles and rights at work among others. He noted that the board has been working closely with the Ministry, social partners and International Labour Organization in development and finalization of the Strategic Plan 2021-2024 meant to be launched within the month of October 2021, which will guide the Board in its activities. "The board is expected to have active committees which are required to meet regularly in order to be update the board on the emerging trends and challenges in the labour sector. In order to maintain harmonious labour relations, the board must be deliberate on the way in which it handles its client" He said



National Labour Board is mandated to advise the Cabinet Secretary for Labour on all matters relating to Labour and employment, including but not limited to: ILO Conventions that need to be ratified; general state of employment, training and manpower development in the country; appointment of members of the various council's; the setting of compensation benefits under the Work Injuries Benefits Act; productivity measurement and improvement; registration

OUR VISION

"Employment opportunities for all

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"To formulate and implement employment policies and programmes for creation of sustainable employment for all Kenyans

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