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EIK appeared before the Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation to present the petition EMCA (Strategic and Integrated Environmental Assessments and Environmental Audits) Regulations, 2025. **Read more on Pg 6...**

SPOTLIGHT

The Institute engaged, partnered, and participated in diverse activities, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and sectoral impact.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Members,

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support and steadfast commitment to the Environment Institute of Kenya. Your active engagement has been instrumental in shaping the growth and credibility of our Institute, and I remain deeply grateful for the role each of you continues to play.

To begin with, I am pleased to share that the EIK Bill report was tabled in the National Assembly by the Committee on Environment, Forestry, and Mining for the Second Reading on 24th July 2025. This milestone marks a significant step forward in our ongoing journey to strengthen the legal and institutional framework of our profession.

In addition, I wish to update you on our recent petition to both the National Assembly and the Senate regarding the gazette and re-gazette of the Environmental Management and Coordination (Strategic and Integrated Assessments and Environmental Audits) Regulations, 2025. I am pleased to inform you that this petition was successful, and as a result, the proposed regulations are awaiting annulment by the Senate.

This outcome affirms the importance of a united professional voice and reinforces our capacity to influence critical policy decisions affecting our sector.

We have further taken note of the disruption and members concerns arising from the new Envis portal by NEMA, the matter is actively being followed up on and we hope for a favourable resolution of the challenges faced.

Looking ahead, let us remember that the strength of our Institute comes from our unity. It is our shared values, professional discipline, and collective commitment that continue to define who we are and what we stand for. I therefore call upon all members to stay informed, participate actively, and uphold the ideals that bring us together.

**Alex Mugambi- MEIK
Chairperson**

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Members,

As we reflect on this past month, I want to reaffirm our deep commitment to serving you with integrity, transparency, and professionalism. Your needs as environmental experts continue to guide the work of the Secretariat, and I thank you for your trust and partnership.

We are currently engaging with NEMA concerning the recent system changes affecting the operations of the NEMA portal. We are aware of the disruptions this transition has caused, and we remain in close communication with the authority to ensure that timely updates and solutions are shared with all affected professionals.

On the capacity building front, we continue to offer programs that speak directly to the evolving demands of our profession. We recently concluded a highly successful training on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) compliance, which attracted significant participation from professionals across various sectors. This overwhelming response is a strong indicator of your appetite for relevant, high-impact knowledge.

We have additional professional training opportunities scheduled in the coming months, including courses in Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Planning, and Climate Change and Carbon Trading courses. I encourage members to take advantage of these offerings as part of your continuous professional development.

Lastly, I extend a warm welcome to all members to join us at the 4th EIK International Conference and Exhibition, which will be held from 28th to 30th October 2025 in Mombasa. This will be a defining moment for us to come together, share knowledge, showcase innovation, and shape the future of environmental governance in Kenya.

Let us remain committed to excellence and to the values that have brought us this far.

**Titus Kilonzo Mutuku - MEIK
Chief Executive Officer**



TRAINING: ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE COURSE

On 25th July 2025, ESG participants were awarded Certificates of Completion, following a successful conclusion of the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Training Course. The one-month programme held from 23rd June to 18th July 2025 served as a strategic capacity-building initiative, aimed at strengthening ESG competencies among environmental professionals across Kenya.

The course convened a diverse group of participants representing a cross-section of sectors, including government agencies, academia, private industry, civil society, and consultancy firms. This cross-sectoral representation fostered a rich environment for interdisciplinary exchange, professional networking, and collaborative learning. A key feature of the programme was its practical orientation.

In addition to theoretical modules, participants engaged directly with sectoral stakeholders through interactive sessions and case-based discussions leading industry players in Finance, Hospitality and Tourism, Wildlife, Construction, and Manufacturing. The success of the training affirms the Environment Institute of Kenya's commitment to advancing professional excellence and promoting sustainable development.



The success of the programme was made possible through the support and collaboration of the following partners:

1. Ararat Landscapes & Contractors Limited
2. Anami Construction and Supplies Limited
3. IRRICO International Limited
4. Kenversity (Finance)
5. Nyamira County Government
6. Gjenge Makers Limited
7. Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA)
8. Astorian Grand Hotel
9. Kenya Utalii College
10. Nithi Water & Sanitation Company
11. Mwiki Secondary School

Their contributions enriched the learning experience and demonstrated the value of cross-sectoral collaboration in advancing sustainability goals.

This training affirms EIK's unwavering commitment to fostering professional excellence and promoting sustainable development. By equipping practitioners with relevant knowledge and tools



UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS) REGULATIONS, 2025

Following a petition submitted to the Senate by the Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK), on behalf of environmental professionals across the country, a significant milestone has been achieved in Kenya's environmental policy and governance landscape. On Monday, 28th July 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry officially withdrew the Environmental Management and Coordination (Strategic and Integrated Environmental Assessments and Environmental Audits) Regulations, 2025.

Gazetted on 2nd April and tabled before Parliament on 9th April 2025, the regulations had raised widespread concern among practitioners and stakeholders. Many questioned the transparency and inclusivity of the process—specifically, the limited public participation, the introduction of punitive fee structures, and the marginalization of qualified professionals in the regulatory framework.

In response, EIK submitted a formal petition to the Senate, calling for a comprehensive review and suspension of the regulations. The Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation began its engagement on 15th July 2025 and extended the review period to enable wider consultation and stakeholder involvement.

On 24th July 2025, EIK appeared before the Committee to present its case, alongside representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). This session provided an opportunity for constructive dialogue, during which EIK presented the legal, technical, and professional grounds for its objections.

After reviewing the submissions and acknowledging the concerns raised, the Ministry took the decisive step to withdraw the 2025 Regulations in full. This action underscores the importance of inclusive, transparent, and accountable regulatory processes and reaffirms the role of professionals in shaping sound environmental policy.

We extend our appreciation to all members and partners who supported this important advocacy effort and remains committed to promoting evidence-based, participatory, and professional environmental governance in Kenya.

PICTORIAL: EIK DELEGATION APPEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON 24TH AND 28TH JULY 2025 TO PRESENT THE PETITION ON THE EMCA 2025 REGULATIONS





ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF KENYA PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND EDITION OF THE KENYA URBAN FORUM (KUF2)

The Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK) was privileged to take part in the Second Edition of the Kenya Urban Forum (KUF2), held from 17th to 19th July 2025 at Lake Naivasha Resort. The Forum was convened by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development and brought together a wide range of participants, including representatives from national and county governments, academia, civil society, the private sector, and development partners. The central theme guiding the discussions was “Sustainable, Inclusive, and Climate-Resilient Urbanization.”

We were represented by our Chairperson, Mr. Alex Mugambi, who contributed to two high-level panel sessions. His insights underscored the importance of embedding environmental governance in urban development conversations. The panels offered an opportunity to reflect on our long-standing commitment to advancing integrated and responsible approaches to urbanization that respond to Kenya’s ecological and social realities. Participation in this Forum reaffirmed the value of collective dialogue in shaping policy and practice for future-ready cities. As Kenya’s urban landscape continues to evolve, EIK remains dedicated to supporting inclusive and sustainable solutions that safeguard the environment while meeting the needs of growing urban populations.

1. Scaling Up Nature-Based Solutions for Urban Resilience in Kenya

This session convened experts from government, international institutions, and academia. Mr. Mugambi joined panelists from Nakuru Municipality, Mombasa County Government, Mandera Municipality, and the European Investment Bank. Moderated by Joep Verhagen of the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), the session culminated in the official launch of the Kenya Nature-Based Solutions Compendium, a significant national resource to which Mr. Mugambi and Dr. Purity contributed during its development and validation.



2. The Role of Urban Areas in Economic Development Featuring stakeholders such as Amb. Grace Okara (Kenya Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat), New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union), Mombasa City Management, and consultants from KUSP II, this session emphasized the central role of urban centers in Kenya’s economic transformation and underscored the importance of integrating environmental governance into urban planning processes.



Key insights from the Forum included the importance of early engagement of technical experts, alignment of activities with national development priorities, digital facilitation through real-time documentation and QR code systems, and strategic scheduling to accommodate high-level dignitaries such as the Deputy President.

It was also noted that the inclusion of the Council of Governors is critical in mobilizing county leadership and municipal actors. This platform provided EIK with valuable opportunities to explore strategic partnerships. In attendance were representatives from the European Investment Bank, Built Climate Resilience for Urban Poor (BCRUP) Program, KCIC, the University Fund, Institute of Consulting Engineers, KUSP Secretariat, NCCG, the Department of Spatial and Environmental Planning at Kenyatta University, and environmental mediation experts in the construction sector.

EIK initiated discussions on collaborative programming in climate resilience, ESG training, solar energy solutions for institutions, and environmental interventions in refugee-hosting municipalities such as Kakuma and Dadaab. The Forum reaffirmed EIK’s recognition as a key stakeholder in the national urban development agenda. The Institute was prominently referenced during multiple sessions and acknowledged in the Forum’s formal resolutions. As a result, commitments were made to integrate EIK into national urbanization efforts coordinated by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.



WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY 2025



The Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK) was honoured to participate in this year's World Environment Day celebrations held at Tharaka University, under the global theme "Ending Plastic Pollution." The event served as a critical platform for environmental professionals, academia, and community stakeholders to reflect on collective strategies toward eliminating plastic pollution and advancing sustainability in Kenya.

EIK's participation focused on promoting the value of professional affiliation within the environmental sector and encouraging grassroots and institutional efforts in environmental protection. Through exhibitions and direct engagement, the Institute highlighted ways in which environmental professionals and communities can work together to address plastic pollution challenges.

In the lead-up to the national event, EIK and Tharaka University's World Environment Day Committee jointly organized two major pre-activities to create awareness and stimulate dialogue:

1. Virtual Career Talk
2. Virtual Stakeholder Forum

EIK PARTICIPATION IN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025 HOSTED BY PIT TO PALACE

The Institute was represented by Magdalene Kagendo and CEO Titus Mutuku at the 2025 World Environment Day event hosted by Pit to Palace. The engagement fostered strategic dialogue on plastic pollution, circular economy, and carbon markets, unlocking new training and partnership opportunities for members in sustainability and environmental innovation.

VIRTUAL CAREER TALK – 29TH MAY 2025

This interactive session targeted university students and recent graduates, introducing them to emerging career pathways in the environmental field. Structured around four thematic areas

1. Technology and Innovation,
2. Business and Side Hustles,
3. Governance, and
4. Career Opportunities

The session encouraged participants to consider how their academic training and personal passions could be aligned with environmental impact and entrepreneurship.

VIRTUAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM 3RD JUNE 2025

The forum attracted over 250 participants drawn from government agencies, civil society, academia, and the private sector. It served as a national platform for in-depth and solution-oriented dialogue on key issues related to plastic waste management in Kenya. Discussions focused on the following thematic areas:

1. Policy and Regulatory Frameworks: Assessing the effectiveness of existing policies and legislation on plastic waste, and examining whether current regulatory approaches are enabling or hindering progress toward sustainable waste management.
2. Upstream Plastic Waste Management & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Exploring strategies for reducing plastic waste at the production and consumption stages, and evaluating the implementation of EPR as a tool for holding producers accountable.
3. Circular Economy Models and Recycling Enterprises: Evaluating the viability and scalability of circular economy approaches, including innovations in recycling and reuse, and the role of business and community-led initiatives in supporting a circular plastics economy.
4. The Role of Academia and Professional Institutions: Highlighting how research, education, and professional bodies can drive systemic change by influencing policy, shaping future leaders, and promoting best practices in environmental management.

World Environment Day 2025 at Tharaka University demonstrated the value of inclusive dialogue, professional engagement, and cross-sector collaboration. EIK remains committed to empowering environmental professionals and institutions in accelerating Kenya's transition to a cleaner, plastic-free future.





EIK TRAINING

At the Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK), we offer quarterly short courses and monthly refresher trainings aimed at promoting, upholding, and advancing the highest standards of professionalism in environmental management.

Our training programmes are thoughtfully designed to equip environmental practitioners with up-to-date knowledge and practical skills to address emerging and evolving challenges in the sector. By integrating principles of sustainable development, our courses empower participants to lead impactful change, enhance environmental performance, and contribute meaningfully to the public good.

Through these continuous capacity-building initiatives, EIK ensures that professionals remain at the forefront of best practices, policy, and innovation, driving a more sustainable and resilient future for Kenya and beyond.

For More Information on Training <https://eik.co.ke/trainings/>

ONGOING PROGRAM

CLIMATE CHANGE HANDBOOK DEVELOPMENT

We are pleased to update our members, partners, and stakeholders that the development of the Climate Change Handbook is currently in progress. This initiative represents a significant continuation of our climate action efforts, following the successful completion of the Climate Change and Carbon Trading Training.

Spanning from April to October 2025, this ongoing phase aims to produce a practical, accessible resource that fosters continuous learning and promotes knowledge sharing across individuals, communities, and organizations dedicated to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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UPCOMING 3 WEEKS TRAINING COURSES

TRAINING COURSE	DATE	REGISTRATION LINK
Land Acquisition & Resettlement Action Planning Training Course (Cohort 2)	TBC	https://tinyurl.com/EIKLARAPC2
Climate Change & Carbon Trading Training (Cohort 2)	TBC	https://tinyurl.com/EIKCCCTC2

We strive to promote, uphold, and advance the highest professional standards and best practices in environmental stewardship, ensuring sustainable development for the benefit of society and future generations.

4TH EIK INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE & EXPO 2025



Over the past three years, the Environment Institute of Kenya (EIK) has successfully hosted its Annual International Conference and Exhibition, convening more than 3,000 environmental professionals, researchers, policymakers, and institutions from across Kenya and beyond. These conferences have provided impactful platforms for sharing knowledge, fostering innovation, influencing policy, and strengthening professional networks in environmental management.

Building on this momentum, EIK is excited to announce the upcoming 4th EIK International Conference and Exhibition, scheduled to take place from 28th to 30th October 2025 in Mombasa, Kenya.

This year's Conference will focus on accelerating climate action and advancing a green, climate-resilient future, bringing together a wide range of stakeholders from government, academia, civil society, the private sector, and development partners.

CONFERENCE THEME

**Green Transition, Bold Actions:
Accelerating Africa's Climate Agenda**

The programme will feature a range of engaging sessions and activities including;

1. Outdoor Environmental Activity
2. High-Level Panel Discussions
3. Industrial presentations
4. Expert Sessions
5. Exhibitions
6. Awards Ceremony

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THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO 2025

CONFERENCE THEME

**GREEN TRANSITIONS, BOLD ACTIONS:
ACCELERATING AFRICA'S CLIMATE AGENDA**

📅 28th to 30th October 2025 📍 Mombasa Kenya

SUB-THEMES

- Grassroots, National, and Regional Climate Actions
- Climate Finance
- Climate Justice & Inclusive Green Transitions
- Enabling Governance Frameworks for Climate Action
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Technology, Innovation, Training, and Capacity Building

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As the world accelerates efforts to address the climate crisis, Africa must lead with bold, inclusive, and coordinated action. The 4th EIK International Environmental Conference and Expo provides a strategic platform to contribute to this vision. Your participation will be instrumental in shaping meaningful dialogue, fostering innovation, and driving impactful climate solutions across the continent.

We warmly welcome you to join us in Mombasa as we collectively chart the path toward a sustainable and climate-resilient Africa.

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GREEN TRANSITIONS, BOLD ACTIONS: ACCELERATING AFRICA'S CLIMATE AGENDA



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