

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT LAND RECLAMATION BILL, 2026

The State Department for Parliamentary Affairs wishes to draw the attention of stakeholders and members of the public to a call for public participation issued by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on the *Draft Land Reclamation Bill, 2026*.

The proposed Bill seeks to establish a comprehensive legal framework for the sustainable reclamation and restoration of degraded land, prevention of land degradation, and promotion of land degradation neutrality in Kenya. The Bill is intended to support food security, water security, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and sustainable socio-economic development through coordinated land restoration initiatives.

Key provisions of the Bill include the establishment of a national framework for the identification, assessment, classification, declaration, and reclamation of degraded land. It further provides for the creation of a national database of degraded and reclaimed lands, designation of priority reclamation areas and land reclamation schemes, preparation of reclamation plans, and implementation of preventive reclamation measures.

On a progressive note, the Bill is a strategic legislative intervention towards advancing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). In this regard, the Bill supports the *Agricultural Transformation pillar* of BETA by enabling the reclamation of degraded lands through irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and targeted soil management, thereby increasing the amount of arable land available for farming. This propels the BETA goal of boosting food security and expanding agricultural production. Further, the Bill advances the *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) pillar* by restoring wasteland and improving its agricultural viability, hence creating new economic opportunities, allowing rural populations and local groups to engage in expanded farming and agribusiness.

In addition, the Bill enhances Kenya's gains in *Environment and Climate Change*, a key enabler of BETA, by focusing on halting land degradation, re-vegetation, access to carbon credits and controlling invasive species. It also secures land degradation neutrality, which protects vulnerable ecosystems and builds climate resilience for local communities. In promoting equitable and inclusive development by prioritizing vulnerable communities, women and youth in benefit-sharing arrangements, the Bill aligns with the *Women Agenda, Youth Empowerment and Development*, and *Social Protection*, three key enablers of BETA.

The Draft Bill is accessible on the Ministry's website at <https://www.water.go.ke> or in hard copy at the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House on weekdays

from 8.00 a.m-5:00 p.m. Members of the public and stakeholders are invited to submit written comments and memoranda on the Draft Bill via email to **lrbill@irrigationkenya.go.ke** or in hard copy to the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House, P.O. Box 49720-00100 Nairobi, on weekdays between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the notice.

In addition, the Ministry has convened physical stakeholder consultation meetings on the Bill from 14th to 17th July 2026, as guided by the schedule provided in the notice. Participants are advised to make personal transport arrangements to and from the venue(s).

Please refer to the attached notice for further guidance on how to participate. Your participation is essential in ensuring effective and inclusive governance.



MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

Office of the Cabinet Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT NATIONAL LAND RECLAMATION BILL 2026

The ministry of water, sanitation and irrigation has drafted the aforementioned document and has been posted in the ministry's website: [https:// www.water.go.ke](https://www.water.go.ke)

The constitution of Kenya 2010. Recognizes public participation in Law formulation, analysis and implementation. The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation through this notice invites members of the public to the first stage of public participation on the Draft Land Reclamation Bill 2026 and upon perusal, are requested to submit their written comments (if any) through the email lrbill@irrigationkenya.go.ke or submission of written memorandum to the **Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House, P.O Box 49720-00100 NAIROBI on weekdays between 8.00 am -5.00 pm.** The comments should be received within fourteen days from date of notice. The physical copies of The Bill document can be accessed at the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Maji House, weekdays between 08.00am-05.00pm.

Public Participation will be carried out in the Regions as tabulated below:

S/No	CLUSTERED COUNTIES	VENUE	DATE	TIME
1.	Kisii, Migori, Nyamira, Homabay	Kisii ATC, Kisii	14 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30am
2.	Kisumu, Siaya, Busia, Kakamega	Tom Mboya Labour college, Kisumu	15 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
3.	Bungoma, Uasin Gishu, Nandi	Eldoret National polytechnic, Eldoret	16 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
4.	West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Turkana	Food Crops Research Institute, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, Kitale	17 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
5.	Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo	Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Baringo	14 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
6.	Nakuru, Kericho, Bomet, Nanok, Nyandarua, Samburu	Kenya school of Agriculture, Nakuru	15 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
7.	Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga	Kenya school of Agriculture, Nyeri	16 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
8.	Embu, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Isiolo	Kenya school of Government, Embu	17 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
9.	Kiambu, Kajiado, Nairobi	Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Kiambu	14 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
10.	Kitui, Machakos, Makueni	Machakos University College, Machakos	15 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
11.	Garissa, Mandera, Wajir	Palm Oasis Resort, Garissa	17 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
12.	Tana River, Lamu, Kilifi	Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, Malindi	14 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
13.	Mombasa, Kwale	Kenya school of Government, Mombasa	15 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am
14.	Taita Taveta	The Avid Hotel, Taita Taveta	17 th JULY 2026	9.00 am –11.30 am

N/B: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM THE VENUE.