

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT MINERALS, MINING AND BENEFICIATION POLICY, DRAFT MINING (MINE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026 AND THE DRAFT EXPLOSIVES BILL 2026.

The State Department for Parliamentary Affairs wishes to draw the attention of stakeholders, members of the public and interested parties to a call for public participation issued by the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs through the State Department for Mining on: *the Draft Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy; the Draft Mining (Mine Health, Safety and Environment) Regulations, 2026; and the Draft Explosives Bill 2026, together with the Explosives (Licenses and Fees) Regulations, 2026.*

The Draft Policy aims to provide an overarching framework for the sustainable development, management, and governance of Kenya's mineral resources. It seeks to replace aging structural frameworks with a modern, forward-looking macro-policy that maximizes national revenue, protects artisanal miners, and scales up value addition (beneficiation) within Kenya's borders. Key salient features include structuring frameworks for state participation in strategic mineral assets; implementing strict mineral traceability mechanisms; introducing fiscal incentives for local mineral processing; and setting sustainable standards for community equity sharing.

The Draft Mining (Mine Health, Safety and Environment) Regulations, 2026, emanating from the Mining Act, Cap. 306, will formally revoke the outdated Mining (Safety) Regulations of 1969. The Regulations provide legally binding structures that govern workplace safety, toxic waste management, and emergency response across all mining installations. Key salient features include Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Management, which defines strict parameters for AMD discharge and enforces full legal and financial liability on mineral right holders for environmental degradation. The Regulations also outline licensing procedures for mine waste disposal sites, mandatory safety buffer zones, and structural geometry limits to minimize risks.

The Draft Explosives Bill, 2026 seeks to repeal the current Explosives Act, Cap. 115, and provide for a modern legal framework for the manufacture, storage, transport, and use of explosives in Kenya. Its core objectives are to enhance public safety, security, and environmental protection in the handling of explosives, while also facilitating their safe and responsible use in mining, construction, and other sectors. The Bill establishes the Directorate of Commercial Explosives and Inspections, provides for a licensing regime for all activities related to explosives, and introduces substantial penalties for non-compliance.

On a progressive note, the highlighted instruments are a strategic intervention towards advancing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). In promoting the protection of artisanal miners, the instruments advance job creation, thereby supporting the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) pillar of BETA. Further, the instruments will foster a safer, more predictable, and environmentally sustainable mining sector, which speaks to Environment and Climate Change, Manufacturing and Infrastructure as three key enablers of BETA.

The draft documents are accessible on the Ministry's website at www.mining.go.ke. Members of the public and stakeholders are invited to submit written comments, views and memoranda on the draft instruments in the provided template to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Mining, via email to ps@mining.go.ke, or hand-delivered to the 3rd Floor, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi, on or before 8th July 2026.

In addition, the Ministry has convened physical stakeholder consultation meetings on the instruments from 29th June to 8th July 2026, as guided by the schedule provided in the notice.

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

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT CROPS (PYRETHRUM) REGULATIONS, 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 and submission of comments issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, through the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA), a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) under the Ministry, on the *Draft Crops (Pyrethrum) Regulations, 2026* and the accompanying *Regulatory Impact Statement*.

The Draft Regulations, emanating from Section 40 of the Crops Act, Cap. 318, seek to operationalize the Act by providing a comprehensive framework for the regulation of the pyrethrum value chain in Kenya. Their core objective is to streamline the production, processing, marketing, and quality assurance of pyrethrum to enhance the sector's contribution to the national economy.

Key features of the Regulations include: establishing a licensing framework for all players in the pyrethrum value chain, including growers, dealers, processors, and exporters;

setting quality standards for pyrethrum extracts and related products to ensure they meet both local and international market requirements; registration of pyrethrum farmers; establishment of a regulatory framework for contract farming to protect the interests of growers and buyers; and setting up mechanisms for data collection and market information sharing to improve transparency and planning in the sector.

On a progressive note, the Regulations are a strategic legislative intervention towards advancing the Agricultural Transformation and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Economy pillars of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). In this respect, the Regulations position pyrethrum as a key driver of rural development, job creation, and agricultural value addition. By improving the quality, productivity, and marketability of Kenya's pyrethrum, the Regulations will contribute to increased household incomes and inclusive economic growth.

The Draft Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement are accessible on the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website at www.kilimo.go.ke and the Agriculture and Food Authority website at www.afa.go.ke. Written comments, views and memoranda should be submitted in the template provided in hard copy to the office of the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, Nairobi, or in soft copy via email to cdarpinpicalsecretary@gmail.com / infonpficd@afa.go.ke, within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the notice.

In addition, the Ministry has convened a physical stakeholder consultation meeting on **Tuesday, 30th June 2026 at Hotel Waterbuck, Nakuru County** from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH (PROHIBITION OF SHISHA SMOKING AND WATERPIPE TOBACCO PRODUCTS) RULES, 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 Health on the *Draft Public Health (Prohibition of Shisha Smoking and Waterpipe Tobacco Products) Rules, 2026* and the accompanying *Regulatory Impact Statement*.

The Rules have been developed pursuant to section 36(m) of the Public Health Act, Cap. 242. The main objective of the proposed Rules is to prohibit shisha smoking, as well as the importation, manufacture, supply, distribution, promotion, sale and use of shisha and any other waterpipe tobacco product in Kenya.

The Rules seek to enhance public health by closing enforcement loopholes stemming from the 2017 shisha ban, addressing new products such as herbal and flavored waterpipe variants, and protecting Kenyans from the harmful effects of tobacco use. Key features include prohibiting the entire supply chain of shisha and waterpipe tobacco products, including importation, manufacturing, and promotion, and the introduction of significant penalties for violations.

On a progressive note, the Rules are a strategic legislative intervention towards advancing the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) and Creative Economy pillars of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). In this regard, the Rules will safeguard the health of the Kenyan workforce, and particularly the youth, who are the cornerstone of MSMEs and Creative Economies; and reduce the economic burden of tobacco-related diseases, thereby contributing to a healthier and more productive population.

The Draft Rules and Regulatory Impact Statement are accessible on the Ministry's website at <https://www.health.go.ke> and in hard copy upon request, through the Ministry's email address during working hours. Written memoranda should be submitted via post and/or physically to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Afya House, Cathedral House, P.O. Box 30016-00100 Nairobi, or via email to shisharules@health.go.ke within fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice.

In addition, the Ministry has convened physical stakeholder consultation meetings from 18th June to 30th June 2026, as guided by the schedule provided in the notice.

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA ON THE POLICY ON CAREER PROGRESSION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The State Department for Parliamentary Affairs wishes to draw the attention of stakeholders and members of the public to a call for submission of memoranda issued by the Public Service Commission (PSC) on the *Draft Policy on Career Progression for the Public Service*.

The Commission, established under Article 233 of the Constitution of Kenya, has initiated the development of this policy for purposes of providing a comprehensive and structured framework for the career advancement of public servants. The Policy aims to modernize human capital planning in the public service by shifting from stagnation-prone, tenure-based promotions to performance-driven, skill-mapped career paths. Its core objective is to establish clear, transparent, and merit-based career pathways that motivate employees, enhance their skills, and improve service delivery across the public service.

On a progressive note, the policy is a strategic administrative intervention towards advancing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). By promoting education and training, a key enabler of BETA, the Policy enhances national posterity measures by fostering a competent, motivated, and professional public service workforce capable of effectively delivering the government's development agenda. The Policy also promotes training on the *Code of Conduct in the Public Service*, reinforcing accountability, professionalism, and adherence to the rule of law, thereby advancing good governance, another key enabler of BETA. The Policy is therefore central to the ongoing public sector reforms aimed at transforming the public service into a more efficient, effective, and citizen-centric institution.

The Draft Policy is accessible through the Commission's website at <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>. Written memoranda should be submitted via post to P.O. Box 30095-00100 Nairobi, or by hand delivery to Commission House, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi and/or via email to psck@publicservice.go.ke by 5:00 p.m., on or before 13th July 2026.

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 MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT MINERALS, MINING AND VALUE ADDITION POLICY, THE DRAFT EXPLOSIVES BILL 2026 AND THE DRAFT MINING (MINE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs has developed three instruments now open for public review and comment:

- i. **Draft Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy**
- ii. **Draft Mining (Mine Health, Safety and Environment) Regulations, 2026, under Mining Act, Cap 306**
- iii. **Draft Explosives Bill 2026, together with the Explosives (licenses and fees) Regulations, 2026.**

Pursuant to Article 10(2)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Ministry invites all stakeholders, members of the public and interested parties – including women, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, mine workers, artisanal and small-scale mining operators, civil society organizations, county governments, and members of minority and marginalized communities – to review and submit comments on the three (3) instruments.

The documents and their regulatory impact statements are available on the Ministry's website at www.mining.go.ke. Written submissions should be forwarded to:

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Mining
Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs
P.O. Box 30009 - 00100, Nairobi
Hand-delivered to: 3rd Floor, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi
Or by Email: ps@mining.go.ke

Written submissions should be received on or before 8th July, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. All submissions should clearly indicate the specific Part, Chapter or Regulation to which the comment refers. Submissions should be made using the prescribed template provided below:

TEMPLATE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION / INDIVIDUAL PERSON				
S/No.	Part / Section	Issue of Concern	Justification	Recommendations
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Additionally, the Ministry will engage members of the public and all stakeholders through public participation hearings to ensure that all interested persons have an adequate opportunity to present their views. We therefore invite all stakeholders, members of the public to the public participation hearings which shall be held as follows:

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS – VENUES AND DATES

No.	Counties	Venue	Date	Time
1	Kilifi & Lamu	Wanachi Cottages - CDA, Kilifi	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
2	Wajir & Mandera	Wajir ICT Hall	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
3	Marsabit	Gof Hotel, Marsabit	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
4	Nandi	Eliud Kipchoge Complex, Nandi Hills	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
5	Turkana	Lodwar Vocational Training Centre	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
6	Kakamega & Busia	Regional Commissioner Magharibi Hall, Kakamega	29 June 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
7	Mombasa	Mombasa Beach Hotel, Mombasa	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
8	Garissa & Tana River	Government Guest House, Garissa	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
9	Isiolo	NEMA Offices, Ground Floor Hall, Isiolo	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
10	Uasin Gishu	Rift Valley Training Institute, Eldoret	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
11	West Pokot	Mtelo Social Hall, Kapenguria	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
12	Kisumu, Siaya & Vihiga	Kisumu Hotel, Kisumu	1 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
13	Kwale	Vingurugani County Social Hall, Kinango	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
14	Kitui	Kitui Multi-Purpose Hall	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
15	Tharaka Nithi & Meru	County Hall, County Headquarters, Kathwana	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
16	Nakuru	Ministry of Agriculture Hall, Nakuru	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
17	Trans Nzoia & Bungoma	Kitale National Polytechnic	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
18	Kisii & Nyamira	Kisii Agricultural Training Centre, Kisii	3 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
19	Taita Taveta	Voi Gem Centre, Voi	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
20	Makueni	Wote Green Park Hall, Makueni	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
21	Embu & Kirinyaga	Kenya School of Government (KSG), Embu	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
22	Kajiado	Maasai National Polytechnic, Kajiado	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
23	Baringo & Elgeyo Marakwet	Kenya School of Government (KSG), Baringo	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
24	Migori & Homa Bay	Hotel Vannah, Migori	6 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
25	Machakos	National Industrial Training Authority (NITA), Machakos	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
26	Murang'a, Nyeri & Nyandarua	Culture Centre, Nyeri	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
27	Nairobi & Kiambu	Kiambu National Polytechnic	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
28	Samburu & Laikipia	Umbrella Restaurant, Maralal	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
29	Narok, Bomet & Kericho	Bomet University College, Bomet	8 July 2026	9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

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