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## KEPSA - ODPC Launch Long Quarterly Data Protection Training Programme

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner [ODPC] officially launched the Data protection training schedule. The KEPSA delegation was led by Mr. Cosmas Mutava, Vice Chair of the KEPSA Security Sector Board and Mr. Collins Ojiambo, Chair of the Data Protection Committee, along with KEPSA Public-Private Dialogue Officers; Mr. Bryan Ndichu and Ms. Ndege Grace. The ODPC was represented by the Data Commissioner, Ms. Immaculate Kassait, and Secretary of ICT, Security, and Audit Control, Mr. Emmanuel Kata from the Ministry of Information, Communication, and Technology.

The Data Commissioner, Ms. Kassait while acknowledging KEPSA as an essential body that brings together all stakeholders, appreciated the long-standing partnership between the ODPC and the Private Sector. In her remarks, she highlighted the significant accomplishments made by the ODPC in the implementation of data protection provisions including the development of sector-specific guidance notes, registration of 6215 data controllers and processors, lodging of 5859 complaints with issued 137 determinations, 72 enforcement notices, and 9 penalty notices. She added that they have sensitized over 1000 government and private agencies and that they continue to receive such requests daily. Ms. Kassait concluded by noting that safeguarding data is essential for the country to avoid being vulnerable to threats.



Mr. Emmanuel Kata, in his remarks, appreciated the ODPC's efforts in creating awareness of data protection and promotion of stakeholder collaboration. He emphasized the need for the development of an Industry-relevant curriculum that will meet industry standards and ensure global compliance.

Mr. Ojiambo thanked the ODPC for ensuring that organizations remain compliant by creating awareness and providing training opportunities for the Private Sector in Kenya. He also noted that the digital landscape is rapidly evolving, and an increased responsibility to protect personal data comes with it. Adequate data protection is not merely a regulatory obligation but a critical component of sustainable business practices. He noted that this training is designed to equip stakeholders with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complexities of data privacy and implement robust data protection measures within our organizations.

The three-month training program was officially launched and is scheduled to run from August 12, 2024, to October 21, 2024.

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## DPC Team Visits Garissa for Data Protection Awareness



Office of the Data Protection Commissioner is dedicated to safeguarding your personal information with high standards of security, A team dedicated from the ODPC Head office, led by Auditor Abudo Dambala, visited ODPC team at the Garissa Huduma Centre to enhance internal collaboration and support.

ODPC then visited NEP girls' high school to monitor and assess the presentation of key messages on data protection during the North-Eastern region music festivals. The students showcased their understanding and creativity, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding personal information.

ODPC is glad to have partnered with Kenya Music Festivals 2024 as the thematic sponsor of "Data Privacy: Developing a Privacy Culture for all Generation" through English choral verse, Kiswahili choral verse, choral music and data protection song.

The Office identifies the forum as a key medium of raising awareness on data protection of children and inculcating a culture of data privacy for all generations.

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## Reimagining Decision Making with AI in Digital Landscape and Transforming Data into Actionable Intelligence

Keynote address by the Deputy Data Commissioner-(CIE) Oscar Otieno speaking during the official opening of the two -day Digital Frontiers Kenya 2024 event, themed: Empowering Kenyans Digital Future where he issued a keynote on-Reimagining decision making with AI in digital landscape and transforming data into actionable intelligence.

He emphasized on the need to address ethical considerations in AI adoption and anticipating future opportunities, encouraging continuous learning and adaptation to stay ahead in the digital frontier.

"This event brings together thought leaders, innovators and practitioners to share their expertise and experiences fostering a collaborative environment that will inspire and guide in AI era", he stated.



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## ABSA-CSK Data Protection Conference

Data Protection Commissioner Immaculate Kassait MBS, discussed Kenya's Data Protection landscape, covering the legislative framework, institutional setup, compliance status and emerging risks.

While highlighting the progress made through Data Protection Act to establish a strong foundation for data protection in Kenya, she emphasised the need to enhanced collaboration to tackle non-compliance, enforcement challenges, emerging technology threats, and to raise public awareness.

## Collaborations for a Safe and Robust Digital Environment

Concerns about cybersecurity and the difficulties in growing the digital economy and its services were discussed in a panel discussion on "Fostering a secure and resilient digital economy" at the 2024 Kenya Internet Governance Forum hosted by KICTANET.

Government representatives and business leaders discussed new risks and opportunities in cybersecurity and data governance while highlighting the importance of improved multi-stakeholder cooperation. Among the panelists were Dr. David Njoga from NC4, Mary Mwangi from the Association of Fintechs in Kenya, Moses Kipchirchir from KPMG, Bridgette Ndong from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, and Michelle Kuria from ESET Africa. GIZ's Tevin Mwenda moderated the discussion.



Dr. David Njoga stressed how important cybersecurity is to protecting the country's digital infrastructure, with Moses Kipchirchir, emphasizing the necessity for strong cybersecurity measures as well as the mounting difficulties that companies in the digital economy confront, such as cyberattacks.

Bridgette Ndong, Assistant Data Commissioner highlighted the value of protecting personal data and the responsibility of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in ensuring compliance, data protection and privacy emerged as major

concerns.

For the fintech industry, Mary Mwangi underlined the necessity of striking a balance between innovation and data safety.

Panelists suggested creating a Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, data privacy infrastructure, and encouraging public digital literacy as ways to improve Kenya's digital resilience.

In order to create a safe and robust digital environment, they called on stakeholders to continue collaborating and exchange information.

## Data Protection Curriculum by ixAfrica and Moringa School



"As more and more industries and technologies rely on data, there is a greater need for more trainings for clarity and to develop strong data protection safeguards," stated Immaculate Kassait, the Data Commissioner for Kenya. She was giving a speech during the curriculum launch for data protection, which was supported by the ixAfrica Data Center and Moringa School. She also emphasized how Kenyans are quickly knowing about data privacy in Kenya, and she urged stakeholders to take strong action by organizing more trainings and carefully designed curricula.

A large number of Kenyans are reluctant to divulge personal information. Ten percent of people want no personal information to be shared with private businesses. Furthermore, 1 in 4 people are unable to access the privacy settings on their mobile apps.

Concerns about data security and privacy have always been there when a new software or system

is released. Artificial intelligence (AI) and other technological advances are likewise subject to same worries. Many companies that use AI or are considering it are unaware of how it may impact people's rights. They are unsure of which regulations apply or are unable to explain how their algorithms use people's data.

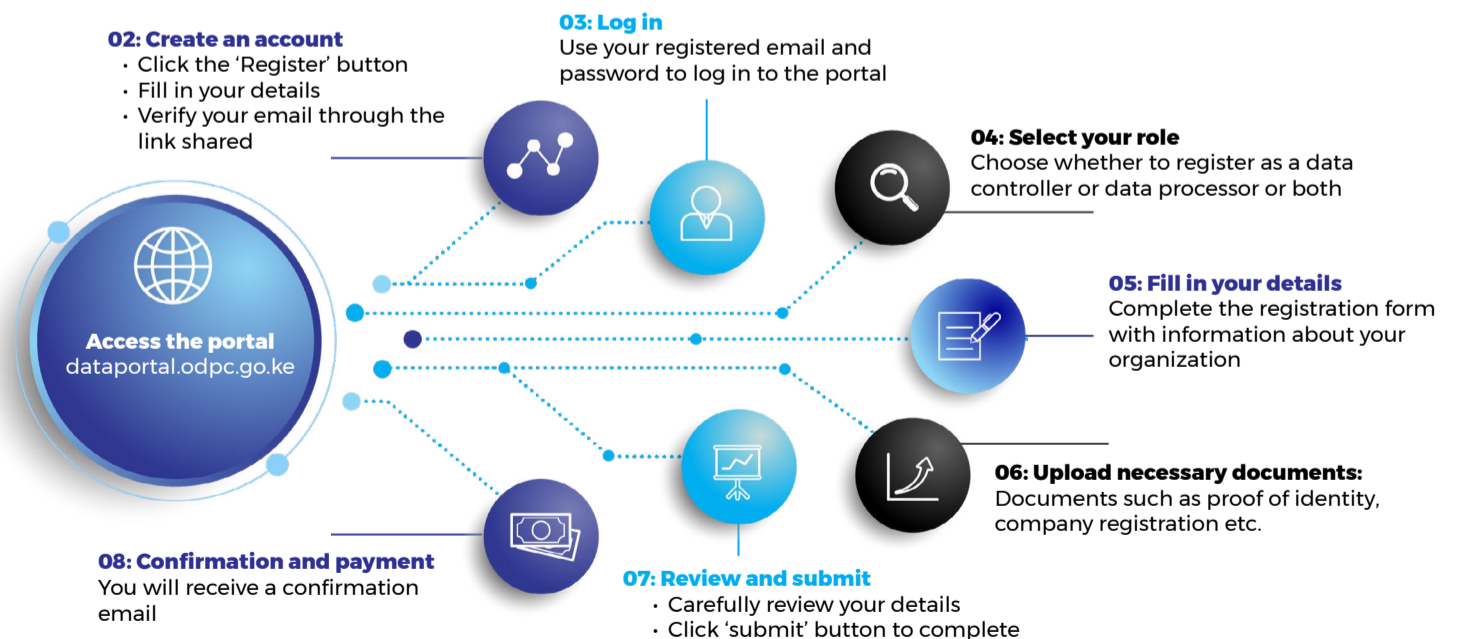
Further safeguards may be offered by the impending Kenyan regulations governing AI. Data privacy is just one of the fundamental rights that AI technology should uphold, according to the DPA of Kenya. They must also make clear how AI is subject to data protection laws.

This demonstrates how much work still has to be done. It is imperative that data protection authorities receive adequate education and resources, that effective guarantees be incorporated into Kenyan laws and policies, and that knowledge of the current regulations and policies be improved.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A DATA CONTROLLER OR PROCESSOR?

Play your critical role in ensuring a transparent, and accountable data processing ecosystem to encourage the upholding and safeguarding of privacy rights of persons and data subjects in Kenya.

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