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CS William Kabogo Officially Launches Nyeri Regional Office and Strategic Plan 2025-2029



The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Hon. William Kabogo, officially opened the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Regional Office in Nyeri. This marks a significant step in the ODPC's mission to decentralize data protection services across the country.

With the launch of the Nyeri office, ODPC now has eight regional offices, bringing services closer to citizens and making data protection services more accessible. They include Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Mombasa, Machakos, and Garissa.

This strategic expansion aligns with ODPC's commitment to decentralizing services, promoting data rights awareness, and strengthening the nationwide enforcement of the Data Protection Act, 2019.

During the event, the Cabinet Secretary also unveiled the ODPC Strategic Plan 2025-2029, a roadmap guiding the future of data protection in Kenya. The plan outlines three key strategic issues derived from a comprehensive situational and stakeholder analysis, along with three corresponding strategic goals.

The Strategic Plan reflects the government's overall commitment to promoting data protection in the country. Its implementation over the next five years is expected to significantly enhance Kenya's position as an ICT hub and investment destination, improving the data protection landscape and safeguarding citizens' rights.

"This initiative underscores the government's commitment to safeguarding the digital rights of citizens and reinforcing public trust in the digital economy. The Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy (MICDE) is dedicated to ensuring that the necessary data protection laws, regulations, and international conventions are developed and domesticated accordingly. MICDE supports the realization of ODPC's mandate to regulate the processing of personal data and protect individuals' privacy, among other roles," he remarked.

He was accompanied by Mr. John Tonui, Postmaster General and CEO of the Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK); Emmanuel Kimeu, ICT Secretary for Security and Audit Control; and Mr. Savio Wambugu, ICTA Board Director. Also in attendance were Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) Vice Chancellor Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, Nyeri County Commissioner Ronald Mwiwawi, and other senior officials.

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Data Protection Registration and Awareness Drive among Agriculture players in Naivasha



In partnership with Agricultural Employers Association (AEA), the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Nakuru Regional Office held a Data Protection Registration and Awareness Drive event.

The two-day event sought to provide guidance to players within the agriculture sector on registration process as data controllers and data processors.

Deputy Data Commissioner in charge of Compliance John Walubengo reaffirmed the ODPC commitment to cascade the event to other parts of the country in order to provide on-site registration support for data controllers and processors in diverse sectors and subsequently enhance compliance with data protection.

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ODPC Kisumu Regional Office Celebrates Graduation of 25 DPOs from the Lake Region



The ODPC Kisumu Regional Office, led by Elphas Sagas participated in the graduation ceremony of 25 Data Protection Officers drawn from various social impact organizations across two counties within the Lake Region.

The officers successfully completed a six-month training program on Data Governance and Ethics, organized by ICON Data and Learning Labs (IDL) and Amnesty International, in partnership with the ODPC Kisumu Regional Office.

Officers from the ODPC Kisumu Regional Office were among the lead facilitators during the training. The comprehensive curriculum included the following key areas:

1. Overview of Data Protection and Compliance in Kenya
2. Lawful Bases for Data Processing
3. Roles and Responsibilities of Data Handlers
4. Steps for Compliance with the Data Protection Act
5. Conducting Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs)
6. Registration Requirements with the ODPC as a Data Controller or Processor

Participants were also equipped with practical skills to develop the necessary instruments required for compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2019.



The ODPC-GIZ Joint Workshop on Suo Moto Protocols and Chain-of-custody Procedures

Deputy Data Commissioner for Complaints Investigations and Enforcement Oscar Otieno led a team from ODPC in a workshop focused on building capacity for critical enforcement tools.

This tools include Suo Moto Protocols for conducting investigations and chain of custody procedures for managing evidence collected during investigations up to the point of enforcements.

Supported by GIZ, the initiative aimed to strengthen key data protection enforcement mechanisms essential for compliance with the Data Protection Act.

It marked a significant step in fostering a culture of compliance and active enforcement at ODPC.

ODPC Hosts Uganda Personal Data Protection Office for Benchmarking



In a continued effort to foster regional collaboration and promote robust data protection frameworks, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) welcomed a delegation from the Personal Data Protection Office – Uganda (PDPO-UG) for a benchmarking session.

The Ugandan team was led by Mr. Baker Birikujja, the Acting National Director of the PDPO during the visit which is part of a strategic knowledge-sharing initiative aimed at deepening mutual understanding of data protection practices across the region.

Speaking at the session, Data Commissioner Immaculate Kassait, MBS emphasized the value of collaborative learning in ensuring consistent standards and fostering trust across jurisdictions.

“This engagement underscores the importance of regional partnerships in navigating the dynamic and evolving landscape of data privacy and

regulation. As data-driven technologies become increasingly integral to governance, commerce, and daily life, effective data protection is more critical than ever,” she said.

During the session, both offices exchanged insights on implementation strategies for data protection laws, regulatory frameworks, compliance mechanisms, public awareness initiatives, and stakeholder engagement and handling cross-border data challenges

This visit not only strengthens bilateral ties between Kenya and Uganda in the area of data governance but also lays the groundwork for continued cooperation among East African regulators.

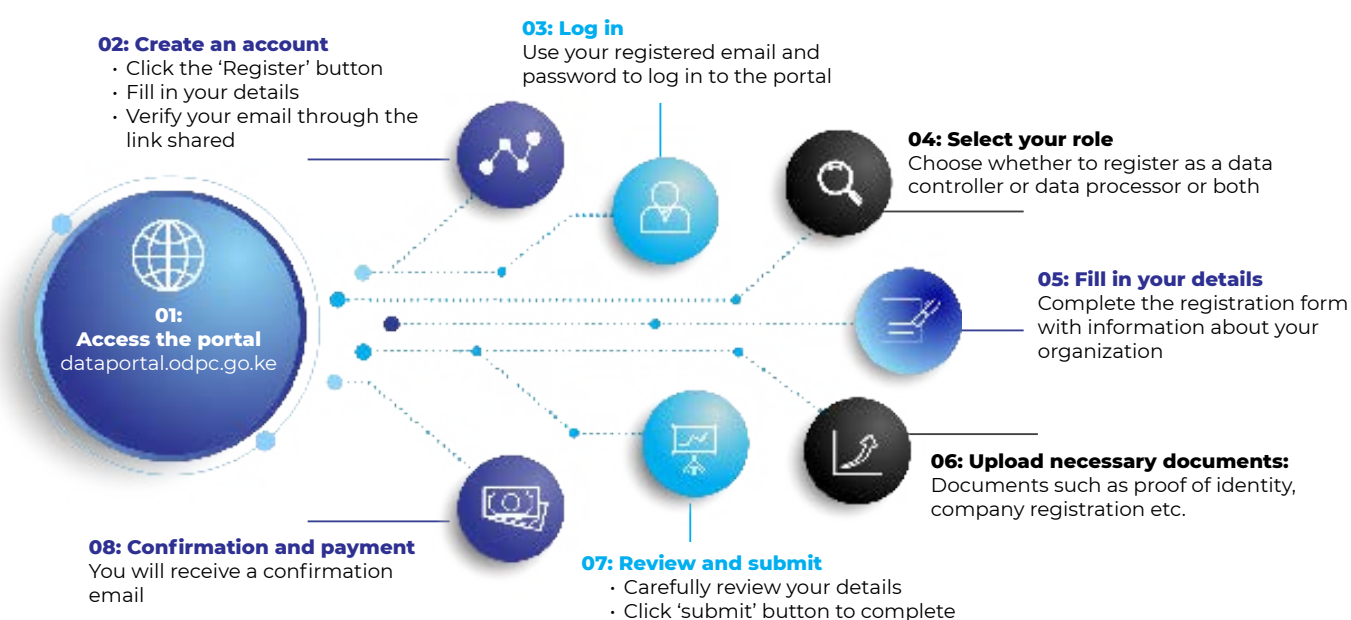
As part of the benchmarking session, the PDPO-UG also visited eCitizen and ICTA offices to see how inter-agency collaborations has enhance service delivery in Kenya.

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Championing Data Protection at Africa Law Tech festival



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) participated in the 2025 Africa Law Tech Festival — Africa's premier gathering of law, tech, and policy innovators!

Data Commissioner Immaculate Kassait, MBS specifically joined a regulators roundtable which featured conversations on law, technology, and policy specifically on regulatory frameworks for East Africa's digital future.

In her remarks, she highlighted the need for adoption of ethical considerations in the use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence. "From a data governance aspect, even though we haven't crystallized in terms of how the

governance of AI should be but I am glad it is a conversation that is already happening in Kenya", she remarked.

On the sidelines of the event, ODPC hosted an information booth, welcoming legal professionals, tech startups, students, and innovators who sought to understand their data protection rights and obligations.

The event brought together policymakers and regulators, AI and tech experts, private sector leaders, academia and researchers, civil society representatives and legal practitioners, shaping the future of law and technology.



ODPC Participates in the of 2nd Pan-African Media Councils Summit 2025

A team from ODPC led by Senior Principal Corporate Communications Officer Dalton Mbondo was part of 2nd Pan African Media Councils Summit 2025 themed Advancing Media and Communication Regulations for Journalism Excellence in Africa.

The event was graced by His Excellency Dr. Philip Isdor Mpango the Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania and attracted media professionals, regulators, and policy experts from across Africa and beyond.

Discussions centered on among others; journalism approaches on use of data under the emerging technologies, privacy, digital rights and personal data protection regulations.

ODPC Initiates Data Protection Training for Digital Content Creators



As part of its ongoing mandate to foster a data protection-conscious digital economy, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), in partnership with the Kenya Film Commission and GIZ Digital Transformation Center (DTC), commenced a training focused on data protection.

Abdullahi Ali, the Principal Data Protection Officer- Advocacy and Collaboration encouraged the content creators to build their presence with a core foundation of trust and discretion while maintaining optimal transparency levels through data protection principles.

"Trust is the currency of digital engagement in today's highly connected society. Digital creators rely on trust not only for their brand image but also in how they handle personal stories, images, and data," he said.

The initiative aimed to encourage a data protection culture within creative teams through capacity-building training tailored for digital content creators across Kenya. It also sought to enhance compliance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) of 2019 and ensure that the rapidly growing creative and digital media sector aligns with best practices in data protection.

The workshop highlighted that data privacy is not just about legal compliance; it is also about ethical responsibility. Creators were encouraged to treat their audience's personal information with respect, caution, and honesty.

Promoting Privacy-Conscious Innovations at Smart Government Summit



At the ongoing Smart Government Summit in Nairobi, The Deputy Data Commissioner in charge of compliance, John Walubengo made a presentation on behalf of the Data Commissioner titled "Smart Regulations for Data, AI and Digital Platforms."

In his remarks, he emphasized that data protection framework is not meant to stifle innovation and in order to encourage privacy-conscious innovations, the Office will be instituting a regulatory sandbox designed to encourage privacy-ready innovations.

This initiative aims to create an environment where innovative solutions can be developed while ensuring compliance with data protection standards.

ODPC Hosts Insightful Session with Education Sector Regulators on Data Protection

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) convened a focused session with regulators from the education sector, aimed at strengthening understanding and implementation of data protection principles within learning institutions.

The three-day event was officially opened by Deputy Data Commissioner in charge of Complaints, Investigation and Enforcement. He emphasized the necessity for educational institutions and regulators to meet their data protection obligations while complying with key laws, including the Basic Education Act, Children Act, Universities Act, Kenya National Examination Act, and the TVET Act.

"Protecting learners' personal data is not just a legal requirement, but a fundamental aspect of building trust and accountability in the education system," he said. "This engagement reflects ODPC's ongoing commitment to promoting sector-specific data protection awareness and fostering compliance across Kenya's diverse regulatory landscape."

The session organized in partnership with GIZ featured engaging discussions with key regulators and sector leaders, guided by trainers who delivered practical insights on responsible data handling.



The training aimed to unpack the compliance obligations of data controllers and processors, outline the rights of data subjects, and highlight the importance of lawful processing bases, security safeguards, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), and data breach management.

"It is our expectation that by the end of this training, each participant will have a clear understanding of not just the law, but also the ethical responsibility we bear in protecting personal data," the Deputy Data Commissioner noted.

Participants benefited from interactive training sessions, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to handle personal data responsibly within the education sector.

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ODPC Communications Team Engages in Strategic Meeting with Ministry of Information, Communications and Digital Economy Practitioners



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