

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | 15, SEPTEMBER

Kenya to Host the 2027 Global Privacy Assembly



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) of Kenya is proud to announce that Nairobi has been officially selected to host the 2027 Global Privacy Assembly (GPA) Annual Meeting.

The decision was made during the 47th Global Privacy Assembly held in Seoul, South Korea.

This achievement marks a significant milestone for Kenya and Africa, cementing the country's position as a leader in data protection and digital governance within the continent and the Global South.

The ODPC's successful bid highlights Kenya's commitment to fostering international cooperation and dialogue on global data privacy issues.

Hosting the 2027 GPA Annual Meeting will bring together data protection and privacy authorities from around the world, providing a unique platform for sharing best practices, discussing emerging challenges, and shaping the future of data privacy. This event will not only showcase Kenya's progress in developing a robust data protection framework but also offer an opportunity to highlight the unique perspectives and challenges faced by countries in the Global South.

"We are honored and excited to welcome the global privacy community to Nairobi in 2027," said the Data Commissioner. "This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the ODPC and our partners. Hosting the GPA is a great responsibility and an incredible opportunity to contribute to the global conversation on data protection and promote a digital economy that is built on trust and respect for privacy."

The ODPC looks forward to a successful and impactful assembly in 2027, fostering a collaborative environment that will benefit the global community and reinforce Kenya's role as a key player in the digital age.

The GPA is the premier global forum for data protection and privacy authorities. It provides a platform for its members to collaborate on international data protection challenges and to develop solutions for effective privacy and data protection regulation.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | 15, SEPTEMBER

Prestigious Global Awards at the the 47th Global Privacy Assembly



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) during the 47th Global Privacy Assembly received four prestigious awards during Global Privacy and Data Protection 2025 Awards held in Seoul, South Korea.

This international recognition celebrates the ODPC's outstanding contributions and leadership in the field of data privacy and protection.

The awards received are as follows:

- **Excellence in Leadership and Solidarity:** In the pursuit of excellence and in recognition of its exceptional beneficence and dedication in showcasing leadership and solidarity in bringing honor to the assembly.
- **Commitment to Digital Education and Public Awareness:** For its commitment to excellence by making a significant impact in efforts to help instill a culture of sharing experience and tools in digital education and in raising public awareness essential to changing social and cultural norms.
- **Exemplary Role in Dispute Resolution and Enforcement:** In honor of its exceptional contributions and exemplary commitment in playing its vital role in dispute resolutions in breaches and enforcement for non-compliance of the law in data privacy and protection achieving a significant milestone leaving a remarkable impression in the assembly.
- **Pioneering Innovative Solutions:** In recognition of its valuable contributions in pioneering innovative solutions to a remarkable progress and pivotal advancement in the world of data privacy and protection through the ODPC Chat Bot.

ODPC attributes this remarkable achievement to the collaborative efforts of its key partners and stakeholders. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and the invaluable support from our partners," said the Data Commissioner.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, the National Assembly Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation, and our development partners, including GIZ, for their unwavering support. Their collaboration has been instrumental in our progress and has enabled us to achieve this significant milestone."

ODPC remains committed to upholding the highest standards of data protection and privacy. These awards serve as motivation to continue developing innovative solutions, fostering public awareness, and strengthening enforcement mechanisms to safeguard the data privacy rights of all citizens.

Send your feedback/complaint/concern about the quality of ODPC Services to customer.feedback@odpc.go.ke, or fill our **WEBSITE FEEDBACK FORM** any time for action

www.odpc.go.ke

we value your
FEEDBACK

ODPC Machakos Regional Office Engages Civil Society Organizations on Data Protection Compliance



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Machakos Regional Office held an engagement with members of the Machakos County Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Committee.

The session brought together representatives of CSOs operating within Machakos County to discuss key issues surrounding compliance with data protection requirements and the registration of data controllers and data processors.

During the meeting, ODPC officials led by the Principal Data Protection Officer Alphas Kakuko sensitized participants on their obligations under the Data Protection Act, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding personal data and ensuring accountability in data handling practices. The forum provided an opportunity for CSOs to seek clarifications on compliance processes and explore ways of integrating data protection principles into their daily operations.

ODPC continues to work closely with stakeholders across sectors to promote a culture of data protection and privacy awareness, ensuring that all entities collecting or processing personal data comply with the law.

ODPC Eldoret Regional Office Hosts Breakfast Meeting to Strengthen Data Protection Awareness in the North Rift

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), through the Eldoret Regional Office led by Head Katumbi Mailu, organized a breakfast meeting bringing together heads of public and private institutions from across the North Rift region.

The session aimed to deepen stakeholder engagement and enhance awareness on data protection principles, compliance, and the importance of registration with the ODPC.

In her address, Mailu emphasized the critical role of collaboration between the ODPC and institutions in ensuring that personal data is handled responsibly and in line with the Data Protection Act, 2019. She noted that awareness creation and registration are key steps toward building a culture of accountability and trust in data management practices.

Among the notable attendees were Dr. Eddyson Nyale, County Commissioner of Uasin Gishu County, and Mr. Robert Kemei, County Executive Committee Member for ICT and Youth Affairs in Uasin Gishu County, who both underscored the county's commitment to promoting data protection compliance within their respective sectors.

The meeting provided a platform for open dialogue, knowledge sharing, and strengthening partnerships between the ODPC and key stakeholders in advancing data protection across the North Rift region.



ODPC Showcases Data Protection at Nairobi International Trade Fair 2025



As part of its ongoing drive to promote awareness and compliance under the Data Protection Act, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) participated in the 2025 Nairobi International Trade Fair held at Jamhuri Park from 29 September to 5 October 2025 under the theme “Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth.”

At its exhibition stand, the ODPC engaged fairgoers—business leaders, innovators, farmers, government agencies, and private citizens in conversations about data privacy, regulatory requirements, and ethical data handling. Highlights of the ODPC's presence included:

Registration Drive: The ODPC used the opportunity to facilitate on-site registration for institutions required to register under the Data Protection Act. Visitors were guided through the registration process, clarifying roles of data controllers and processors.

Awareness Materials: Brochures, infographics, and posters were handed out, illustrating rights of data subjects, obligations of data handlers, and frequently asked questions.

Dialogue and Stakeholder Engagement: ODPC staff held mini-sessions and Q&As at the stand, allowing attendees to ask about enforcement, dispute resolution, and how data protection links to trust in digital services.

Data Commissioner Underscores Data Protection as a Cornerstone of Corporate Governance



During the Centre for Corporate Governance (CCG) Alumni Breakfast Meeting themed “Data Protection as a Strategic Pillar of Corporate Governance in the Information Era,” the Data Commissioner, Immaculate Kassait, MBS, emphasized the integral role of responsible data handling in modern organizational governance.

Speaking at the event, the Commissioner noted that in today’s digital landscape, safeguarding personal data is not merely a compliance requirement but a key aspect of ethical and effective governance.

“It’s no longer sufficient to simply have a privacy policy on paper,” she stated. “Institutions must actively embed privacy into their organizational culture.”

Her remarks served as a timely reminder that as organizations increasingly rely on data to drive decision-making, they must ensure that data protection is woven into every aspect of their governance structures.

The session provided an opportunity for corporate leaders and governance professionals to reflect on how strong data protection practices enhance transparency, accountability, and public trust in both the public and private sectors.

ODPC Engages Youth at the 2025 Youth Devolution Festival in Kajiado County

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) participated in the Youth Devolution Festival 2025 held in Kajiado County, joining hundreds of young people and stakeholders under the theme of youth empowerment, innovation, and governance.

During the festival, ODPC officers engaged participants at their exhibition booth, sensitizing them on the importance of safeguarding personal data and complying with the Data Protection Act, 2019. The team also provided guidance on how young innovators, entrepreneurs, and digital content creators can integrate privacy

and data protection principles in their work.

Through interactive discussions and information materials, ODPC emphasized that data protection is a shared responsibility, encouraging the youth to be responsible digital citizens who understand their rights and obligations in the digital space.

The event offered a valuable opportunity for ODPC to connect with young leaders, county officials, and community organizations, reinforcing the office’s ongoing efforts to promote a culture of data protection across all sectors of society.



ODPC Marks Mazingira Day with Tree Planting Initiatives in Baringo, Kiambu Counties



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) joined other government bodies, institutions, and students in commemorating Mazingira Day 2025 at Ondiri Wetland and Nyongara River, Kiambu County and at Torongo and Mwochon Primary Schools in Eldama Ravine Sub-County, Baringo County.

At Eldama Ravine, a team from the Office joined the Principal Secretary, State Department for ICT and Digital Economy, John Tanui, during a tree planting and cleaning exercise within the school and its environs.

The activity saw the planting of fruit and tree seedlings within the schools and the distribution of seedlings to households in the surrounding community a step towards environmental sustainability and community empowerment.

In Kiambu, ODPC staff participated in

tree planting and clean-up activities, reaffirming the office’s dedication to fostering a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Kenya. The event brought together stakeholders committed to promoting environmental sustainability and conservation.

Beyond protecting personal data, ODPC recognizes that a healthy environment is vital for sustainable development and the well-being of all citizens. The team encouraged participants to embrace eco-friendly practices both in their communities and workplaces.

These initiative aligns with ODPC’s commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and support the 15 Billion Trees initiative. Beyond environmental conservation, it also provided a platform to raise awareness on data protection and responsible data practices among community members.

DISCLAIMER:

The information contained in this bulletin is provided by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner as a record/report of activities of the Office to the public and stakeholders. This is in line with the Office values that ensure openness and transparency. Although we try to provide quality information, we do not guarantee of results obtained from the use of this information, and without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, but not limited to warranties of performance for a particular purpose.

For enquiries or contributions, email us on communications@odpc.go.ke, or visit www.odpc.go.ke

EDITORIAL TEAM:

Dalton Mbondo (**Chair**), Carolyn Tanui (**Editor**), Clinton Ooko (**Designer**);

MEMBERS :- Abdullahi Ali, Eugene Odhiambo, Yusuf Momanyi, MaryAnne Serem