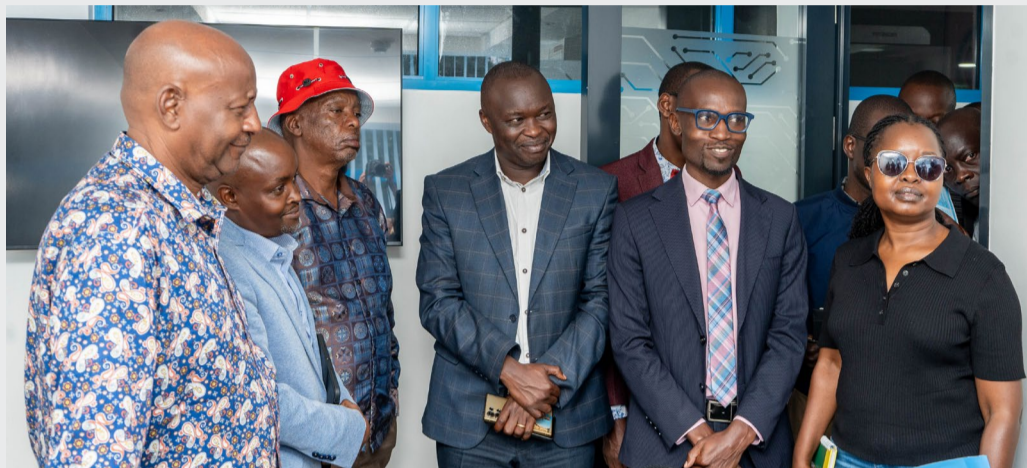




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ODPC Hosts Parliamentary Committee in Nyeri Office



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), led by Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Festus Musyoki, hosted the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Communication, Information, and Innovation during their inspection visit in Nyeri County.

This visit was part of the MPs' budget implementation monitoring efforts, focusing on projects and offices under ODPC in both Nyeri and Isiolo counties.

During the inspection, the Senior Deputy Data Commissioner briefed the MPs on the ODPC's progress in enhancing data protection awareness and ongoing initiatives to support compliance across public and private institutions.

The engagement highlighted key aspects of the ODPC's mandate, including awareness creation, institutional compliance, and the protection of personal data.

Following the visit, the ODPC reaffirmed its commitment to collaborating with Parliament, public

institutions, and stakeholders to promote data protection compliance and the responsible use of personal data. This underscores the shared responsibility of strengthening Kenya's data protection ecosystem and fostering a trusted, rights-respecting digital environment for all Kenyans.

Currently, ODPC has regional offices in Eldoret, Kisumu, Nakuru, Nyeri, Mombasa, Machakos, and Nairobi. It also has presence in Huduma Centres in Meru, Isiolo, Machakos, Kitale, Kakamega, Kisii, Eldoret, Nyeri and Garissa.

The expansion of data protection services reflects the ODPC's commitment to regulating the processing of personal data and safeguarding privacy rights.

These offices serve as central hubs for data protection services in their respective regions, offering guidance and support to organizations and individuals in understanding and complying with data protection regulations.

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Leveraging on Conferences to Raise Awareness and Build Relationships with Stakeholders

At ISACA's Annual Conference, Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Oscar Otieno participated in a panel discussion titled "Trust, Data, and Power: Redefining Privacy in the Intelligent Economy." During this session, he underscored the critical need for establishing trust within the digital economy, emphasizing that achieving this requires a deliberate balance between fostering innovation and protecting personal data.



"Strong governance frameworks are essential to achieving this balance," he asserted, highlighting that such frameworks not only safeguard individual privacy but also enable responsible data use across various sectors. The session served to reinforce the importance of privacy protection as a foundational element in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

In addition to the ISACA conference, the ODPC represented by Deputy Director- Dalton Mbondo participated in the Engineering Partnerships Convention convened by the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) where the Office set an exhibition booth on the sidelines of the event. This initiative aimed to raise awareness and enhance compliance among industry players, demonstrating the ODPC's commitment to engaging with diverse sectors to promote effective data protection practices.

Furthermore, Deputy Data Commissioner John Lokwawi represented the Office at the Kenya Private Schools Association's 29th Annual Conference & AGM. During his address, he stressed the importance of embedding data protection practices within the educational sector. He pointed out that compliance is not merely a regulatory requirement but a continuous journey that significantly reduces legal risks while simultaneously boosting an organization's reputation and fostering trust among stakeholders.

Through these engagements, the ODPC continues to play its role in raising awareness and building capacities in data protection, ensuring that both individuals and organizations are equipped to navigate the complexities of the digital age.

NAIROBI | 29, APRIL

Lights, Camera, Data Protection; Safeguarding Privacy in the Film Industry



In an age where storytelling and technology intertwine, the film industry faces a critical challenge: safeguarding personal data. At the recent Kalasha International Film and TV Awards, the Assistant Director of Corporate Communications Carolyne Tanui took center stage to advocate for robust data protection practices, emphasizing their role in building trust and fostering collaboration among audiences, cast, and crew.

Speaking on a panel at the Data Protection in the film industry, she emphasized the importance of integrating robust data protection practices within the film industry. "This integration not only ensures compliance but also builds trust with audiences, cast, and crew, while fostering

sustainable partnerships with like-minded industry players."

During the session, she addressed key issues affecting data protection, including compliance, public awareness, and the role of institutions in safeguarding personal information. She highlighted the significance of trust in Kenya's digital economy, noting that responsible data handling supports innovation and enhances citizen confidence.

"As the industry continues to evolve in the digital age, protecting personal data and creative assets must remain a shared priority. It is our responsibility to enhance the privacy of our stakeholders to build trust and ensure compliance within the film sector," she remarked.

ODPC Engages Stakeholders for Input on Draft Guidance Notes

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner convened a stakeholder engagement forum that brought together stakeholders to discuss newly released guidance notes. The meeting was officially opened by Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Oscar Otieno.

These guidance notes address the following areas: cross-border data transfers, data protection policies, Data Protection Officers (DPOs), and the transport sector.



The discussions highlighted the importance of clear, practical direction and stronger alignment to enhance compliance and drive innovation in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

If approved, this will bring the total number of guidance notes to 22 including

- Guidance Notes for Public Sector
- Guidance Notes on Processing by MSMEs
- Guidance Notes for Journalistic Purpose
- Guidance Notes - Processing for Research Purpose
- Guidance Note for Electoral Purposes
- Guidance Note on Registration of Data Controllers and Data Processors
- Guidance Note on Data Protection Impact Assessment
- Guidance Note on Consent
- Guidance Note for the Communication Sector
- Guidance Note for the Education Sector
- Guidance Note on the Processing of Health Data
- Guidance Note For Digital Credit Providers
- Guidance Notes on Biometric Data
- Guidance Notes on Historical and Statistical Purposes
- Guidance Notes for Processing Children's Data
- Guidance Notes for Processing on Publications of Recorded Media

ODPC Engages Oracle in a Conversation for a Secure Digital Future



The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), represented by Senior Deputy Data Commissioner - CIE received a courtesy call from senior representatives from Oracle.

At the heart of the discussion was the Oracle Cloud Region and its alignment with Kenya's data protection framework, focusing on critical areas such as compliance, data governance, and the safeguarding of personal data within cloud environments.

The dialogue also explored collaborative opportunities to advance secure and responsible digital transformation. Such engagements are key for fostering compliance, strengthening partnerships, and supporting innovation within a secure and well-regulated data ecosystem.

In a separate meeting, the ODPC engaged with the Independent Policing and Oversight Authority (IPOA) CEO, Elema Halake, to discuss compliance requirements that support the effective discharge of its mandate.

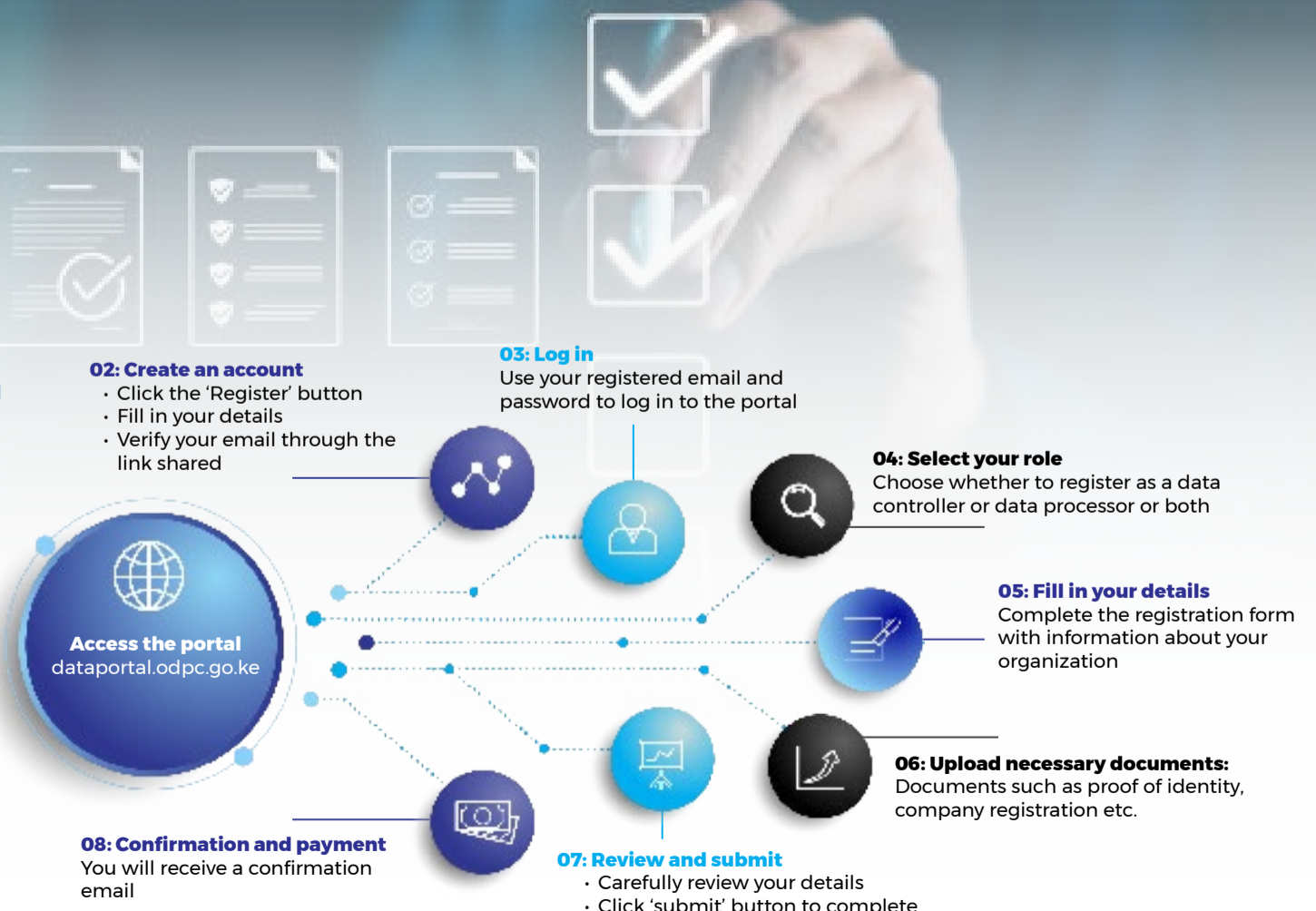
This engagement provided the ODPC with an opportunity to reflect on the evolving regulatory and governance landscape, emphasizing the importance of aligning institutional practices with established compliance frameworks. Strengthening these foundations remains essential for promoting accountability, transparency, and public trust.

Additionally, the ODPC was pleased to engage with a delegation from the European Union, led by Renate Nikolay (Deputy Director-General in Charge of Directorates) and Henriette Geiger (Ambassador of the EU to Kenya). The discussion centered on Kenya's pathway toward a data adequacy decision, focusing on strengthening data protection frameworks, enabling trusted cross-border data flows, and unlocking new opportunities for digital trade and innovation in Kenya.

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NAIROBI | 14, APRIL

ODPC Hosts Consultative Meeting on HRIS Onboarding in a Bid to Strengthen Public Service



Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Festus Musyoki led a team from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) in hosting the State Department of Public Service for a meeting focused on onboarding into Kenya's Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS).

This engagement represents a key step toward enhancing human resource processes, improving operational efficiency, and integrating data protection principles into the ongoing transformation of public service.

NAIROBI | 09, APRIL

Championing Data Protection at Regional Single Window Conference

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) participated in the Regional Single Window Conference held in Nairobi, represented by Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Oscar Otieno. The conference brought together key stakeholders to advance digital trade and regional integration across Africa.

As the continent evolves, trade is increasingly becoming data-driven. While goods are expected to move seamlessly across borders, data often encounters hurdles due to evolving data protection laws, cross-border transfer requirements, and limited adequacy recognition.

In his remarks, the SDDC called for lawful cross-border data flows, promotion of harmonized frameworks, and embedding of privacy by design within digital trade systems. "By addressing these challenges, the ODPC is committed to fostering an environment where data can travel as freely as goods, supporting the growth of trade and enhancing regional cooperation," he said.



NAIROBI | 30, MARCH

ODPC Hosts Uganda Data Protection Authority for Benchmarking Session



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 Baker Birikujja, the Acting National Director of the PDPO. This visit is part of a strategic knowledge-sharing initiative aimed at enhancing mutual understanding of data protection practices across the region.

In collaboration with the Central Bank of

Kenya, the engagement brought together representatives from the Bank of Uganda, the Ministry of Finance, and other relevant institutions.

Key issues addressed during the session included oversight of digital credit providers, consent and transparency standards, complaint handling and enforcement, and inter-agency collaboration.

Senior Deputy Data Commissioner Oscar Otieno emphasized the ODPC's commitment to regional partnerships that strengthen data protection and support responsible innovation.

NAIROBI | 06, MARCH

Empowering Women at ODPC: Celebrating Strength and Leadership

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) celebrated women across the organization in recognition of International Women's Day. The occasion highlighted the strength, resilience, and achievements of women contributing to the advancement of data protection and digital governance in Kenya.

The celebration featured engaging conversations, activities, and moments of inspiration centered around mentorship, collaboration, and shared growth. Under the theme "Give to Gain," participants reflected on the power of supporting one another and how collective encouragement strengthens both personal and professional development.

The event also underscored the key role women play in shaping policies, promoting compliance, and driving innovation in data protection and privacy. Through mentorship and collaboration, women continue to build strong networks that uplift and empower others while contributing to a more inclusive and accountable digital ecosystem.

ODPC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting women through professional development, leadership opportunities, and meaningful engagement. By championing inclusion and empowerment, ODPC continues to strengthen its workforce while advancing a secure, trustworthy, and inclusive digital environment for all Kenyans.



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