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GAZETTE NOTICE No. 395

THE STATE CORPORATIONS ACT

(Cap. 446)

THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE ACT

(No. 6 of 2006)

APPOINTMENT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 6 (1) (a) of the National Museums and Heritage Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and the Arts, appoints—

LOUISE LEAKEY (Ms.)

to be the Chairperson of the National Museums of Kenya Board up to 7th February, 2016, with effect from 10th January, 2014, and revokes the appointment of Mwakima Joel Mwangola*.

Dated the 10th January, 2014.

HASSAN WARIO ARERO,
Cabinet Secretary, Sports, Culture and the Arts.

GAZETTE NOTICE No. 396

THE MEDIA COUNCIL ACT

(No. 46 of 2013)

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 27 (2) and 7 (2) of the Media Council Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and Technology declares vacancies in the positions of chairperson and members of the Complaints Commission and invite applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of chairperson and members of the Complaints Commission. The applications shall be forwarded to the Selection Panel pursuant to section 7 (2) of the Act, within seven (7) days of this notice.

Dated the 15th January, 2014.

FRED MATIANG'I,
*Cabinet Secretary
for Information, Communications and Technology.*

GAZETTE NOTICE No. 397

THE COMMITTEE ON THE RAPID RESTORATION OF WESTGATE SHOPPING MALL

EXTENSION OF MANDATE

WHEREAS the Committee on the Rapid Restoration of Westgate Shopping Mall was established vide Gazette Notice No. 14929 of 2013 for a period of one month with effect from 28th November, 2013.

AND WHEREAS the said Committee has been transacting business and was to submit its report to the Cabinet Secretary for East Africa Affairs, Commerce and Tourism at the expiry of one month.

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the working time frame of the Committee to enable it effectively finalize its assignment.

NOW IT IS notified for general information that the mandate of the said Committee as stipulated in Gazette Notice 14929 of 2013 has been extended for a further period of sixty (60) days with effect from 29th December, 2013.

The Committee shall now present its report to the Cabinet Secretary for East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism at the expiry of sixty (60) days from the date of this Gazette notice.

Dated the 8th January, 2014.

P. J. KANDIE,
*Cabinet Secretary
for East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism.*

GAZETTE NOTICE No. 398

THE MINISTRY EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASKFORCE ON OPEN UNIVERSITY

IT IS notified for the information of the general public that the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology has, for the purpose of improving access to university education, established a Task Force on the establishment of a National Open University to offer university programmes through distance and e-learning mode.

1. The Taskforce shall comprise of the following:

Peter Erastus Kinyanjui (Prof.)—(Chairman)

Members:

Guantai Mboroki (Dr.),
Joyce Agalo (Dr.),
Speranza Ndege (Dr.),
Henry Rono (Dr.),
Jeckoniah Odumbe
Judith W. Kamau (Dr.),
Julius Otieno,
Rispa Odongo (Dr.),

Secretary:

Fenny W. S. Mwakisha (Ms.).

2. The Terms of Reference of the Task Force are to-

(a) To review and harmonize expectations and objectives of the Open University as outlined in various documents including the Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2005 on Education, Training and Research (2005), Report of the Public Universities Inspection Board (2007), the National Strategy for University Education (2008) and the Road Map for Open University (Rumble Report 2008). It will also include the Task Force on the Realignment of the Education Sector to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 (2012), the Task Force on Alignment of Higher Education, Science and Technology sector to the Constitution 2010 (2012), the Sessional Paper No. 14 of 2012 on reforming education and training sector in Kenya and the Universities Act, 2012.

(b) To review based on the Blue Print Report (2011) for the Open University and the recommendations from CUE existing academic curricula in areas given priority that included pure

and applied sciences, business studies, education, humanities and social sciences in both public and private universities with a view to recommend and to develop initial academic programmes for the Open University of Kenya (OUK)

(c) To review present and emerging delivery modes for ODL, related support technologies and propose ways to integrate those modes (a model) to support delivery of the initial academic programmes for the Open University of Kenya. It will include connectivity, communication portal and website, learning management system (LMS), course management system (CMS) and other learner support systems.

(d) To review ways to facilitate collaboration and exchange programmes between the envisaged Open University of Kenya and key ODL institutions including local universities and external best practice institutions such as the African Virtual University (AVU), Open University of Tanzania (OUT), UNISA in South Africa, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Open University of Namibia, Open University of Malaysia (OUM), IGNOU in India and the UK-OU in Britain among others.

(e) To review best practices on operational structures in ODL and propose operational structure for the Open University of Kenya, initial staffing and capacity building.

(f) Any other task related to the foregoing.

Dated the 9th January, 2014.

JACOB T. KAIMENYI,

Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology.