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STATEMENT FROM THE CEO

“As we reflect on our journey through the first half of 2025, I am filled with immense pride in the resilience, creativity, and unity that defines the KeNIC team.

Our recent milestones—achieving 100% DNS uptime, securing a KES 65 million ICANN grant for capacity building, and maintaining a commendable 94% renewal rate—are not isolated wins. They are a reflection of what we can achieve when we lean into our values: **Excellence First, Integrity Unshakeable, and Innovation-Driven.**

Whether it's our collective efforts or our continued drive to provide exceptional service, you've shown that success is not just about individual brilliance—it's about moving forward together.

I liken this team to a winning soccer squad. Each one of you plays a vital role on the pitch. When we pass the ball with trust, align on the goal, and play to our strengths, we don't just work—we win. Together.

As we carry the momentum into Q2, let us embrace our core competency of Agility. The world is changing fast, and our ability to adapt will determine how far we go. Keep asking bold questions, keep learning, and keep supporting one another.

Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for showing up—not just with your skills, but with your heart.

Let's continue winning together.”



Andrew Lewela Mwanyota,
.KE Chief Evangelist & CEO,
said at the Q2 Internal Townhall
meetings (held April 8th, May 14th
and June 4th, 2025)

TOP STORY

KeNIC Selected for Inaugural ICANN Grant Program Cohort, Receiving \$500,000.



L-R): Ahmed Landi - KeNIC, Technology Information and Security Manager, June Okal - Senior Manager, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Africa ICANN, Gitau Muraguri - KeNIC, Marketing & Communications Manager, Mariana Marinho - Director, Public Responsibility Programs, ICANN and the Coalition for Digital Africa, Andrew Lewela - KeNIC CEO, Pierre Dandjinou - Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Africa, ICANN, Fiona Ongeso - KeNIC, People and Administration Manager, Eric Ndungu - KeNIC, Commercial and Partnership Manager, Hildah Maina - KeNIC, Finance and Strategy Manager, Bob Ochieng' - Senior Director Next Round of New gTLDs, ICANN and Keith Andere - Coalition of Digital Africa Secretariat. {Photo taken: 4 June 2025}

On 29 May 2025, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced the first cohort of projects to receive funding through its newly launched Grant Program, earmarking approximately USD 10 million to support initiatives that reflect ICANN's mission and strategic goals. Among the 23 selected projects, KeNIC is proud to be recognized for its commitment to advancing Internet stability and inclusivity in Kenya. KeNIC received \$500,000.

About the ICANN Grant Program

Launched following extensive community consultations, the ICANN Grant Program aims to foster innovation and capacity building across the DNS ecosystem. Projects were evaluated on their potential to:

- Enhance security, stability, and resiliency of unique identifier systems
- Promote open standards and best practices
- Increase diversity, participation, and inclusion in underserved regions

KeNIC's Grant-Funded Initiative

With this grant, KeNIC will:

1. Bolster DNS Security: Implement advanced DNSSEC training and tooling for Kenyan registrars and registrants, reducing vulnerability to phishing and other malicious activities.
2. Capacity Building: Deliver a series of workshops and online resources for local Internet operators, educators, and civil-society organizations to deepen their understanding of DNS operations and governance.
3. Community Outreach: Partner with academic institutions and industry stakeholders to raise awareness of best practices in domain-name management and Internet policy.

Looking Ahead

KeNIC will begin project activities in Q3 2025, with deliverables and progress updates published regularly on our website. We look forward to sharing milestones as we work toward a more resilient Internet infrastructure in Kenya.

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APRIL – JUNE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

1. KeNIC and Eldohub Sign MoU to Launch #GoDigitalKe Initiative

April: KeNIC and Eldohub formalized a Memorandum of Understanding, launching a dynamic partnership that was designed to empower Kenyan businesses in the digital arena.

Through the collaboration, Eldohub's innovative digital solutions were combined with KeNIC's internet infrastructure expertise to drive the #GoDigitalKe initiative, equipping enterprises of all sizes with the tools, training, and support they needed to thrive online.

Stay tuned for exclusive updates on how Eldohub and KeNIC joined forces to accelerate Kenya's digital transformation



KeNIC CEO & Magdalene Chepkemai, Founder & Executive Director, Eldohub

2. KeNIC Champions Autism Awareness at the 2025 Tespok Autism Marathon



KeNIC Staff (L-R): Sharon Nyamweya (Former Intern), Maureen Fedha (HR & Admin Assistant), Zipporah Muchiri (Accountant), Beth Njau (Data Protection Officer), June Ogana (Customer Care Executive), Doreen Khamala (Marketing & Communications Executive) & Brenda Mukami (Former Intern)

April: KeNIC proudly joined the Tespok Autism Marathon at Tatu City, lending our support to the “Be a Hero – Accept, Understand and Love” initiative in honor of World Autism Day.

Our team took to the course—ranging from the 21 Km, 10 km, 5 km fun run to the CEO's 2 km race—alongside hundreds of fellow champions, raising awareness and funds to ensure autistic children and adults across Kenya receive the love and care they deserve. KeNIC's participation underscored our ongoing commitment to social responsibility and community empowerment.

3. KeNIC Engages Startups at the 2025 Nairobi Startup Summit

April: KeNIC TLD took stage at the Nairobi Startup Summit—first, through our own Commercial and Partnership Manager, Eric Ndungu, who was in the panel session on: The Future of Business alongside visionaries from Google Cloud, Brainverse Technologies, PLP Africa and more; and then at the .KE domain booth, where our team spoke one-on-one with founders, developers, and aspiring entrepreneurs about why owning a .ke domain is crucial.

We reinforced three key takeaways: a .ke domain signals trust and authenticity to local audiences; it establishes a home-grown digital presence for Kenyan startups; and it anchors your brand in Kenya while projecting your reach globally.

To every innovator, your domain name is the cornerstone of your brand story—start strong, own your space online with .KE, and let's build a vibrant, uniquely Kenyan digital future together.



With the mic: Eric Ndungu - KeNIC Commercial & Partnerships Manager



KeNIC Staff (L-R): Doreen Khamala (Marketing & Communications Executive), Esther Adwets (Cybersecurity Analyst) & Anne Wahito (Relationship Officer)

4. KeNIC Staff Thrives Together: A Day of Team Building at Karura Forest, Nairobi



KeNIC Staff

Beyond the fun and laughter, the event served as a reminder of the power of unity within the KeNIC family. It was a celebration of the diverse strengths that make our team thrive—not just in the forest, but in the everyday work we do together. A heartfelt thank you to every staff member who brought their full spirit to the day. With stronger bonds and renewed energy, we're ready to take on new goals and achieve even greater success—together.

May: KeNIC brought the theme “Together We Thrive” to life with an unforgettable afternoon of team building at Karura Forest. The day kicked off with high-energy Zumba warm-ups, setting the tone for a series of engaging activities designed to spark connection and collaboration. From trust-building relays and competitive word games to the strategic Minefield challenge, every moment was an opportunity to strengthen communication, encourage accountability, and build synergy across departments.



5. KeNIC Expands Regional Presence Through Strategic Engagement in Eswatini (.sz)



Eric Ndungu - KeNIC Commercial & Partnerships Manager

May: KeNIC Commercial and Partnerships lead, Eric Ndungu, represented the organization in Eswatini as part of our ongoing efforts to foster regional collaboration and business growth. His mission: to share insights, explore partnership opportunities, and strengthen the digital presence of our Country Code Top Level Domain, .KE, beyond Kenya's borders.

This engagement marks a significant step in KeNIC's commitment to expanding its regional footprint and building stronger relationships within the African domain name ecosystem. 🇰🇪 .KE meets 🇸🇿 .SZ—a promising connection paving the way for shared innovation, market development, and cross-border digital impact.



6. KeNIC CEO Champions Inclusive Digital Ecosystems at KelGF 2025/ Africa Tech Policy Summit



KeNIC CEO & .KE Evangelist

Moderated by Nekesa J. Were, the panel also featured insights from:

- Christine Kitale (Africa iShare Policy Network - AfIP)
- Mercy Kimalat (Association of Startup and SME Enablers of Kenya - ASEK)
- David Omwoyo (Media Council of Kenya)

Together, they unpacked strategies to:

- ✓ Build human-centric and interoperable digital infrastructure
- ✓ Foster citizen trust in technology
- ✓ Ensure inclusive growth and equitable access across the country.



May: KeNIC CEO, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, joined a dynamic panel at the KelGF 2025 / Africa Tech Policy Summit, where the focus was on Scaling Local Innovations: Building Resilient Tech Ecosystems in Kenya.

The session explored how Kenya’s Digital Public Infrastructure—including platforms like e-Citizen, Maisha Namba, and digital payment systems—is revolutionizing public service delivery and financial inclusion. However, the conversation also highlighted persistent challenges: limited startup funding, Nairobi-centric innovation, and the digital exclusion of marginalized communities.



Panel Session [Photo taken 29 May 2025]

7. KeNIC Supports TechLabs Mashinani: Taking Digital Literacy on the Road

May: At KeNIC, we are committed to ensuring that no Kenyan is left behind in the digital revolution. That’s why we proudly partnered with EldoHub on the TechLabs Mashinani initiative—a bold and practical solution to bridge the digital divide in underserved communities.

Through Eldohub in Uasin Gishu County, TechLabs Mashinani is a mobile classroom built to deliver hands-on digital skills to schools in remote areas. With many institutions lacking reliable internet, digital literacy is often delayed or denied altogether. This initiative changes that reality.



Partners that propelled EldoHub Mission to move the digital boarder outward included: SOS-Kinderdörfer weltweit, Eldohub Academy, County Government of Uasin Gishu, County Government of Elgeyo Marakwet Kenic TLD, St. Bakhita House of Hope - Women/Girls Empowerment Center



KeNIC CEO & .KE Evangelist

Why this matters: schools without reliable internet often delay digital literacy until upper secondary if ever. A mobile lab flips that timeline, letting teachers embed coding fundamentals today while long-term infrastructure catches up.

What’s the experience? A pop-up workstation grid, an offline curriculum server, mentors trained to hand over lesson materials and remote-support channels so learning continues even after the van leaves for the next destination. We are seeking your help to nominate who will be the next hosts as we continue with the journey to bring #tech experience to a village near you.

8. KeNIC Recognized at Blue Company Certification & Plaque Presentation

May: KeNIC was honoured to join fellow members of the Blue Company community at the Certification and Plaque Presentation held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Jubilee Insurance Headquarters. This event celebrated organizations committed to upholding the highest standards of ethics, transparency, and accountability in their operations.

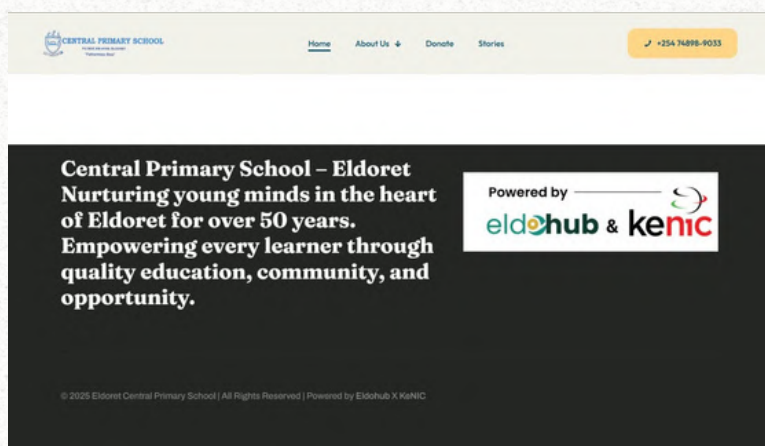
We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who made this milestone possible—especially our senior representatives, Paul N. Kariuki, KeNIC Board Chairman, and Hildah Maina, Finance & Strategy Manager—whose presence affirmed KeNIC's unwavering commitment to ethical business practices.

[LEARN MORE](#) about the Blue Company movement.



R-L: Paul Kariuki, KeNIC Board Chairman, Middle: Hildah Maina, KeNIC Finance & Strategy Manager and The Blue Company Project Committee.

9. KeNIC Powers Faster Web Performance for Central Primary School



June: From 6 seconds to just 1.9 seconds—that's the dramatic speed boost Central Primary School experienced after partnering with EldoHub and KeNIC TLD through our #EcoHost solution.

Previously, parents were abandoning the school's website before term dates could even load. We stepped in to rebuild, optimize, and migrate the site. The result? A surge in enquiries within the same week. Want the same lift? Visit ecohost.co.ke to get started.

10. KeNIC Engages Future Talent at Strathmore University's 19th Career Fair

June: KeNIC was once again honored to be invited to the Strathmore University Career Fair—an event we've proudly participated in over the years. This year marked the 19th edition of the fair, and our continued presence reflects our deep commitment to youth engagement and digital empowerment.



R-L: Fiona Ongeso, KeNIC People and Administration Manager and Strathmore University Student



Middle: Natasha Amuhaya, KeNIC Marketing and Communications Intern with Strathmore University Students



R-L: Ian Edome, KeNIC Customer Care Intern with Strathmore University Students

11. KeNIC Shares Key Reflections from ICANN83 in Prague

June: KeNIC was proud to participate in ICANN83 held in Prague, a vital global forum for shaping the future of internet governance. The event brought together stakeholders from around the world to explore pressing issues around policy, security, and inclusivity in the digital space.

A standout session was the ccNSO discussion on financial crime, which spotlighted innovative, collective strategies to combat cyber threats. Equally impactful were the broader conversations on fostering transparent and inclusive governance—reminding us of the power of community engagement and multistakeholder dialogue.



L-R: Hildah Maina, Finance & Strategy Manager and Ahmed Landi, Technology, Information and Security Manager and ICANN83 attendee.

Key takeaways from the forum:

- ✨ Tackling complex issues like financial crime requires deep collaboration across sectors.
- ✨ Diverse voices and perspectives lead to stronger, more effective solutions.
- ✨ The future of the internet depends on shared responsibility to keep it open, secure, and accessible to all.

As KeNIC continues to engage globally, we remain committed to contributing Kenya's voice and vision to a resilient, inclusive internet ecosystem.

12. KeNIC CEO Joins Global Dialogue at Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2025 in Norway

June: KeNIC was honored to be represented at the 20th anniversary of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)—a global multistakeholder platform convened by the United Nations to shape policies around the development, governance, and responsible use of the internet.

Our CEO joined fellow delegates and long-time collaborators in Norway under the banner “Building a Meaningful Internet Together.” The event provided an opportunity to reflect on global trends, exchange insights, and highlight Kenya's unique digital priorities on the world stage.



Panel Session Topic: Closing digital divides by universal access and acceptance.



From a local perspective, key themes that stood out included:

- Ensuring a secure, safe, and resilient internet for everyone, everywhere.
- Upholding one open internet, rooted in human values and rights.
- Collaborating globally to build a truly meaningful internet—inclusive, empowering, and transformative.

We remain committed to contributing to a digital future that serves all, and to representing Kenya's voice in global internet governance.

INTERNAL REWARDS AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Congratulations to our Q1 2025
Customer-Centric Champions**



In Q1 2025, KeNIC proudly celebrated five outstanding team members—(L-R): Brian Mochangera, Beth Njau, Maureen Fedha, Doreen Khamala, and Stephen Wafula—whose unwavering dedication to understanding and anticipating customer needs truly set the standard. Each of these individuals demonstrated exceptional commitment by prioritizing and delivering timely responses, creating positive experiences while safeguarding our organization's interests. To honor their achievements, KeNIC presented them with Certificates of Excellence and gift vouchers as tokens of appreciation. *"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Brian, Beth, Maureen, Doreen, and Stephen for keeping the customer at the heart of everything we did."* - Andrew Mwanyota, KeNIC CEO.

KENIC ONGOING EVENTS



KeNIC Partners with AFRALTI to Build Capacity in ccTLD Management.

KeNIC is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with the African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI) aimed at strengthening capacity building and community engagement in country code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) management across Africa.

Through this collaboration, KeNIC and AFRALTI will deliver tailored training programs and research initiatives designed to equip ccTLD registrars, ISPs, government ICT agencies, and SMEs with the skills and knowledge needed to run secure, efficient, and robust domain registry operations. Stay connected for more updates and training opportunities.

KENIC UPCOMING EVENTS

New Stakeholder Engagement Campaign - COMING SOON!

KeNIC is thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of a dynamic new campaign designed to be the bedrock of our continued growth, deeper market penetration, and meaningful engagement with our valued stakeholders. This initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to nurturing a vibrant, resilient domain ecosystem here in Kenya and beyond.

Running over the next few months, this campaign will feature a series of impactful activities, ranging from interactive webinars and expert-led workshops to informative sessions. Participants can also look forward to exclusive rewards, surprise giveaways, and opportunities to network and grow their digital footprints. Stay tuned and be part of this exciting journey.



Domain Summit Africa 2026 — Coming to Nairobi!

KeNIC is proud to co-host Domain Summit Africa 2026 in partnership with Site.pro, Freename, and it.com Domains.

 23–24 February 2026
 Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi



This will be Africa's largest B2B domain industry event — bringing together registrars, ccTLD operators, investors, and tech entrepreneurs for two days of networking, keynotes, workshops, and exclusive side events.

 **Full press release on DNForum:** [Click here](#)

Let's make Nairobi the hub of Africa's domain industry — we look forward to welcoming you!



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