



KENYA NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE

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Domains **BY END 2026**

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE



STATEMENT FROM THE CEO – UPDATES

“As we close the second quarter of 2026, KeNIC continues to build on the strong momentum achieved at the beginning of the year. Following a successful Q1 characterized by growth in domain registrations, renewals, and overall revenue performance, our focus has remained on sustaining growth, strengthening governance, and positioning the organization for long-term success. We have also continued investing in our people, systems, and partnerships to ensure we remain agile and responsive in a dynamic digital environment.

During Q2, we intensified our efforts towards achieving our strategic growth targets. We strengthened our performance culture by emphasizing measurable outcomes, accountability, and collaboration across teams. Significant progress was also made in our ERP implementation journey, enhancement of data protection and governance initiatives, and preparations for Universal Acceptance activities aimed at promoting digital inclusion and multilingual internet access.

Key Areas of Focus in Q2 were:

- Accelerating .KE domain growth and market adoption.
- Strengthening data protection, governance, and compliance.
- Advancing ERP implementation and digital transformation initiatives.
- Promoting a results-oriented and high-performance culture.
- Enhancing collaboration, coaching, and knowledge sharing across teams.
- Driving Universal Acceptance and digital inclusion initiatives.
- Expanding partnerships, registrar engagement, and capacity-building programmes.
- Maintaining financial sustainability and operational excellence.

CEO & .KE Chief Evangelist Andrew Lewela
Mwanyota in Internal Townhall Meetings



Capacity Building and Community Engagement in ccTLDs Management Across Africa

COHORT 3: IN-PERSON TRAINING

Fully Booked

This KeNIC & AFRALTI initiative, supported by ICANN

begins July 6th - 31st July 2026

2 weeks online and 2 weeks in-person in Nairobi.



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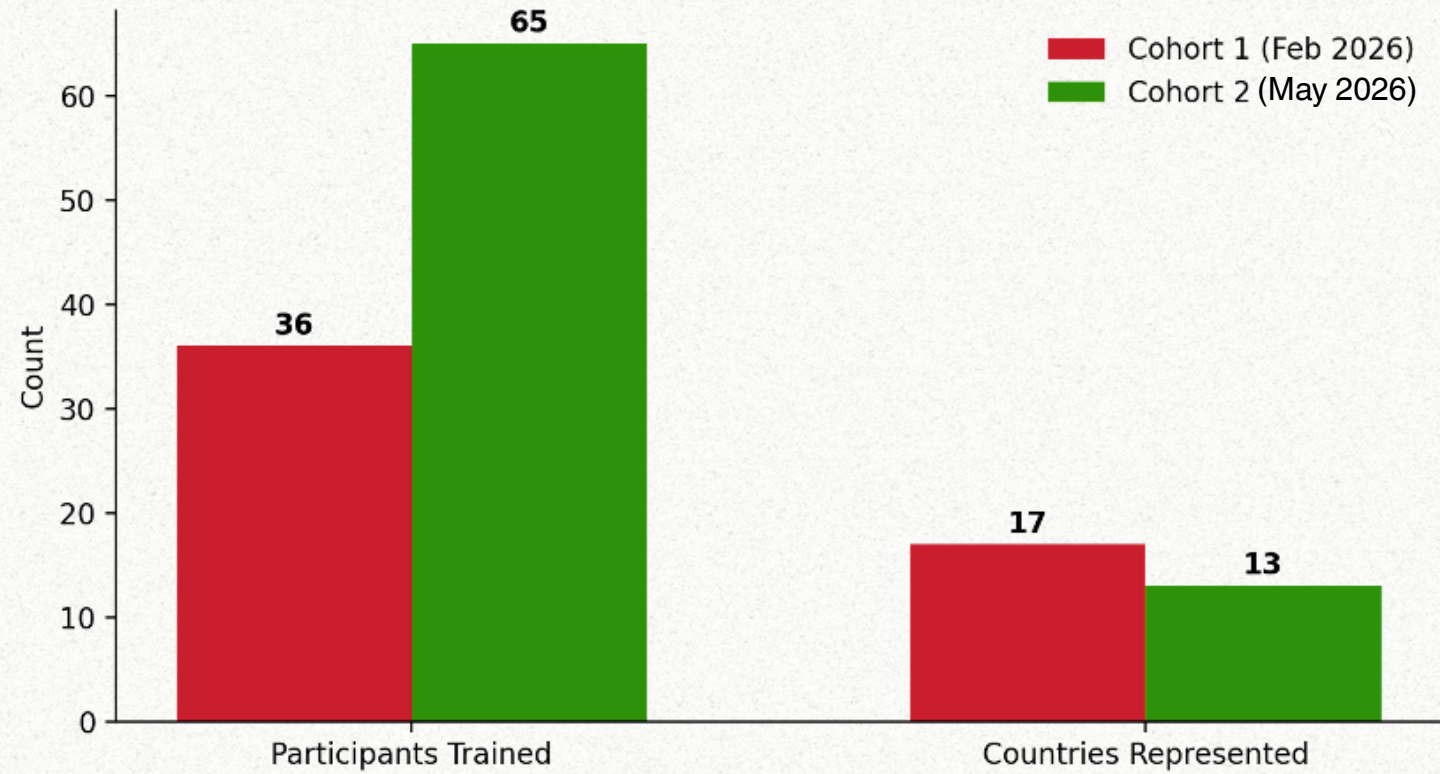
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Cohort 1 & Cohort 2 Recap: Training Africa's Top ccTLDs

Following Cohort 1's success, the KeNIC x AFRALTI ccTLD Capacity Development Programme returned for Cohort 2 with even greater reach — drawing more registry managers and DNS operators from across Africa to build skills in registry operations, DNS security, and ccTLD management. Together, the two cohorts have grown the programme into a pan-African platform strengthening the continent's digital infrastructure, guided by three core objectives: equipping registrars with the skills to manage domain registration, comply with regulations, and deliver strong customer service; building ccTLD knowledge among government agencies; and training the wider community in ccTLD operations.

Cohort 1 vs Cohort 2: Growth at a Glance



● Algeria	● Benin	● Botswana
● Burkina Faso	● Cameroon	● Cape Verde
● Congo	● Côte d'Ivoire	● Eswatini
● Gabon	● Gambia	● Guinea
● Guinea-Bissau	● Mali	● Nigeria
● Senegal	● South Sudan	● Rwanda
● Sao Tome & Principe	● Kenya	● South Africa
● South Sudan	● Ghana	
● Uganda	● Democratic Republic of Congo	

APRIL – JUNE 2026 EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

1. CEO Participates in Mediation Summit 2026

April - CEO & .KE Chief Evangelist, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, participated in the Research on Mediation Summit 2026 at Strathmore University, contributing to discussions on estate planning and mediation in succession disputes.



2. Digital Ownership in the Modern Economy

April: In the April 2026 issue of MARKETING AFRICA, our Marketing & Communications Manager, Gitau Muraguri highlights why digital identity is now foundational — and why leaders must “step into the kitchen” to stay grounded. At its core, a domain means you own a piece of the internet that the entire world can easily access. And if that name is clear, memorable, and useful, it doesn’t just idly sit there - it proactively works for you for you. It attracts attention, builds trust, and increasingly can command serious offers.

3. KeNIC Engagement with Top .KE Registrars

April: KeNIC’s Commercial and Partnerships team visited top 2025 registrars — HOSTAFRICA, HostPinnacle, and TruehostAI — to recognize their performance and celebrate innovation, resilience, and shared progress in advancing Kenya’s digital ecosystem. The visit included reflection on key milestones and strengthened collaboration, marking the occasion with a celebratory cake.



4. KeNIC Announces Leadership Transition at Board Level

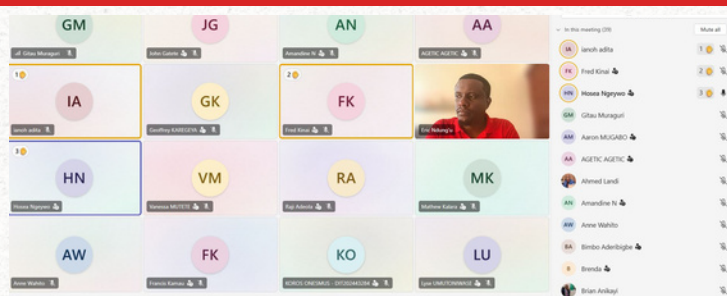
- Mr. Paul Kariuki concluded his tenure as Chairperson of the KeNIC Board of Directors, having served since October 5th, 2023.
- During his time in office, he strengthened KeNIC's position as Kenya's Top-Level Domain Registry and reinforced partnerships across the public and private sectors.



- Mr. Odhiambo previously served as Vice Chairperson of the KeNIC Board and held the position of Deputy Director, Project Management Office at the ICT Authority (ICTA).
- He brought extensive experience in ICT leadership, project management, and public sector digital transformation to the role.
- KeNIC expressed confidence in continued growth and innovation under his leadership

5. ccTLD Capacity Building Training - Cohort 2 (Online phase)

May: KeNIC, in partnership with AFRALTI and supported by ICANN, successfully ran the second cohort of the ccTLD capacity building program.



6. Universal Acceptance Day 2026 Awareness Event - USIU Africa

May: KeNIC marked Universal Acceptance (UA) Day 2026 at USIU-Africa, bringing together partners including ICANN, UNESCO, and KICTANet to advance a more inclusive, multilingual internet.

7. CEO Spotlight: Leadership at Africa Tech Policy Summit 2026

May: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, was featured as a thought leader at the Africa Tech Policy Summit 2026 and Kenya Internet Governance Forum (KeIGF26) held in Nairobi.

Africa Tech Policy Summit 2026

Building open - source , accessible and democratic digital futures.

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Lewela has spent eighteen years moving between cybersecurity, government affairs and digital infrastructure, and now leads KeNIC where the decisions he makes about Kenya's internet identity touch every organisation and citizen operating in the country's digital space.



8. KeNIC Hosts Top Cybersecurity Bootcamp Finalists for Mentorship Tour

May: KeNIC hosted 20 finalists from the Communications Authority of Kenya's 2026 Cybersecurity Bootcamp Students' Track for a study and mentorship session.

9. KeNIC CEO Delivers Keynote at Rotary Installation Ceremony

June: KeNIC CEO Andrew Mwanyota Lewela delivered a keynote address at the Rotary Installation Ceremony of PE Arthur Kinyanjui, sharing insights on digital transformation and Kenya's internet ecosystem.



10. Career Fair at USIU - Africa 2026

June: KeNIC participated in the USIU-Africa Career Fair 2026, engaging students and industry stakeholders on digital career opportunities, promoting awareness of the .ke domain space, and sharing insights on Kenya's internet governance ecosystem.

11. KeNIC Engagement at Strathmore University 20th Career Fair

June: KeNIC engaged students at Strathmore University's 20th Annual Career Fair, sharing insights on the .ke domain ecosystem and tech career pathways, and hosting a tech trivia session with prizes for participants.





12. KeNIC at the Africa Internet Summit 2026

June: KeNIC was represented at the Africa Internet Summit 2026 (AIS'26) in Nairobi, held 22–26 June, by Doreen Khamala and Ashley Muratha Wanjiru from Marketing and Communications, and Morgan Musuya from IT. The team joined network engineers, policymakers, and industry leaders from across Africa to discuss the continent's digital future.

13. KeNIC Honored at TESPOK's 25th Anniversary Gala

June: During the gala dinner, TESPOK's 25th Anniversary Gala recognized its long-standing partners with appreciation awards, and KeNIC CEO Andrew Mwanyota Lewela was presented with a trophy in honor of the KeNIC's role in the success of TESPOK's journey. "Together, we've built more than an association—we've built an ecosystem," TESPOK noted.



14. KeNIC Leadership at IoD-K Corporate Governance Forum

June: KeNIC was proud to be represented at The Institute of Directors (IoD)-Kenya Corporate Governance High Tea & Networking Forum, held at Sarova Stanley Hotel, by CEO & .KE Chief Evangelist Andrew Mwanyota Lewela and Board Vice-Chairperson James Turuthi. The forum's theme, "Boardroom Accountability in the Age of AI, Cyber Risk & Digital Disruption," reflects a timely conversation: as the digital economy evolves, so must the boardroom.

14. KeNIC Gives Back: Phase I of 2026 CSR Programme

June: KeNIC team visited Home of Hope – Dream Centre in Donholm, Nairobi: a children's home dedicated to rescuing, restoring, and empowering vulnerable children. The centre provides hope to orphans, vulnerable children, and destitute women in the community through rescue, restoration, and empowerment. This visit supported approximately 69 children at the Dream Centre and marks the first phase of our 2026 Community Impact Programme.



15. KeNIC at the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Entrepreneurship Fund Graduation

June: KeNIC, represented by Marketing Manager Gitau Muraguri, attended the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Entrepreneurship Fund (SEF) 2.0 Graduation and Award Ceremony on June 29, 2026, at USIU-Africa, themed "Ideas to Impact: Celebrating Entrepreneurial Excellence and Innovation." The event honoured Scholars who turned innovative ideas into high-potential, impact-driven ventures.

KeNIC and USIU-Africa share a strategic partnership advancing student-led innovation by helping emerging enterprises build a trusted online presence through .KE domains.



REWARDS & RECOGNITION
AWARDS

Congratulations OUR
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
2025



Brian Mochangera
Accountant



Stephen Wafula
Partner Success Manager



Fiona Ongeso
People and Administration
Manager

Congratulations to our 2025 Employees of the Year — Brian, Stephen, and Fiona. Through your work in account management, partner success, and people operations, you've helped KeNIC continue to strengthen Kenya's digital identity and grow the .KE domain space. Thank you for your dedication and excellence.

Welcome OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



Kennedy Aseda

*Board Member,
representing KENET
(Kenya Education
Network)*



Victor Mwago

*Data Protection &
Quality Assurance
Officer*



Emmanuel Mutinda

*Cyber Security and
Application Analyst*



Brian Anikayi

Systems Administrator

UPCOMING EVENT



EMPOWERING DIGITAL FUTURES

2026 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) AND COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

Phase I: Home of Hope – Dream Centre (Donholm) | DONE

- Distributed essential supplies (foodstuffs, toiletries, detergents)
- Delivered learning materials and provided basic facility support
- Conducted staff-led mentorship and life skills engagement sessions
- Carried out initial ICT awareness and digital exposure activities

Phase II: Koinonia Community – Kivuli Centre (Riruta) | September 2026

- Deployment of ICT infrastructure (desktop computer and accessories)
- Classroom and ICT space branding to enhance learning environments
- Library support through donation of academic and inspirational books
- Structured mentorship on digital literacy, cyber safety, and career pathways

Ongoing (July – December 2026): Mentorship & Digital Literacy Series

- Continuous ICT training and awareness sessions across both institutions
- Career guidance, leadership, and life skills development engagements
- Staff volunteerism driving sustained community interaction

Monitoring & Reporting (December 2026)

- Impact assessment across all intervention areas
- Documentation of beneficiary outcomes and engagement metrics
- Publication of CSR Impact Report and stakeholder updates

PLANNED DELIVERABLES AT A GLANCE

- Support to ~149 direct beneficiaries
- Provision of essential supplies and educational materials
- Installation of ICT equipment and digital access resources
- Delivery of mentorship, digital literacy, and life skills programmes
- Strengthened community partnerships and staff engagement



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