

KENYA CHAMBER OF MINES

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From Chairman's Desk!



On my behalf and that of the KCM Executive Council,

I salute you all for your kind support to KCM. It is your unwavering support that has made KCM the resilient lobby and advocacy organization it has become. We are deeply indebted by your commitment to stay on

course despite the very unpredictable business environment we have had to endure in the year 2024.

2024 was a year of lessons and resilience. Like gold, we were refined through challenges and emerged stronger, turning setbacks into opportunities.

KCM has continued to grow as a respected voice for the mining sector championing candid, solution-driven engagements and advocating for policies that support business, the economy, and the environment.

As we step into 2025, we're excited for what lies ahead. With your continued support and commitment, KCM remains steadfast in representing our members and pushing for a more business-friendly legal and fiscal environment.

Dr. Kanyoro Patrick
Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines

KCM at 25 – Silver Jubilee Celebration

On December 20, 2024, the Kenya Chamber of Mines proudly hosted its Silver Jubilee Dinner at the Boma Hotel, Nairobi, marking 25 years of advocacy, progress, and growth in Kenya's mining sector. The event brought together government officials, industry leaders, partners, and members to celebrate the milestones achieved and to cast a vision for the future of mining in Kenya.



The evening featured powerful addresses, including a keynote speech

by Mr. Christopher Ellinger, Chargé d'affaires at the Australian High Commission, who underscored the importance of international collaboration and sustainable practices in the mining industry. Mr. Thomas Mutwiwa, Secretary for Mining, also represented the State Department for Mining, reaffirming government commitment to the growth of the sector.

The dinner provided a platform to reflect on KCM's journey from policy advocacy and member representation to shaping national dialogue on mineral development and environmental stewardship. Stakeholders from across the country and the continent were acknowledged, and KCM reaffirmed its dedication to unity, innovation, and capacity building in the mining sector.



A symbolic cake-cutting ceremony concluded the program, celebrating not just 25 years of KCM but the future that lies ahead.

We thank all our sponsors, partners, stakeholders, and members for your unwavering support and look forward to continued collaboration as we shape the next 25 years of mining excellence.

Honoring the Trailblazers of Kenya's Mining Industry



During the Silver Jubilee Dinner, KCM proudly recognized outstanding contributors to the mining industry through the Mining Excellence Awards 2024.

Awardees Included:

- Prof. Daniel Ichangi – Academia
- Adam Mohammed Egge – Advocacy
- Elizabeth Kinyanjui (late) – Female Miner
- Lojomon Biwott – Top Professional
- Francis Kalinzoya – Pioneer
- Bruce Bridges (late) – Gemstone Branding
- Hon. Johnson Muthama – Distinguished Service
- Base Titanium, Bamburi Cement, Carbacid – Private Sector Support
- Lilian Kagai Mugalla – Young Achiever

We congratulate all awardees for their remarkable impact and leadership in Kenya's mining journey. The future is bright!





Supporting Compliance and Growth in Taita Taveta

KCM extends its sincere appreciation to the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and the State Department for Mining (SDM) Taita Taveta for their efforts in educating mining and gemstone stakeholders on tax compliance and regulatory frameworks.

This engagement took place in February 2025, marking a significant step towards improving understanding and cooperation between government and industry players in the region. Mr. Rigga, Chair of the KCM Taita Taveta Chapter, reaffirmed the private sector's commitment to collaborating with government agencies. He emphasized the urgency of streamlining licensing processes and strengthening support services to empower miners and steer the sector towards contributing 10% to Kenya's GDP.

Mr. Mwaura, the Chapter Vice Chair, also shared key perspectives on the financial pressures miners and dealers face regarding royalties and taxation. He stressed the need for more investor-friendly policies to sustain and grow the sector.

KCM looks forward to continued partnership in building a compliant, supportive, and thriving mining industry in Taita Taveta and across the country.





Policy Dialogue for a Transparent & Inclusive Mining Future

On March 13th 2025, KCM Taita Taveta Chapter was proud to actively participate in the Taita Taveta Policy Dialogue Talks, a critical platform addressing policy gaps, transparency, and sustainability in the mining sector.

The forum brought together key stakeholders including the Regional Mining Office, County Mining Department, and private sector

representatives to deliberate on the challenges and opportunities facing artisanal and small-scale miners, women, and youth in the region.

Key outcomes included commitments toward:

- Collaborative policymaking
- Financial literacy and training
- Environmentally responsible mining practices

We are grateful for the insightful discussions and reaffirm our commitment to continued engagement that fosters a more inclusive, transparent, and supportive mining ecosystem in Taita Taveta County.

TTU School of Mines & Engineering Alumni Launch

On March 20th 2025, we proudly participated in the launch of the Taita Taveta University School of Mines and Engineering Alumni Faculty. The event, attended by the outgoing PS for Mining, the Deputy Governor of Taita Taveta, alumni, faculty, and industry stakeholders, highlighted the critical role of academia in shaping the future of Kenya's mining sector.

As KCM, we are committed to bridging the gap between academia and industry. Strengthening this

collaboration ensures our mining sector remains competitive, skilled, and aligned with real-world demands. Congratulations to the TTU alumni and faculty on this milestone! We look forward to continued partnership in advancing sustainable growth in Kenya's mining industry.





KCM Hosts Successful Consultative Meeting in Voi

On March 27, 2024, the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) held a successful stakeholder consultative meeting at Dan Mwanzo Hall, Voi, in Taita Taveta County. The session brought together a diverse group of stakeholders including miners, gemstone dealers, county officials, civil society representatives, and KCM members.

The meeting focused on the importance of a unified, structured approach to addressing sector challenges and leveraging collective strength to advance Kenya's mining agenda.



Key discussion points included:

- Strengthening sector-wide coordination through KCM for unified advocacy.
- Streamlining licensing processes to ease operations and attract investment.
- Enhancing support for artisanal and small-scale miners (ASMs), including finance access and technical capacity.
- Promoting environmental compliance and responsible mining practices.
- Encouraging meaningful inclusion of women and youth in sector leadership and decision-making.



KCM reaffirmed its commitment to being a strong voice for the mining industry and a partner in driving policy, advocacy, and sustainable development.

A heartfelt thank you to all attendees both in-person and online for contributing to the success of this important engagement. We look forward to continued collaboration in building a stronger, more inclusive, and better-organized mining sector.



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Lilian Kagai Mugalla, a rising voice in Kenya's mining sector and KCM's 2024 Young Achiever Award recipient, recently had the opportunity to attend the prestigious Mining Indaba.

In her thought-provoking article, she reflects on the experience, sharing lessons from global industry leaders, key takeaways on sustainability and policy, and how Kenya can strategically position itself for inclusive growth.

Read the full article here: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/journey-growth-my-experience-mining-indaba-xouff>

From humble beginnings to a leader in Kenya's gemstone industry, Miriam Kamau is a force to be reckoned with. As the Founder & Director of Mimo Gem Traders, she has not only built a successful business but also championed sustainable mining, ethical sourcing, and community empowerment.

Her journey is an inspiration to women across industries, proof that resilience, innovation, and leadership can break any barrier.

Read the full article here:

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Millen Noni is a geologist, drone engineer, and a passionate advocate for sustainable mining. As the patron of Taita Taveta Women Miners, she is breaking barriers and spearheading transformative change in Kenya's mining landscape. From championing fair and inclusive mining policies to introducing

cutting-edge drone technology in gemstone exploration, Millen is driving the industry toward greater transparency, innovation, and sustainability.

Read the full article here:

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AGM 2025



On April 4th, 2025, members and friends of the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) gathered at the Nairobi Safari Club for the Chamber's Annual General Meeting (AGM), marking a milestone year in the organization's journey.

The meeting, was a testament to KCM's growth and resilience. For the first time in its 25-year history, the Chamber announced financial independence, a proud achievement made possible through increased engagement and contributions from regional chapters, notably the Coast, Western, and Nyanza branches.

Key highlights included:

- **Chairman's Report:** Dr. Kanyoro emphasized KCM's non-adversarial, policy-focused role and its intention to adopt a legal stance on strategic minerals. He also addressed challenges in stakeholder engagement and reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to inclusive and transparent advocacy.
- **Financial Review:** Despite a KES 2.97 million deficit, the auditors confirmed the Chamber remains financially sound.

- **2025 Budget Discussion:** A KES 31 million revenue projection was tabled, with suggestions to better brand the Chamber, support regional chapters sustainably, and explore alternative revenue streams.
- **Elections:** A new Executive Council was elected in a transparent process led by The Impact Facility. Dr. Kanyoro was re-elected Chairperson unopposed, with other roles filled both by election and consensus.
- **Guest Remarks:** Sector stakeholders, including representatives from YEC, AWEIK, MESK, NAMICO, and ASMAK, called for unity, clarity in regulation, and greater youth involvement.
- **Next Steps:** Members supported the idea of a National Mining Convention to unify the sector and tackle shared challenges.



Dr. Kanyoro Patrick
Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines

Thank You from the Chairman

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all KCM members for your confidence in me and your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to elevate KCM and the mining sector in Kenya to new heights.

A special thank you is also due to the outgoing Executive Council (EC) for their dedication and hard work in taking KCM to unprecedented levels of success. Your legacy will continue to guide us as we move forward.

I am excited to announce the new Executive Council, which will lead us into this next chapter, with a key focus on ensuring the creation of a mining law that is by and for the mining stakeholders, addressing the needs and challenges of our sector. We are also committed to engaging the government with respect, truth, and transparency to ensure that the interests of the mining community are well-represented and upheld.

Congratulations OUR NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL!



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As we wrap up this edition of our newsletter, we reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked on together. Your support, engagement, and enthusiasm continue to fuel our passion and purpose and your feedback and contributions are invaluable in helping us achieve this mission.

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