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From Chairman's Desk!



Dr. Kanyoro Patrick
Chairman, Kenya Chamber of Mines

As we close the fourth quarter and reflect on 2025, I am proud of the resilience and progress we have achieved together. This year has brought renewed confidence through strengthened leadership, increased KCM visibility on regional and international platforms, important advocacy gains,

and notable achievements from our members across the sector.

KCM remains committed to being a trusted partner, a strong voice in policy dialogue, and a driver of reforms that create a predictable and attractive investment environment.

Looking ahead to 2026, we enter an important phase, one that calls for deeper partnerships, more innovation, and continued collaboration with government, investors, communities, and development partners. Our focus will remain on unlocking Kenya's mineral potential and positioning the sector for sustainable growth.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I thank all our members and partners for your support throughout the year. Let us carry this momentum forward and step into 2026 with renewed purpose and shared ambition. Together, let's shape the future of mining in Kenya.



Responsible Gold Sourcing and Traceability

An article by Eng. Waruru Gitau, Kenya Chamber of Mines

Gold has long symbolized power, beauty, and wealth. But beneath the glitter lies a deeper truth: where does our gold come from, and at what cost? Today, ethics, sustainability, and transparency are redefining value. Responsible gold sourcing and traceability are no longer optional; they are the new foundation of trust in the global gold trade. This is not just a trend, it's a transformative shift. Traceability means every ounce of gold can be tracked from the mine to the market, creating a transparent chain linking miners, refiners, manufacturers, and consumers.

With innovations like *blockchain certification, digital tracking tools, and geotagging*, traceability is no longer a concept, it's a fast-emerging reality. According to the OECD's Due Diligence Guidance and the Alliance for Responsible Mining, traceability frameworks are helping formalize small-scale mining and strengthen market access for ethical gold producers. In Kenya, the urgency is real. Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASM) accounts for over 60% of the country's gold output, especially in counties like Migori, Kakamega, and Narok.

Yet many of these operations remain informal, with limited oversight, creating challenges in environmental protection, worker safety, and fair labor practices. Responsible sourcing solutions tailored for ASM, including digital traceability systems and formalization programs, could unlock safer conditions, better incomes, and stronger community outcomes. Importantly, responsible gold is not just a moral imperative, it's a market opportunity. Brands embracing conflict-free, traceable gold are earning consumer trust, attracting sustainability-driven investors, and even commanding premium prices.

At the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM), we are committed to advancing a transparent, responsible, and inclusive mining sector. Through strategic partnerships, digital traceability initiatives, policy advocacy, and capacity-building programs, we continue to support the formalization of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASM) and promote sustainable mineral development. By aligning local initiatives with international best practices, KCM envisions a future where Kenya's gold sector is ethical, competitive, and a global model for inclusive growth. The gold standard is evolving and together, we can shape it.

KCM Participates in the 5th CEMEREM Biennial International Conference 2025



KCM was honoured to participate in the 5th CEMEREM Biennial International Conference 2025, held in Taita Taveta County between 30th October and 1st September, under the theme “Natural Resource Management in Africa’s Primary Natural Resource Sector , Technology and Innovations for a Sustainable Future.” Represented by our CEO, Mr. Brian Simiyu, KCM joined policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and

development partners to explore innovative pathways for strengthening responsible mineral resource management across Africa. The conference emphasized the role of technology, research, and cross-sector collaboration in shaping a more sustainable and competitive extractives industry.



During the conference, Mr. Simiyu delivered a presentation titled “Collaborative Frameworks for the Responsible Exploitation of Kenya’s Strategic Mineral Resources.” In his address, he underscored the importance of coordinated partnerships between government, industry, academia, and communities in achieving balanced and sustainable mineral development. He further highlighted the need for transparent governance structures, equitable benefit-sharing mechanisms, and sustained investment in research and capacity building as essential pillars of a resilient mining ecosystem.



KCM’s participation reaffirmed our commitment to fostering strong partnerships that promote sustainability, inclusivity, and efficiency within Kenya’s mining sector. We commend Taita Taveta University and the CEMEREM Centre for convening a decade of impactful dialogue that continues to shape Africa’s natural resource future.

Through platforms such as CEMEREM, KCM will continue championing responsible mining practices and advocating for policies that position Kenya as a competitive and sustainable mining destination.

KCM Courtesy Visit to the Voi Gemstone and Value Addition Centre

On September 2025, the Kenya Chamber of Mines, led by CEO Mr. Brian Simiyu, visited the Voi Gemstone and Value Addition Centre and held discussions with Centre Manager Mr. Kurgat and other key stakeholders.

The engagement focused on strengthening collaboration to improve the gemstone value chain, from artisanal production and value addition to market access and export growth.

KCM reaffirmed its commitment to working with the Centre, county leadership, and private sector partners to advance gemstone beneficiation, promote transparency, and ensure the sector contributes meaningfully to local and national economic development.



KCM Hosts High-Level Sector Breakfast Meeting with the State Department for Mining



KCM was honoured to host a High-Level Sector Breakfast Meeting with the State Department for Mining (SDM) on 15th October 2025. The engagement brought together Principal Secretary Mr. Harry Kimtai, senior ministry officials, and leaders from across the mining ecosystem, including NAMICO, the Mining Engineers Society of Kenya, KNCCL, AWEIK, the Geological Society of Kenya, ASMAK, Migori County Miners Association,

the Kenya Jewellers Association, and gemstone dealers, among others. In his remarks, KCM Chairperson Dr. Patrick Kanyoro appreciated the Principal Secretary and his team for their proactive leadership, noting that the gathering marked “the beginning of a new conversation and a new chapter for the mining sector.” The session reinforced a renewed spirit of collaboration between government and industry and set the stage for stronger coordination across the sector.

A major outcome of the meeting was the Government’s decision, through the State Department for Mining, to open the development of the Mining Sector White Paper (2025–2030) to industry participation.



This milestone signaled the Government's commitment to meaningful engagement and provided the sector with a rare and valuable opportunity to influence long-term policy, governance structures, and the strategic direction of Kenya's mining future.

KCM took the lead in mobilizing members and stakeholders to provide contributions and committed to submitting a consolidated sector position on behalf of the industry. Members were invited to

share their recommendations through a structured submission process ahead of the set deadline.

This collaborative achievement marked an important step toward strengthening policy dialogue, enhancing transparency, and shaping a more predictable and investment-ready mining sector for Kenya.

KCM Hosts Webinar on “Mining Permits & Licensing in Kenya”

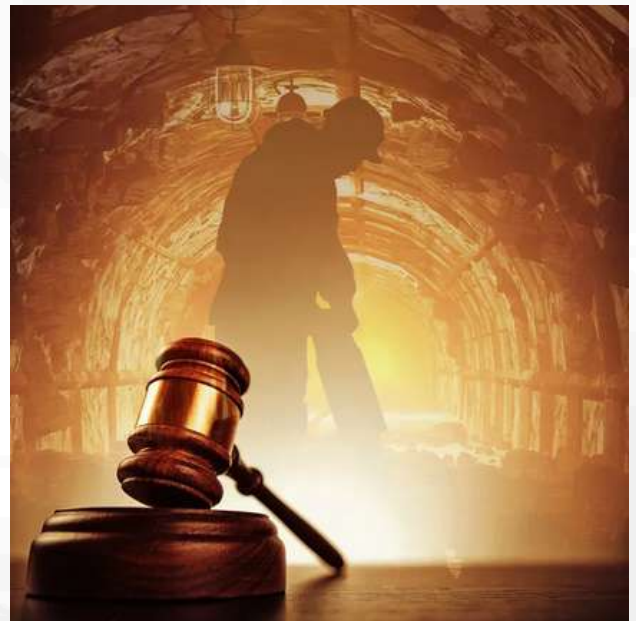
On October 16th, the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) hosted an insightful webinar on “Mining Permits & Licensing in Kenya”, bringing together stakeholders from the public sector, private industry, and artisanal mining communities to explore the country's licensing framework.

The session addressed practical issues around the Mining Cadastre System, ASM formalization, licensing compliance, and recent legal developments, highlighting the importance of clarity, efficiency, and collaboration in supporting sector growth.

Key takeaways included:

- ✓ Streamlining and digitizing licensing processes
- ✓ Strengthening ASM support and data systems
- ✓ Ensuring consistent policy implementation
- ✓ Fostering dialogue between government, private sector, and miners

KCM remains committed to promoting a transparent, efficient, and inclusive mining sector through ongoing stakeholder engagement and reform-driven collaboration.



KCM Engages Chinese Delegation on Mining Investment Opportunities



The Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM), led by Chairman Dr. Kanyoro Patrick, joined key stakeholders, including the State Department for Mining represented by Principal Secretary Mr. Harry Kimtai, and the National Mining Corporation led by Chairperson Mr. Lagat, in a high-level meeting with a delegation from China Silk Road Group.

The delegation, led by Mr. Zhonghao (Daniel) Hu, Deputy General Manager, expressed interest in partnering with Kenya's private sector to leverage technology and financing opportunities available through Chinese companies.

Discussions focused on sustainable mining investment, industrial cooperation, and long-term economic partnerships between China and Kenya, aimed at delivering mutually beneficial outcomes with tangible social and economic impact for mining communities.

KCM remains committed to strategic engagements that strengthen Kenya's position as a leading destination for mining investment.

KCM Engages Migori County Leadership on Responsible Mining



KCM, led by Chairman Dr. Kanyoro Patrick, held productive discussions with Governor Ochilo Ayacko to strengthen collaboration on responsible and inclusive mining in Migori County.

Key focus areas included:

- ✓ Creating shared benefits for investors and local communities
- ✓ Promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices
- ✓ Ensuring legal compliance and predictability

KCM remains committed to partnerships that drive sustainable growth and long-term value across Kenya's mining sector.

KCM Participates in Mt. Elgon ICLIP Breakfast

Our CEO represented the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) at the Mt. Elgon ICLIP Breakfast, where Principal Secretary for Mining Mr. Harry Kimtai, Patron of the initiative, joined national leaders to raise awareness ahead of the official launch on 7th November 2025.



The Mt. Elgon Integrated Climate and Landscape Initiative Project (ICLIP), led by the State Department for Forestry, is a

national programme focused on restoring degraded ecosystems, protecting water catchments, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and advancing climate resilience.

KCM reaffirms its commitment to responsible mining and environmental stewardship and encourages all members and partners to support this transformative initiative. Together, we mine responsibly for a greener Kenya.

KCM & Taita Taveta University Host Webinar on Advancing Kenya's Mineral Resource Sector Through Technology



On 20th November 2025, the Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) and Taita Taveta University (TTU) hosted a webinar on technological innovation in Kenya's mining sector. Stakeholders explored 3D mine cadastre, automation, data-driven exploration, and global geoscience trends, highlighting opportunities for ASM efficiency, youth engagement, and sustainable mining.

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Adopt modern geospatial tools and 3D cadastre
- ✓ Promote innovation, collaboration, and technology transfer
- ✓ Scale mechanisation and automation for ASM
- ✓ Support youth and sustainable mining practices

The session reaffirmed that technology, collaboration, and strong policies are critical for a competitive, sustainable, and future-ready mining sector.



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KCM Participates in the MESK Annual Dinner 2025



The Kenya Chamber of Mines was honoured to participate in the MESK Annual Dinner held on 5th December 2025, a key gathering that brought together leaders and stakeholders from across Kenya's mining sector.

KCM was represented by our Chairperson, Dr. Kanyoro Patrick, who joined delegates from the State Department for Mining (SDM), represented by Mr. Thomas Mutwiwa, Secretary (Mines), as well as key representatives from industry, academia, county governments, and the private sector.



The event provided an important platform for strengthening collaboration, discussing emerging sector priorities, and reflecting on collective progress within the mining industry. Conversations throughout the evening highlighted the shared commitment to advancing responsible mining practices, improving sector governance, and unlocking sustainable growth opportunities for investors, communities, and the country.

As the national voice of the mining industry, KCM reaffirmed its commitment to championing progressive policy reforms, enhancing industry partnerships, and supporting initiatives that drive value addition, innovation, and competitiveness in Kenya's mineral sector.

KCM extends its appreciation to MESK for convening this impactful and engaging event, and we look forward to continued collaboration in building a vibrant and globally competitive mining sector for Kenya.

KCM policy Statements & Sector Engagement



The Kenya Chamber of Mines (KCM) recently issued two public statements reaffirming its commitment to lawful, transparent, and inclusive mining governance across Kenya.

Kakamega & Vihiga Counties (Shanta Gold & ASM):

KCM clarified its position by recognizing Shanta Gold as a duly licensed investor while also acknowledging the long-standing presence of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) communities, many of whom are KCM members. KCM emphasized the need for strict adherence to the Mining Act, 2016, safety and environmental compliance, and structured dialogue among all stakeholders to promote peaceful coexistence and shared prosperity.

Read the full statement:

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Kishushe, Taita Taveta County:

KCM addressed concerns around mineral rights and community relations, reaffirming its support for due process, landowner consent, and protection of the Mining Cadastre. The Chamber underscored its neutrality in disputes, rejection of political interference, and commitment to a Ministry-led, evidence-based mediation process to ensure a stable and investor-friendly mining environment.

Read the full statement:

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KCM remains committed to supporting constructive engagement that strengthens Kenya's mining sector and safeguards both community and investor interests.

KCM Mining Excellence Awardees 2025



At the 2025 KCM Gala Dinner & Mining Excellence Awards, the Kenya Chamber of Mines honoured individuals and institutions whose leadership, innovation, and commitment have made outstanding contributions to Kenya's mining sector. These awardees exemplify excellence, resilience, and responsible mining across the value chain.



Obsidian Laureate:
Gerald Masese's representative



Quartz Laureate:
George Jowi



Fluorite Laureate):
Donald Baraka



Tourmaline Laureate:
Moses Karanja



Sapphire Laureate:
Taita Taveta University



Tsavorite Laureate:
Miriam Kamau



Gold Laureate:
Karebe Gold Mining Ltd



Garnet Laureate:
Editha Samree Lewela

KCM Gala Dinner & Awards 2025

The Kenya Chamber of Mines successfully convened the KCM Gala Dinner & Mining Excellence Awards 2025 on Thursday, 11th December 2025, at The Boma Hotel, Nairobi, under the theme “Celebrating Excellence, and Renewing Momentum for Kenya’s Mining Future.”

The Gala Dinner served as a premier platform to celebrate leadership, resilience, innovation, and collaboration across Kenya’s mining ecosystem, while reinforcing a shared commitment to a sustainable and investor-ready sector.



High-Level Engagement and Sector Dialogue

The event brought together KCM members, government officials, academia, private sector leaders, development partners, students, and representatives of mining communities. In his address, KCM Chairman Dr. Kanyoro highlighted the Chamber’s advocacy journey, recent policy engagements, and the importance of collaboration in strengthening the sector.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Gregory Kituku, Director – Licensing, Compliance & Enforcement at the State Department for Mining, delivered key updates on government priorities, including ASM formalisation, licensing reforms, digitisation, revenue sharing frameworks, and strengthened community consent mechanisms, underscoring renewed momentum in sector governance.



A Major Milestone for Kenya’s Fluorspar Industry

A key highlight of the evening was the announcement of a landmark development in Kenya’s fluorspar sector. At the Gala Dinner, Sofax Fluorspar Kenya and Chinese EPC firm Mizztech officially finalized an agreement to restart operations at the historic Kenya Fluorspar Plant in Kerio Valley.

This follows an MoU signed in August 2025, and with all contractual terms now confirmed, Mizztech's technical team is already on-site to commence plant repair and full refurbishment. The project targets key operational milestones within three months, signalling a strong comeback for the fluorspar industry.

This milestone represents:

- Revival of one of Kenya's major mineral operations
- Creation of employment opportunities for local communities
- Increased value addition and industrial activity
- Stronger positioning of Kenya in the global fluorspar market

This partnership demonstrates renewed investor confidence and the power of strategic collaboration in driving sector-wide transformation.

Recognising Excellence Across the Sector

The Awards Ceremony celebrated outstanding contributions through various categories, including:

1. Gold Laureate (Lifetime Achievement): Karebe Gold Mining Ltd
2. Tsavorite Laureate (Outstanding Woman in Mining): Miriam Kamau (Mimo Gem Traders)
3. Sapphire Laureate (Academia): Taita Taveta University
4. Tourmaline Laureate (Young Achiever & Innovation): Moses Karanja
5. Fluorite Laureate (Value Addition & Market Development): Donald Baraka
6. Garnet Laureate (ASM of the Year): Editha Samree Lewela
7. Quartz Laureate (KCM Member of the Year): George Jowi
8. Obsidian Laureate (Distinguished Service): Gerald Masese

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Gratitude and Looking Ahead

KCM extends sincere appreciation to its sponsors Karebe Gold Mining Ltd, Carbacid, and Geomine, all partners, members, students, and stakeholders for their continued support. The Gala Dinner reaffirmed the Chamber's role as a unifying voice and catalyst for sustainable growth in Kenya's mining sector.

As the sector looks ahead, the momentum from the Gala Dinner reinforces a shared vision: a responsible, inclusive, and globally competitive mining industry for Kenya.

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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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