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KITUO UNVEILS STRATEGIC PLAN 2026–2030

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Guests, Kituo Board members, and staff pose for a group photo following the official launch of the Strategic Plan 2026–2030 at the Kituo Grounds.

The new strategy sets an ambitious course for the organisation's work over the next five years, strengthening its commitment to ensuring justice is accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of poor and marginalized communities.

The launch brought together distinguished leaders and stakeholders from Kenya's justice sector, reflecting the broad partnerships that have shaped Kituo's work over the years. Among those in attendance were Law Society of Kenya – Nairobi Branch President Eric Kivuva, FIDA Kenya Executive Director Sophie Kaibiria, Mr. Andrews Kananga from the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice, Mary Airo of the Paralegal Society of Kenya, Akingbolahan Adeniran of the African Alliance for People-Centered Justice (AAPCJ), Vivek Maru CEO of Namati, alongside representatives from the Parliament of Kenya, the Judiciary, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), civil society organisations, development partners, and other justice sector actors.

Building on more than five decades of legal empowerment, public interest litigation, policy advocacy, community paralegalism, and research, the Strategic Plan responds to emerging justice challenges while reinforcing Kituo's enduring mission of advancing legal empowerment, access to justice, and human rights for all. The strategy recognises the evolving realities facing communities, including climate change, forced migration, economic inequality, governance challenges, shrinking civic space, and rapid technological transformation.

At the heart of the Strategic Plan are six interconnected strategic focus areas that will guide Kituo's work through 2030:

- Land, Environmental and Climate Justice
- Governance Justice and Rule of Law
- Migration Justice and Governance
- Legal Aid and Empowerment
- Economic and Social Justice
- Organisational Development and Sustainability



Participants follow the proceedings during the official launch of the Strategic Plan at the Kituo Grounds.

These focus areas reflect Kituo's belief that justice challenges are interconnected and require integrated, community-driven solutions. Through this Strategy, the organisation will continue delivering legal aid and education, strengthening community paralegalism, pursuing strategic public interest litigation, generating evidence through research, influencing policy, expanding public legal awareness, fostering innovation, and building partnerships that place communities at the centre of justice systems.

The Strategic Plan also positions Kituo to respond to emerging justice issues through innovation, technology, evidence-based programming, and stronger collaboration with state institutions, civil society organisations, academia, grassroots movements, and development partners. By strengthening these partnerships, Kituo aims to expand access to legal aid, enhance public legal awareness, improve documentation of human rights violations, and support inclusive participation in governance and justice processes.



Guests and members of the Kituo Board of Directors pose for a photo holding copies of the Self-Representation Manual for Small Claims Court Litigants during its official launch.

Self-Representation Manual for Small Claims Court Litigants

Alongside the launch of the Strategic Plan, Kituo also unveiled the Self-Representation Manual for Small Claims Court Litigants, a practical resource designed to strengthen access to justice for everyday Kenyans navigating the justice system without legal representation. Developed with support from UNDP Amkeni Wakenya, the Manual provides clear, simplified guidance to help litigants confidently present their cases before Small Claims Courts. By breaking down legal procedures into easy-to-understand steps, the publication advances legal empowerment and makes justice more understandable, accessible, and usable at the grassroots level. The Manual exemplifies the vision of the Strategic Plan by advancing people-centred justice through innovation, legal aid, and community empowerment, while reducing barriers to justice and promoting the timely resolution of disputes.



Dr. Wambua Kituku displays a copy of the Self-Representation Manual for Small Claims Court Litigants during its official launch.

As Kituo embarks on implementing the Strategic Plan 2026–2030, the organisation remains committed to working alongside communities, justice institutions, civil society, government, development partners, and regional actors to address emerging human rights challenges and expand access to justice. Guided by its vision of a just, fair, and equitable society, Kituo will continue empowering people to know the law, use the law, and shape the law, ensuring that people-centred justice transforms lives and communities across Kenya and beyond.



Kituo Board Chairperson, Mr. Justus Munyithya, delivers his remarks during the official launch of the Strategic Plan at the Kituo Grounds.

WHY KITUO'S NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION MATTERS NOW

For over five decades, Kituo Cha Sheria has been synonymous with access to justice in Kenya. Since its establishment in 1973, the organisation has stood with those who would otherwise have no voice in the justice system, representing families facing eviction, defending the rights of refugees, championing labour rights, securing landmark constitutional judgments, and providing legal aid to thousands of poor and marginalized people. This work has shaped Kenya's legal landscape and demonstrated that justice should never depend on one's ability to pay.

The impact of Kituo's previous strategic plan reflects this legacy. Over the last five years, the organisation provided legal advice and support to more than 36,000 people, supported nearly 25,000 refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons, reached close to 10,000 people through advocacy and paralegal initiatives, established more than 26 Social Justice Centres, expanded legal aid clinics across the country, strengthened partnerships with justice institutions, and continued to secure landmark public interest litigation that advanced constitutional rights and government accountability.

These achievements are significant. They demonstrate that legal aid changes lives, protects rights, and remains an indispensable pillar of access to justice. Yet, as Kituo reflected on the implementation of the previous strategy and undertook

research on legal empowerment in Kenya and beyond, another reality became increasingly evident. While legal aid addresses immediate legal needs, it cannot, on its own, eliminate the structural barriers that continually produce injustice. Every successful court case is often followed by hundreds of similar disputes because the underlying causes remain unresolved.

"Our research in Kenya and beyond affirmed what we have witnessed throughout Kituo's 53-year journey: legal aid is indispensable, but lasting justice is achieved when people are empowered to understand their rights, navigate justice systems, and influence the decisions that affect their lives. That evidence informed our Strategic Plan 2026–2030 and our commitment to advancing people-centred justice through legal empowerment, ensuring that communities not only access justice, but become active participants in creating it." Mr. Justus Munyithya, Chairperson, Board of Directors



Kituo team displaying the Strategic Plan dummy book during the launch.

Recognising these emerging challenges, Kituo's Strategic Plan 2026–2030 shifts its emphasis towards advancing people-centred justice for all in Kenya and beyond. This is not a departure from legal aid, nor does it diminish the importance of strategic litigation or legal representation. Rather, it builds upon five decades of experience and evidence by placing greater emphasis on ensuring that people themselves become central actors in the pursuit of justice.



Guests and members of the Kituo Board of Directors pose for a photo holding copies of the Strategic Plan during its official launch.

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Chief Justice Hon. Justice Martha Koome addresses participants during the 4th Annual Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) Conference in Embu.

WHAT DOES JUSTICE LOOK LIKE BEYOND THE COURTROOM? REFLECTIONS FROM THE 4TH NATIONAL AJS CONFERENCE

When a dispute is resolved through dialogue instead of litigation, when divided families find common ground, or when communities choose reconciliation over conflict, what does justice truly look like? Can justice be measured by the number of cases concluded, or should it be seen in stronger families, peaceful communities, and restored relationships? Is justice simply about reaching a legal decision, or is it about restoring relationships, rebuilding trust, and enabling communities to live together in peace?

These thought-provoking questions and the pursuit of Data-Driven Pathways for People-Centred Justice in Kenya, the theme of the conference, set the tone for the 4th National Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) Conference, held from 16–19 June 2026 at Embu

University. The four-day conference brought together an unprecedented gathering of justice leaders, including judges, magistrates, policymakers, researchers, community justice practitioners, civil society organisations, county governments, traditional dispute resolution practitioners, academia, and development partners from across Africa. Together, they explored how justice systems can become more responsive to the needs of the people they serve by placing communities, dignity, and lasting solutions at the centre of justice delivery.



Chief Justice Hon. Martha Koome and Chief Justices from across Africa join delegates for a group photo during the AJS Conference in Embu

“Traditionally, justice systems have relied on indicators such as case filings, case clearance rates, backlog reduction, and the speed of case resolution. These measures remain important... However, they do not always capture the full experience of justice from the perspective of the people we serve.” Hon. Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya.

For Kituo, the conference was a valuable platform to contribute to the growing national and continental conversation on people-centred justice. Throughout the event, the organisation engaged with justice sector actors, exchanged experiences, and strengthened its commitment to ensuring that justice is not only accessible but also meaningful, inclusive, and transformative for the communities it serves.

A key highlight of Kituo Cha Sheria's participation was its exhibition booth, which attracted delegates from across the justice sector eager to learn about the organisation's work in advancing Alternative Justice Systems and legal empowerment. The booth showcased Kituo's decades of experience in promoting community-led justice through legal aid, community paralegal programmes, mediation, legal empowerment initiatives, and advocacy for Alternative Justice Systems. Through publications, resource materials, and interactions with delegates, Kituo demonstrated how empowering communities to understand, use, and shape the law contributes to peaceful dispute resolution, stronger institutions, and improved access to justice. The exhibition also created opportunities to build new partnerships, share best practices, and highlight the important role civil society continues to play in advancing people-centred justice in Kenya.



Kituo team at the Kituo booth during the 4th National Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) Conference at Embu University, showcasing its work

Throughout the conference, discussions challenged participants to rethink how justice is measured. While court performance has traditionally been assessed through indicators such as cases filed, concluded, and clearance rates, participants argued that these measures tell only part of the story. Equally important are outcomes that are often less visible but far more meaningful, whether relationships have been restored, communities have reconciled, rights have been protected, and future conflicts prevented.

“We must move from counting cases to measuring justice, from throughput to outcomes, from efficiency to human flourishing. That is the future.” Hon. Justice (Prof) Joel Ngugi, Chair, NaSCI-AJS.

The conference also reinforced the growing recognition of Alternative Justice Systems as an essential pillar of Kenya's justice architecture. As implementation of Article 159 of the



Hon. Idrissa Sow, Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, visits Kituo's exhibition booth during the AJS Conference in Embu.

Constitution continues to deepen, stakeholders emphasised the importance of strengthening community-based justice mechanisms while generating evidence that demonstrates their impact on people's lives.

The culmination of the conference marked another significant milestone for the AJS movement in Africa. The event was attended by 16 Chief Justices from across the continent, highlighting the growing continental commitment to people-centred justice and the exchange of innovative approaches to expanding access to justice. The conference also witnessed the official launch of the Embu Alternative Justice Systems Suite, a landmark initiative that strengthens institutional support for community-based dispute resolution and further embeds Alternative Justice Systems within Kenya's justice sector.



Chief Justice Hon. Martha Koome leads delegates during the commissioning of the Embu Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) Suite in Embu.

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BRIDGING JUSTICE GAPS

Across many communities, justice is experienced not only through court decisions but also through restored relationships, peaceful coexistence, dignity, and solutions that respond to everyday realities. This requires a broader understanding of justice, one that goes beyond the number of cases filed or concluded and focuses on whether people are heard, empowered, and able to access meaningful remedies.

This is where Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) continue to play a critical role. By providing accessible, participatory, and community-driven approaches to resolving disputes, AJS offer important pathways for addressing justice gaps and ensuring that justice systems respond to the needs of the people they serve.



Our Executive Director, Dr. Wambua Kituku (far left), participates in a panel discussion on Measuring Justice Realization and Justice Gaps during the AJS Conference in Embu.

During the conference, Kituo Cha Sheria representatives contributed to key discussions on strengthening Alternative Justice Systems from different perspectives.



Our Programme Officer, Joy Nasike, participates in a panel discussion on Social Justice and Paralegalism during the AJS Conference in Embu.

Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku spoke on measuring justice realization and justice gaps, emphasizing the need to assess justice by its impact on people's lives and to use evidence to identify and address justice gaps. Programme Officer Patricia Nekoye discussed land justice, highlighting the importance of community participation and Alternative Justice Systems in resolving land disputes fairly and peacefully. Programme Officer Joy Nasike focused on social justice and paralegalism, underscoring the role of community paralegals in empowering communities through legal awareness and support. Programme Officer Jimmy Sayi explored the use of technology in Alternative Justice Systems, demonstrating how digital tools can strengthen case management, documentation, knowledge sharing, and public engagement while complementing community-based justice.

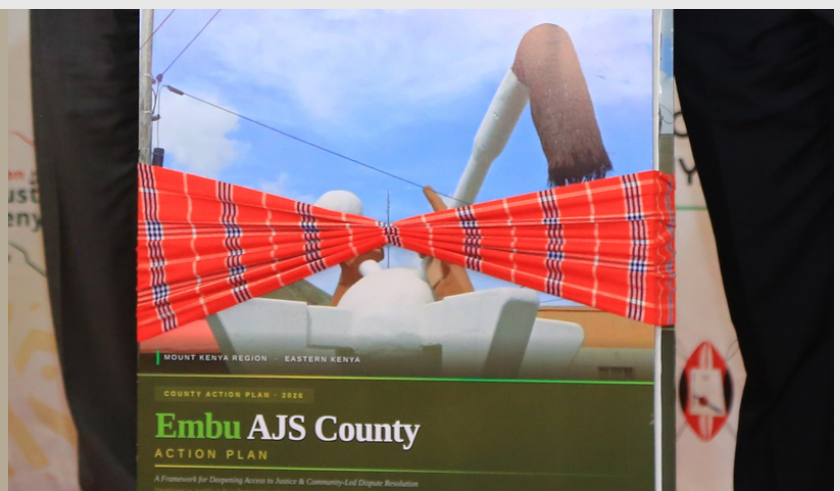
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WHAT AJS NEED TO SUCCEED

When people understand the law, they make better decisions. They identify injustice early. They seek help before conflicts escalate. They become less vulnerable to exploitation, corruption, discrimination, and abuse...

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COURT DECLARES STATE VIOLATED RIGHTS OF KENYAN MIGRANT WORKERS

The High Court of Kenya has declared that the Government violated the constitutional and human rights of Kenyan migrant workers in the Middle East and ordered comprehensive reforms to strengthen their protection.

In this landmark public interest petition filed by Kituo Cha Sheria on behalf of victims of labour migration abuses, the Court directed stronger regulation of recruitment agencies, enforcement of the legal framework governing foreign employment, and the development of a comprehensive Labour Migration law and a harmonised national labour migration policy.

The petition, *Constitutional Petition No. E038 of 2023*, was filed on 25 February 2023 before the Employment and Labour Relations Court in Nairobi. It challenged the State's failure to protect Kenyan migrant workers from modern-day slavery, human trafficking, exploitation, violence, torture, abuse and deaths in Middle East countries, while seeking accountability for violations committed against migrant workers.

The matter was heard before Lady Justice Jemimah Keli, who delivered judgment on 19 June 2026, holding that the petition had merit and that the State had failed in its constitutional obligation to protect Kenyan migrant workers.

In her judgment, Justice Keli declared that Kenyan migrant workers and victims of labour migration abuses are entitled to effective protection by the State against modern-day slavery, human trafficking, violence, physical

injury, threats, deportation, rape, death and other human rights violations. The Court found that the Government had neglected and abdicated this constitutional responsibility.

The Court further held that the failures and omissions of the State violated the petitioners' legitimate expectation of accountability, as well as their constitutional rights to life, human dignity, freedom from slavery and servitude, freedom from torture, access to information and fair labour practices.

Among the key orders issued, the Court directed the Ministry of Labour, the Kenya National Employment Authority, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Directorate of Immigration and other relevant State agencies to strictly enforce existing laws governing foreign contracts of service by requiring recruitment agencies to deposit security bonds. The Court also ordered an immediate fresh vetting of all local employment recruitment agencies to strengthen oversight and accountability within Kenya's labour migration system.

Recognising the existing policy and legislative gaps, the Court directed that the judgment be transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General for consideration in developing a comprehensive Labour Migration law and a harmonised national labour migration policy to better safeguard Kenyan migrant workers.

The Court further ordered the Government to repatriate, at State expense, the body of the late Lucy Wambui Ng'ang'a, one of the victims whose death formed part of the petition, and recommended that the

Kenya National Commission on Human Rights follow up on investigations into her death and other unexplained deaths of Kenyan migrant workers in the Middle East.

While declining to award monetary compensation, the Court held that the declarations and orders issued sufficiently vindicated the constitutional rights of the petitioners, noting that the case was brought in the broader public interest to protect all Kenyan migrant workers rather than only the individual petitioners. Each party was ordered to bear its own costs.

The judgment marks one of Kenya's most significant judicial pronouncements on labour migration and reinforces the State's constitutional duty to protect citizens working abroad. It also provides a clear roadmap for reforms aimed at strengthening governance, accountability and protection within Kenya's labour migration framework.

Read the full judgment: <https://kituochasheria.or.ke/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Judgement-for-middle-east.pdf>

ADVANCING JUSTICE FOR GARISSA UNIVERSITY ATTACK VICTIM



More than a decade after the devastating 2015 Garissa University terrorist attack that claimed 147 lives and left 79 others injured, efforts to secure justice, accountability, and meaningful redress for victims and their families continue.

Following the court's landmark compensation verdict, Kituo Cha Sheria's Legal Aid and Empowerment Coordinator, John Mwariri, on 22 April 2026 joined KTN News Kenya to discuss the legal implications of the decision and the steps necessary towards its implementation.

Watch the full discussion:

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KITUO TAKES LEGAL AID SERVICES TO KISII



Kituo legal team and volunteer advocates pose for a group photo during volunteer advocate recruitment training in Kisii.

For many people, access to justice remains a challenge due to limited access to legal information, guidance, and affordable legal support. To bridge this gap, Kituo Cha Sheria conducted a four-day Legal Aid Clinic from 13–17 April 2026 at Kisii Stage Market, bringing essential legal services closer to the community.

During the clinic, clients were screened and provided with legal advice, information, and guidance on various justice-related concerns. The initiative aimed to empower community members with knowledge of their rights and available legal remedies, enabling them to better navigate legal processes.

Supported by Misereor, the team also conducted the training and recruitment of volunteer advocates to strengthen community-based legal support. Kituo continues to promote access to justice and bring justice closer to the people by expanding community-based legal support and ensuring that individuals can access timely and responsive legal assistance.

KITUO PARTICIPATES IN KADHIS COURT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Advancing people-centred justice requires continuous engagement with institutions that shape access to justice for all.

On 9 June 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria Executive Director, Dr. Wambua Kituku, participated in the Kadhis Court Annual Conference, engaging with key stakeholders on strengthening justice delivery and enhancing access to justice for communities across Kenya.

The conference provided an opportunity for stakeholders to share experiences, reflect on emerging justice needs, and explore approaches towards improving the accessibility, inclusiveness, and responsiveness of justice systems.

Kituo Executive Director, Dr. Wambua Kituku, (centre) participates in the Kadhis Court Annual Conference



KITUO JOINS LAUNCH OF SAJILI ARDHI YA JAMII CAMPAIGN

Community land rights remain central to justice, dignity, and secure livelihoods for millions of Kenyans. Ten years after the enactment of the Community Land Act, 2016, the focus must now shift from promise to full implementation.

On 23 June 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria joined partners at the launch of the Sajili Ardhi Ya Jamii Campaign, calling for accelerated and simplified registration of community lands to secure constitutional land rights for all communities.



KITUO JOINS GLOBAL CAMPAIGN ON JUSTICE AND PEACEBUILDING

Kituo Cha Sheria joined the global campaign held from 22–26 June 2026, highlighting the power of collaboration in achieving lasting change and sustainable peace through inclusive justice.

The campaign promoted dialogue on how customary and informal justice systems are transforming peacebuilding efforts worldwide, while encouraging broader participation in conversations on strengthening inclusive and people-centred approaches to justice.



ADVANCING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS

On 22 May 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria participated in a stakeholder conference hosted by Ubuntu Youth Organization (UYO) and Afya na Haki, in partnership with Litigating Reproductive Justice in Africa, to strengthen collaboration in advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) justice in Kenya.

The conference focused on preventing Gender-Based Violence (GBV), expanding access to safe and legal abortion services, and promoting coordinated action to improve access to justice and reproductive rights.

REIMAGINING RESEARCH TO ADVANCE PEOPLE-CENTRED JUSTICE

The struggle to protect and expand civic space is increasingly becoming a struggle over evidence. As governments, civil society, and communities navigate shrinking civic freedoms, research is no longer simply a tool for documenting challenges; it is an essential foundation for advancing people-centred justice. By generating credible evidence, amplifying lived experiences, and informing public policy, research helps ensure that justice systems respond to people's realities rather than abstract assumptions. This perspective shaped



Kituo Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku (2nd left) poses for a photo during the Ottawa Civic Space Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

discussions during the "Reimagine Research: Powering Civic Practice and Infrastructure" panel at the inaugural Ottawa Civic Space Summit, held from 9–11 June 2026 in Ottawa, Canada, where Kituo Cha Sheria Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku joined global experts in examining

the role of research in protecting and expanding civic space.

Research enables civil society to identify emerging threats, understand how restrictions affect different groups, and develop practical, evidence-based responses. Whether addressing restrictive laws, digital surveillance, or the silencing of civic voices, credible research strengthens advocacy, informs policy reforms, and promotes accountability. In this way, it becomes an essential pillar for safeguarding civic space and strengthening democratic participation.



Kituo ED Dr. Wambua Kituku (3rd left) participates in a panel discussion at the Ottawa Civic Space Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

"Research is most powerful when it begins with people. At Kituo Cha Sheria, we see research as more than generating evidence, it is about understanding the justice needs of communities and using that evidence to shape policy, strengthen advocacy, and build justice systems that are responsive, inclusive, and accountable. When research reflects lived experiences, it becomes a catalyst for protecting civic space and advancing

people-centred justice." Dr. Wambua Kituku, Executive Director, Kituo Cha Sheria

Research is not simply about generating knowledge, it is about ensuring that the voices, experiences, and justice needs of communities shape the decisions that affect their lives. By producing credible, community-driven evidence, research bridges the gap

between people and institutions, ensuring that advocacy is rooted in lived realities and that laws and policies respond to the challenges communities face. In this way, research becomes a catalyst for legal empowerment, equipping people to know the law, use the law, and shape the law. It strengthens civic participation, enables communities to influence reforms that protect rights and expand civic freedoms, and contributes to building

more responsive and accountable justice systems.

"Research only becomes meaningful when it empowers people. The evidence we generate must amplify community voices, inform reforms, and strengthen justice systems that are responsive to the people they serve." Dr. Wambua Kituku, Executive Director, Kituo Cha Sheria

At Kituo Cha Sheria, research is integral to advancing people-centred justice in Kenya and beyond. It informs legal aid, community legal education, strategic litigation, and policy advocacy, ensuring that community experiences drive legal and policy reforms. From labour migration and forced displacement to alternative justice systems, land and housing rights, and access to justice, research provides the evidence that strengthens advocacy, amplifies community voices, and advances legal empowerment by enabling people to know the law, use the law, and shape the law. In doing so, it helps create a more open civic space where justice is informed by the realities and aspirations of the people it serves.

As civic space continues to evolve, the need for research that is collaborative, community-driven, and action-oriented has never been greater. Beyond informing policy and advocacy, such research strengthens public trust, deepens democratic participation, and ensures that justice systems remain responsive to the people they serve. By placing communities at the centre of knowledge production, research becomes a powerful force for protecting civic space and advancing people-centred justice in Kenya and beyond.



Kituo ED Dr. Wambua Kituku (2nd left) participates in a panel discussion at the Ottawa Civic Space Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

KITUO AT THE REGIONAL LAND GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP



Kituo Programme Officer Jimmy Sayi (2nd left) participating in a panel discussion.

Kituo Cha Sheria participated in a two-day regional workshop held on 1 April 2026 on Land, Rights and Justice: Advancing Human Rights-Based Land Governance, convened by FAO Kenya and TMG – Töpfer Müller Gaßner. The workshop brought together public institutions and civil society organizations from Sierra Leone, Malawi, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya to exchange experiences and explore approaches for strengthening rights-based land governance.

Programme Officers Jimmy Sayi and Faith Nyiva contributed to a panel discussion on Rights for Land monitoring, sharing Kenya's experience in applying the tool through the Land Sector Non-State Actors (LSNSA) network to assess land governance. Their presentation highlighted how the initiative has helped bridge the gap between land laws and the realities faced by communities by generating evidence to inform more inclusive and accountable land governance practices.

The workshop provided an important platform for regional learning, knowledge exchange, and collaboration towards advancing equitable, participatory, and human rights-based approaches to land governance across Africa.



Mombasa Coordinator Conrad Atiang (2nd right) and Kituo Legal Officer Kingsley Taabu (2nd left) pose for a photo during the discussion.

KITUO CONTRIBUTES TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT REFORM DISCUSSIONS

On 21 April 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria participated in a stakeholders' forum convened by the Kenya Judiciary's Small Claims Court Standing Committee, chaired by Justice Anthony Mrima, to discuss proposed amendments to the Small Claims Court Act, Rules, and Advocates Remuneration Order.

Represented by Mombasa Coordinator Conrad Atiang and Legal Officer Kingsley Taabu, Kituo made submissions on key areas including the transfer of matters between courts, alignment of appellate timelines with originating suits, and clarification of definition provisions.

KITUO MAKES SUBMISSIONS ON FINANCE BILL 2026

At the public hearing on the Finance Bill 2026 held on 30 May 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria legal team members John Mwariri and Casey Osero presented oral submissions before the National Assembly's Finance and Planning Committee.

Kituo called for a people-centred fiscal framework that upholds human dignity, protects socio-economic rights, and promotes equitable access to justice for all. The submissions emphasized the need for tax and public finance measures that do not disproportionately burden vulnerable and marginalized communities, while ensuring that public resources are allocated in a manner that advances constitutional rights and social justice.



Kituo legal team with Members of Parliament during a public hearing at Parliament.

KITUO PARTICIPATES IN PUBLIC DEBT ACCOUNTABILITY AND FISCAL JUSTICE TRAINING



Participants pose for a group photo during a training session.

Kituo Cha Sheria Programme Officer, Glory Kairi, joined fellow civil society and media practitioners at a Public Debt Accountability and Fiscal Justice training convened by the International Republican Institute (IRI).

The training enhanced participants' understanding of public debt management, fiscal accountability, and the importance of informed citizen engagement in advancing transparent governance.



Kituo Programme Officer Glory Kairi engages participants during a training session.



STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO JUSTICE THROUGH THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT IN MOMBASA

During the reporting period, Kituo Cha Sheria implemented a series of interventions to strengthen the Small Claims Court (SCC) in Mombasa under the Mahakama Huru Nyanjani Project. The initiative focused on improving access to affordable, timely, and people-centred justice by engaging communities, strengthening institutional capacity, and supporting policy and practice reforms. Kituo participated in national discussions on proposed amendments to the Small Claims Court Act, convened the Mombasa Court Users Committee to address operational challenges affecting the Court, and strengthened the capacity of registry staff to enhance client-centred service delivery and the use of digital court services. Capacity-building sessions were also conducted for Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) practitioners and urban refugee paralegals to improve their understanding of SCC procedures and enable them to better support communities in resolving disputes.

At the community level, Kituo conducted legal awareness forums in Jomvu Kuu, Kisauni, and Nyali, equipping residents with practical knowledge on the role and procedures of the Small Claims Court, particularly in resolving debt and contractual disputes. To further support litigants, Kituo validated a Self-Representation Manual that provides simple, step-by-step guidance for individuals navigating court processes without legal representation, helping to make the justice system more accessible to vulnerable and low-income court users.



Kituo Programme Officer Kingsley Taabu engages with the community in Jomvu Kuu.



Kituo Mombasa Regional Manager Conrad Atiang (left) and Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku (2nd left) participate in a panel discussion during the close-out stakeholder engagement.

The project culminated in a close-out stakeholder engagement held on 30 June 2026, where Kituo brought together justice sector actors supporting the Small Claims Court in Mombasa to reflect on the achievements of the Mahakama Huru Nyanjani Project. Participants reviewed key milestones, shared lessons learned, discussed implementation challenges, and explored strategies for sustaining the project's impact. The engagement highlighted progress in increasing public awareness of the Small Claims Court, supporting self-representing litigants, and strengthening collaboration among justice sector stakeholders to enhance access to people-centred justice in Mombasa..

ENHANCING GRASSROOTS LEGAL AID

On 1 April 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria participated in a Knowledge Sharing Forum at the Dandora Justice Centre under the Justice Ventures International Project, joining community justice centres in advancing access to justice for underserved communities.

The forum brought together representatives from community justice centres to exchange experiences, review ongoing cases, and explore practical approaches to improving legal aid services at the grassroots. Participants reflected on lessons learned and identified gaps affecting the delivery of justice in informal settlements, including Mathare, Kibra, and Kawangware.

Discussions focused on strengthening the capacity of community paralegals, improving case management systems, and enhancing referral pathways for survivors of human rights violations. Participants also explored opportunities for greater collaboration among justice actors to ensure timely, coordinated, and people-centred legal support.



Kituo legal intern , Whitney Oliech facilitates a forum session in Dandora.

RAWI-EA COALITION ADVANCES REFUGEE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND DECENT WORK



RAWI-EA Coalition members engage in a quarterly meeting at NRC.

During the second quarter of the year, the Refugee Access to Work and Inclusion – East Africa (RAWI-EA) Coalition convened its monthly coordination meetings at Youth Voices Community (YVC), Umoja Refugee Creative, and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), bringing together partners to review progress, address emerging challenges, and agree on practical actions to enhance refugee access to justice and expand pathways to decent and dignified work.

The meetings provided a platform for coalition members to strengthen collaboration, identify barriers affecting refugee communities, and explore solutions that promote inclusion, economic participation, and self-reliance. Discussions highlighted the critical link between legal empowerment and economic inclusion, emphasizing the importance of ensuring refugees

understand their rights, access legal support, and participate in labour markets free from discrimination and exploitation.

Partners identified key advocacy priorities, including advancing inclusive labour policies, promoting recognition of refugees' right to work, supporting market-driven skills development, and addressing barriers that limit refugees' economic opportunities. The coalition also emphasized the importance of centering refugee voices in policy processes and strengthening partnerships among government, civil society, and private sector actors.



RAWI Coalition members pose for a group photo during the quarterly meeting held at YVC.

KITUO AND HIIIL COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP JUSTICE NEEDS SURVEY TOOL ON AJS



Rodrigo Nunoz of HiiL facilitates a training session in Nairobi.

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with HiiL (The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law), convened a two-day co-creation session to develop a Justice Needs and Satisfaction (JNS) Survey tool on Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), aimed at generating robust, people-centred data on how justice is experienced and delivered across Kenya.

The engagement brought together the National Steering Committee on the Implementation of Alternative Justice Systems (NaSci-AJS), representatives from the Judiciary, and other justice stakeholders to collaboratively design a survey tool that captures community experiences, challenges, and perceptions regarding the use of AJS in resolving disputes.

The session focused on strengthening the technical, methodological, and ethical approaches required for effective data collection, while refining the JNS Survey framework and

indicators to reflect Kenya's justice landscape. Participants reviewed and validated data collection tools and processes, including qualitative approaches such as Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and Key Informant Interview (KII) guidelines.



Participants pose for a group photo during the training session.

Through collaborative discussions, stakeholders contributed to the development of Kenya-specific indicators that will enable the survey to capture people's experiences, barriers, perceptions, and outcomes in accessing justice, particularly through Alternative Justice Systems.



HiiL representatives, AJS Secretariat members, and Dr. Wambua Kituku (2nd right) during the training.

KITUO ENGAGES SAMBURU COMMUNITIES



Kituo team engages with the community in Samburu.

Between 25 and 29 May 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria engaged with community members in Samburu County who are the petitioners in an environmental justice case before the Isiolo High Court.

The engagement provided an opportunity to update the community on the progress of the petition, which raises critical concerns on food security, meaningful public participation, and emerging carbon credit arrangements on community land.

Through direct consultations with affected communities, Kituo continued to gather additional information and strengthen the evidence base supporting the petition ahead of the court's ruling on conservatory orders. The discussions also provided a platform for community members to share their experiences, concerns, and expectations regarding the protection of their land rights and livelihoods.



Kituo Programme Officer Patricia Nekoye engages with the community in Samburu.

LAUNCH OF RESEARCH ON INFORMAL WORKERS



Kituo MJG Coordinator Margret Kemuma (2nd right) during the launch.

Kituo Cha Sheria's Migration Justice and Governance Coordinator, Margaret Kemuma, attended the launch of the groundbreaking research report *Margin to Metrics* by Haki Data Labs on 7 April 2026.

The study examines the experiences of Nairobi's waste pickers, domestic workers, matatu operators, and refugees working in informal sectors, highlighting their vital contributions despite limited recognition and protection. It calls for improved data, policies, and social protection measures that uphold dignity and labour rights. The findings align with Kituo Cha Sheria's Migration Justice and Governance Programme, which advances legal empowerment and people-centred justice for refugees, migrants, and marginalized communities.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with the Legal Caravan, marked the International Day of Families on 15 May 2026 with a legal awareness session for refugees and host communities at Umoja Refugee Creative in Kabiria. The session focused on citizenship rights and the importance of legal identity in promoting inclusion and protecting vulnerable families.

Participants explored Article 14 of the Constitution of Kenya and the role of nationality documentation in accessing services and safeguarding the rights of refugee families and children at risk of statelessness.



ADVANCING AJS IN KWALE COUNTY

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with the National Steering Committee on the Implementation of Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), supported the development of the Kwale County AJS Action Plan through a consultative session involving justice actors, constitutional bodies, civil society organizations, and community representatives.

The session identified local justice challenges, assessed community needs, and explored ways to strengthen AJS through restorative approaches that promote access to justice, peace, and social cohesion.



KITUO BUILDS CAPACITY OF DANDORA PARALEGALS

Kituo Cha Sheria, with support from Justice Ventures International (JVI), conducted a five-day capacity-building training for paralegals from the Nairobi Chapter Social Justice Centers Working Group in Dandora.

The training strengthened community justice actors' capacity to prevent and respond to human rights violations through skills on human trafficking prevention, survivor support, trauma-informed care, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and ethical data collection and protection.



COURT ORDERS CLOSURE AND RELOCATION OF MALINDI DUMPSITE

A landmark environmental justice victory has been achieved in Malindi after the Environment and Land Court ordered the closure and relocation of the Malindi dumpsite, following a petition filed by the Malindi Residents Development Group (MRDG), with legal support from Kituo Cha Sheria.

The matter, Malindi Residents Development Group & another v County Government of Kilifi & 4 others, Petition No. 6 of 2022, was determined by the Environment and Land Court at Malindi, with judgment delivered on 26 May 2026 by Justice Mwangi Njoroge. The petition challenged the continued operation of the dumpsite and raised concerns over environmental degradation, public health risks, and violations of residents' constitutional rights.

The Court found that the continued dumping and burning of waste at the site violated residents' constitutional rights, including the right to a clean and healthy environment, health, and access to information. The Court further directed the County Government of Kilifi to cease waste disposal activities at the site, identify and relocate the dumpsite to a suitable location in compliance with environmental laws, and undertake restoration of the degraded environment.

The case centred on concerns raised by residents over the impact of uncontrolled waste disposal at the dumpsite located in the Casuarina area of Malindi. Evidence presented before the Court highlighted concerns including pollution, open burning of waste, and the risks posed to surrounding communities, ecosystems, and livelihoods.

Through the support provided by Kituo, the affected community was able to pursue legal remedies and seek accountability for environmental harm. The judgment represents a significant milestone in advancing environmental justice and demonstrates the importance of community-led action in protecting constitutional rights and holding duty bearers accountable.

The Court's decision further reinforces the obligation of public institutions to ensure sustainable waste management practices that protect communities and safeguard the right to a clean and healthy environment.

Full Judgment:

<https://kituochasheria.or.ke/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/DOC-20260529-WA0030.pdf>



KITUO JOINS JUDICIARY CARAVAN IN MOMBASA

Kituo Cha Sheria, in collaboration with the Mombasa Small Claims Court, participated in a Judiciary Caravan on 29 June 2026 to raise public awareness of the mandate and services of the Small Claims Court.

The outreach engaged community members, particularly business owners and small-scale traders, on how they can access the Small Claims Court to resolve commercial disputes in a manner that is faster, more affordable, and efficient than conventional court processes. Participants also received information on the court's jurisdiction and procedures.

The Judiciary Caravan provided an important platform for promoting public awareness of accessible justice mechanisms and encouraging greater use of the Small Claims Court in resolving commercial disputes.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS ON REFUGEE INCLUSION

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with the Nairobi City County Government, convened community dialogue sessions on 18 June 2026, bringing together refugees and host community members in Soweto (Bahati) at the Soweto Multi-Purpose KDZ Hall and in Kasarani at the Chieko Youth Empowerment Centre.

The discussions focused on the rights and responsibilities of refugees and the

Shirika Plan, fostering awareness, dialogue, and stronger collaboration between refugees and host communities.

Through these engagements, participants exchanged insights, addressed concerns, and explored pathways towards inclusion, peaceful coexistence, and access to justice for all. The dialogue sessions provided a platform for strengthening mutual understanding and encouraging collaborative approaches to refugee integration and community cohesion.



Kituo Legal Assistant Richard Musyoki facilitating a community forum in Kasarani.

STAKEHOLDERS CONVENE TO ADVANCE REFUGEE INTEGRATION IN NAIROBI COUNTY

Kituo Cha Sheria, in partnership with the Nairobi City County Government, convened a Stakeholders Forum in Nairobi to discuss the implementation of the Nairobi County Refugee Integration Strategy.

The forum brought together government institutions, development partners, civil society organizations, refugee-led organizations, and community representatives to reflect on progress made in promoting refugee inclusion within Nairobi County and identify existing gaps and opportunities for stronger collaboration. Participants also acknowledged the work of the Refugee Access to Work and Inclusion –



Participants engage during stakeholder forum in Nairobi.

Eastern Africa (RAWI-EA) Coalition in advancing refugee inclusion and access to livelihoods across the region.

The discussions highlighted the importance of ensuring that refugees can access essential services, including healthcare, education, livelihoods, and social protection, while fostering peaceful coexistence between refugees and host communities.



Participants pose for a group photo after the stakeholder forum in Nairobi.



Participants engage during the Pre-AJS Conference.

KITUO JOINS AJS PRE-CONFERENCE FORUMS

Ahead of the 4th National Conference on Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), Kituo Cha Sheria participated in a pre-conference engagement on "Promoting Access to Justice through Alternative Justice Systems among the Refugee Population: What Works" on 14 May 2026. The forum brought together key justice sector actors to discuss inclusive, community-based approaches to advancing access to justice for refugees.

Kituo also joined a high-level webinar series, sharing insights from its legal empowerment and refugee protection work while highlighting the role of Alternative Justice Systems in complementing the formal justice system.



Kituo Programme Officer Jimmy Sayi during a panel discussion.



KITUO MOVES TO COURT TO PROTECT NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK FROM BOMAS EXPANSION

Kituo Cha Sheria has moved to the Environment and Land Court seeking to halt the proposed excision of 76 acres of Nairobi National Park for the expansion of the Bomas International Convention Centre, arguing that the project threatens one of Kenya's most important protected ecosystems and violates constitutional and environmental safeguards.

The petition, filed by Kituo Cha Sheria alongside JustAct as Environment and Land Court Petition No. 19 of 2026 in Nairobi, challenges approvals issued by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and actions by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) relating to the redevelopment project.

According to the petitioners, the proposed relocation of the Nairobi Animal Orphanage is being used to facilitate a commercial development that would permanently alter protected parkland. Kituo argues that the project will result in the loss of approximately 76 acres of indigenous forest, a critical habitat for the endangered black rhinoceros and other wildlife, while undermining the ecological integrity of Nairobi National Park.

In a supporting affidavit, Kituo Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku states that the project was flagged by the Auditor-General in the 2024/25 financial year after it was found not to have been budgeted for, raising concerns over its legality and financing. The affidavit also questions the project's funding model, which was later revealed to involve the Tourism Fund under a Public-Private Partnership arrangement.

The petition also argues that the project violates Article 42 of the Constitution, which guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, and Article 69, which obligates the State to protect ecologically sensitive areas and conserve biodiversity for present and future generations. Converting protected conservation land into commercial infrastructure would undermine these constitutional obligations.

Kituo further contends that the public participation process did not meet constitutional and statutory requirements. According to the court filings, affected communities, conservation stakeholders, and members of the public were not given

adequate access to project documents, including the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, nor were they given sufficient opportunity to present informed views before approvals were granted.

During the initial court appearance, Justice Oscar Angote directed the respondents to file their responses before the matter proceeds to hearing. Kituo is seeking conservatory orders to suspend the implementation of the project and halt any further clearing or construction within the disputed section of Nairobi National Park pending the determination of the petition.

The petition also raises concerns that the environmental assessment failed to adequately address the ecological implications of reducing protected parkland, including the loss of indigenous forest, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity.

Through the suit, Kituo Cha Sheria is seeking conservatory orders to stop any further implementation of the project pending the hearing and determination of the case. The petition also asks the court to suspend the environmental approvals granted for the development and protect the disputed section of Nairobi National Park from further clearing or construction.



KITUO MARKS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH KOROGOCHO COMMUNITY

On 5 June 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria marked World Environment Day with the Korogocho community through a town hall forum bringing together residents, local authorities, and community leaders to discuss environmental justice, climate change, and community rights.

The engagement sensitized participants on environmental laws, climate justice, public participation, the right to a clean and healthy environment under Article 42 of the Constitution, and the role communities play in environmental conservation and accountability. Discussions also highlighted the disproportionate impact of environmental degradation on informal settlements and the need for inclusive, community-led climate action.

The activity further featured a free legal aid clinic offering legal support and guidance on environmental and public interest matters, as well as a tree planting exercise conducted jointly with the community and local authorities in promoting environmental restoration and sustainable living.



Kituo team members Jimmy Sayi and Susan Wambui address participants during a town hall forum in Korogocho.



Dr. Hellen Mukiri-Smith of Loughborough University conducted validation and feedback sessions in Nairobi

STAKEHOLDERS VALIDATE RESEARCH ON DIGITAL RIGHTS AND FINTECH

With support from the Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA) and in partnership with Kituo Cha Sheria, Dr. Hellen Mukiri-Smith of Loughborough University conducted validation and feedback sessions from 22 May to 4 June 2026 across Kisumu, Kibera, Kamukunji, Korogocho, Kiambu, and with Kituo staff to refine research on the impact of fintech and digital systems on rights, access to services, and social justice.

The engagements concluded with a multi-stakeholder forum in Nairobi, where policymakers, researchers, regulators, civil society, and community members discussed digital lending, digital identity, AI in fintech, and digital systems in healthcare. Participants called for transparent, accountable, and human rights-based digital innovation that is inclusive and equitable.

KITUO EXPLORES CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLABORATION WITH FILE



Melissa Fourie, Africa Regional Director, FILE (left), engaging with the Kituo team during a courtesy visit to Kituo Cha Sheria.

On 3 June 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria, led by Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku, held a courtesy meeting with Melissa Fourie, Africa Regional Director at the Foundation for International Law for the Environment (FILE), to discuss critical issues at the intersection of climate change, displacement, and access to justice.

The engagement provided an opportunity to reflect on the growing need for stronger legal and institutional responses to safeguard

communities affected by climate change, advance climate justice, and explore potential areas of collaboration in promoting access to justice across the region.

The discussions highlighted the importance of strengthening partnerships and collective efforts towards ensuring that legal frameworks and justice systems effectively respond to emerging climate-related challenges while protecting the rights and interests of affected communities.



Melissa Fourie, Africa Regional Director, FILE (left), engaging with the Kituo team during a courtesy visit to Kituo Cha Sheria.

KITUO ENGAGES ASPIRING ADVOCATES AT KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW CAREER EXPO FORUM



Participants pose for a group photo during the Expo Forum at the Kenya School of Law.

On 17 June 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria participated in the Career Expo Forum at the Kenya School of Law, engaging with aspiring advocates on professional growth, ethical practice, and the evolving legal landscape.

Kituo's Board Chair, Mr. Justus Muniyithya, alongside Board Member CS. Serah Esendi and Mosongo Maosa, participated in a panel discussion during the expo, sharing insights on career development, ethical legal practice, access to justice, and the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of the legal profession.

In addition to the panel discussions, Kituo provided legal aid services during the expo, offering an opportunity for participants and members of the public to access legal information and guidance on various justice-related concerns.

The forum served as a valuable platform for engaging with the next generation of legal professionals while promoting the importance of a competent, ethical, and people-centred legal profession. The discussions highlighted the role of advocates in advancing access to justice, upholding professional values, and contributing to a justice system that responds to the needs of communities.



Kituo Board Chair Mr. Justus Muniyithya (centre) addressing participants during the Expo Forum at the Kenya School of Law.

KITUO, PARTNERS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Kituo Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku addressing participants in Kibera.

Kituo Cha Sheria, with support from Justice Ventures International (JVI) and in partnership with the Social Justice Centres Working Group and Azadi Africa, convened a Community Dialogue on Human Trafficking in Kibera on 7 May 2026 to strengthen community awareness, support survivors, and advance efforts to combat human trafficking. The dialogue provided a safe space for

survivors and community members to share experiences, discuss prevention strategies, and explore pathways to justice and protection.

During the engagement, Kituo provided free legal aid services to Kibera residents, reinforcing its commitment to protecting vulnerable communities through legal empowerment and access to justice. The event brought together JVI President Jeff Pankratz, Kituo Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku, and other stakeholders.

The visit concluded with a dinner hosted by Justice Ventures International, bringing together development partners and community justice actors to reflect on the progress of JVI-supported

initiatives in Kenya and explore opportunities for deeper collaboration. The gathering was attended by JVI President Jeff Pankratz, Kituo Cha Sheria Board Chairperson Justus Munyithya, Executive Director Dr. Wambua Kituku, and other partners advancing people-centred justice.



Kituo Board Chair Mr. Justus Munyithya (right) gifts JVI President Jeff Pankratz during the dinner.

KITUO DEFENDS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ON JUNE 25

As Kenya marked the anniversary of the June 25 Gen Z protests, Kituo Cha Sheria continued its work to protect constitutional rights through public legal education and legal representation. On the eve of the anniversary, Kituo Advocate TJ Odhiambo appeared on KTN News to discuss the right to peaceful assembly, constitutional freedoms, and the rule of law.

Following the demonstrations, Kituo advocates joined members of the legal fraternity at Central Police Station to provide legal advice and pro bono representation to those arrested, while advocating for their prompt arraignment in line with constitutional guarantees. The interventions reflected Kituo's ongoing commitment to defending civic freedoms and expanding access to justice.



Kituo legal team (3rd and 4th from right) join other advocates at the Central Police Station.

KITUO ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE FOR KEMRI RETIREES



Kituo legal team appearing before a parliamentary committee.

On 30 April 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria appeared before the Senate Labour Committee to represent retirees under the KEMRI Staff Pension Scheme (Defined Benefit) in their pursuit of justice over unpaid pension contributions.

For more than 15 years, the former public health workers have sought pension dues deducted from their salaries but never remitted to the scheme. Kituo presented evidence on the remittance gaps and their impact on the retirees, calling for accountability, recovery of the outstanding funds, and a timely resolution to safeguard their rights and dignity. The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) acknowledged the remittance gaps and supported the need for urgent action to resolve the long-standing matter.

THEME: Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers

TOPICS: The Role of Sports in World Peace; Sports and Peace; Catalyst or Distraction; Solving Disputes in Sports - Social Justice and Peace; Sports as DEI; Sport and Sustainable Development.

Panelists



Hon. Benard Murunga
Chairman Sports Disputes Tribunal



Hon. Victor Omwebo
Member Sports Disputes Tribunal



George Oduor
Legal Officer Kituo Cha Sheria



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SPORT AS A BRIDGE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

In commemoration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, marked annually on 6 April, Kituo Cha Sheria, in collaboration with the Sports Disputes Tribunal, organised a joint webinar on 8 April 2026 under the theme “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers.”

The webinar brought together justice sector actors, sports stakeholders, and members of the public to reflect on the transformative role of sport in promoting peace, equality, inclusion, and access to justice. Discussions explored how sport can serve as a powerful platform for breaking social barriers, strengthening community cohesion, and advancing human rights.

Participants highlighted the importance of ensuring that sports spaces are governed by principles of fairness, accountability, and respect for the rights of athletes and other stakeholders. The conversations also examined emerging challenges within the sports sector, including disputes, governance concerns, and the need for accessible mechanisms for resolving conflicts.

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace provides an opportunity to recognise the contribution of sport in advancing peaceful societies, fostering dialogue, and empowering individuals and communities.

KITUO ADVANCES REFUGEE MENTAL HEALTH, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE

Kituo Cha Sheria, with support from GIZ, conducted a five-day training on Psychological First Aid (PFA), Mental Health, and Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) for paralegals, refugee representatives, and host community leaders in Kakuma, Turkana County. The training equipped participants with practical skills in providing psychological support, using art, theatre, and community-based justice approaches to promote mental well-being, resilience, and access to justice within refugee and host communities.

As part of activities marking World Refugee Day, refugees and host community members also participated in basketball games that promoted integration, unity, and social cohesion, highlighting the role of sports in bringing communities together.



Kituo Programme Officer Faith Nyiva facilitates a session for refugee and host community participants in Kakuma.

Kituo Cha Sheria also joined refugees, host communities, government representatives, and partners in Mombasa to commemorate World Refugee Day. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the resilience, contributions, and aspirations of refugees while promoting solidarity and inclusion.



Mombasa residents march through the streets to commemorate World Refugee Day

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY JUSTICE THROUGH AJS IN UASIN GISHU



Kituo Psychosocial Officer Habiba Mohamed facilitates MHPSS session for participants in Eldoret,

From 18 to 22 May 2026, Kituo Cha Sheria, with support from GIZ German International Cooperation, conducted a week-long series of activities in Uasin Gishu County aimed at strengthening community-led justice, peaceful coexistence, and social cohesion among refugee and host communities through Alternative Justice Systems (AJS).

The initiative brought together refugee and host community leaders, AJS practitioners, county officials, and members of the Judiciary in a collaborative effort to enhance access to people-centred justice. Participants underwent practical Alternative Justice Systems mock hearings, where they handled simulated disputes based on real-life community conflicts. The exercises enabled participants to sharpen their skills in mediation, negotiation, restorative justice, and conflict transformation while promoting fair, inclusive, and culturally responsive approaches to resolving disputes. The programme also incorporated Psychological First Aid (PFA) training, equipping participants with practical skills to provide emotional and psychosocial support to individuals affected by conflict and displacement.



Alternative Justice Systems practitioners conducting mock hearings in Kapseret Sub-County

As part of the practical learning process, Kituo Cha Sheria witnessed Alternative Justice Systems practitioners conducting mock hearings and post-hearing reflection sessions in Kapseret Sub-County. The debrief sessions provided an opportunity for practitioners to assess their approaches, share lessons learned, and identify best practices for handling disputes affecting refugee and host communities.



Kituo team and AJS practitioners during a courtesy visit to Hon. Justice Anthony Ndung'u, (back row, 2nd right) at the Eldoret Law Courts.

To strengthen institutional collaboration, Kituo, together with representatives of AJS practitioners in Uasin Gishu County and the Alternative Justice Systems Secretariat, also held courtesy meetings with Hon. Justice Anthony Ndung'u, Presiding Judge of the Eldoret High Court, County Attorney, and County Secretary Mr. Philip Melly. The discussions focused on strengthening partnerships between the Judiciary, county government, and community justice actors to promote inclusive, accessible, and sustainable Alternative Justice Systems that respond to the needs of both refugees and host communities.



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