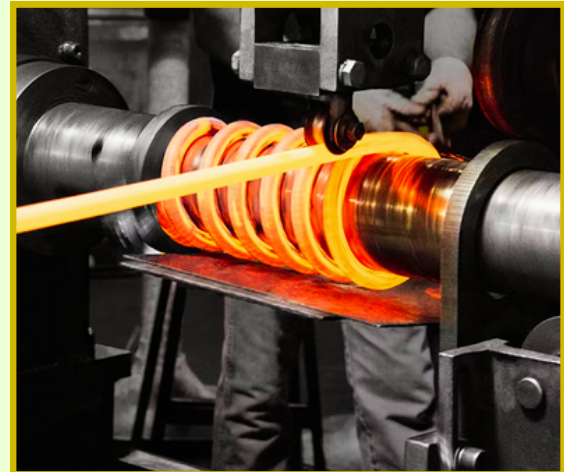




KAM SECTORS' MILESTONES & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 2025



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INTRODUCTION



To be a World-class Business Member Organization (BMO) that effectively delivers services to its members.



To promote competitive and sustainable local manufacturing.



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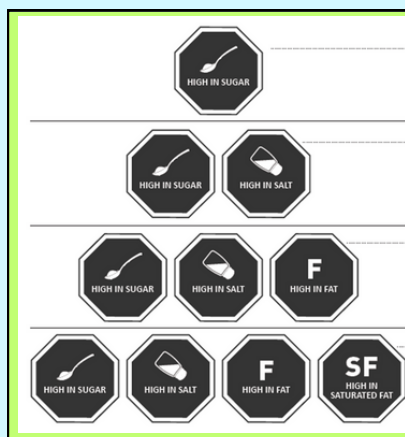
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Professionalism
- Diversity
- Inclusion

ABBREVIATIONS

PS	Principal Secretary
CMA	Cereal Millers Association
NBA	National Biosafety Authority
WTO	World Trade Organization
KSB	Kenya Sugar Board
EAC	East African Community
CET	Common External Tariff
FAEA	Food and Agriculture Export Alliance
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NOCD	Nuts and Oil Crops Directorate
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WTO	World Trade Organization
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
NGEC	National Gender & Equality Commission
SWMA	Sustainable Waste Management Act
KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
NT	National Treasury
NTBs	Non-Tariff Barriers
MEACA	Ministry of East Africa Community and Affairs
KEPRO	Kenya Producers Responsibility Organization
DRS	Duty Remission Scheme
NEMA	National Environmental Management Authority
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
SDI	State Department for Industry
MECCF	Ministry of Environment Climate Change & Forestry
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MDF	Medium Density Fiberboard
PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate
TAK	Tanners Association of Kenya
TFTA	Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement
COSSPP	Cost of Service Study in the supply of Petroleum Products
EPZA	Export Processing Zone Authority

FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR

→ KEBS technical committee meeting on food labelling



Engagement Details

On the 4th-5th of August 2025, members of the Agro-processing and Food, & Beverage Sectors met the KEBS Technical Committee on Food Labeling to develop Kenya's position on the following standards: DEAS 38:2024, DEAS 1244:2024, DEAS 1245:2024, DEAS 1246:2024, and DEAS 1247:2024.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the country's food labeling standards align with international best practices while safeguarding consumer interests and supporting the growth of local industries.

Outcome

Kenya's position on the standards was finalized, and the submission was made to the EAC Technical Committee through the KEBS Technical Committee Secretary.

Kenya's submission, together with those from other EAC partner states, will be discussed during the EAC Technical Committee on Food Labeling scheduled for September 2025.

→ Dairy Sub-sector Meeting



Engagement Details

The Dairy Sub-Sector held the Quarter Two meeting on 5th August 2025. The meeting agenda included review of the Dairy issues matrix, the EAC Gazette 2025 and the Kenya and Tanzania Finance Acts 2025.

Outcome

1. Sensitization on Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) was conducted by the Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), KEPRO and PAKPRO, on 15th August 2025.
2. The Sub-Sector will pay a courtesy call to the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) to discuss trade expansion, current trade agreements critical to the dairy industry, avenues for facilitation into new markets, and key regulatory matters.

→ Alcohol Sub-sector Q2 meeting



Engagement Details

The Alcohol Sub-sector held its Quarter Two meeting on the 6th of August 2025. The meeting agenda included a review of the Alcohol Issues Matrix, the EAC Gazette 2025, the Kenya and Tanzania Finance Acts 2025, and a discussion on the NACADA policy launched on 30th July 2025.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

1. Members would provide their submissions and inputs on the NACADA Policy to ensure a comprehensive and representative position from the Sub-Sector.
2. A follow-up meeting would be held to strategize the way forward, enabling coordinated actions and effective implementation of the agreed positions.


Upcoming Activities:

1. KAM Dairy Sub-Sector courtesy call to the Kenya Dairy Board. Date to be communicated.


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FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR


→ Dairy Sub-sector training on Extended Producer Responsibility

	Engagement Details	Outcome
 <p>The Dairy Sub-Sector conducted a training and sensitization session on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), facilitated by the Kenya Extended Producer Responsibility Organization (KEPRO) and the Packaging Producer Responsibility Organization (PAKPRO) on 15th August 2025.</p> <p>The session focused on the role of the PROs under the EPR legislation and its impact on business operations.</p>		<p>Members were encouraged to join PROs and attend the trainings offered to ensure they are up to speed on EPR matters.</p>

→ Agroprocessing, Food and Beverage Sector meeting

	Engagement Details	Outcome
 <p>The Agroprocessing, Food & Beverage Sector held their Quarter Two meeting on 22nd August 2025.</p> <p>The meeting agenda included review of the sector issues matrix, the EAC Gazette 2025, and the Kenya and Tanzania Finance Acts 2025.</p>		<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A meeting will be convened to strategize on the way forward for Front of Pack Labeling. 2. Members in the alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages sectors will provide their contributions to the Excisable Goods Management System (EGMS) study by the end of September. 3. Members will submit their budget proposals for the financial year 2026/2027.

→ Development and submission of Kenya's position on flavored water standards

	Engagement Details	Outcome
 <p>On 23rd August 2025, members of the Beverage Sub-Sector manufacturing flavored water met with the KEBS Technical Committee on Flavored Water to develop Kenya's position on the Draft EAC Standard WD-EAS 941:2025. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that Kenya's position reflects industry perspectives, aligns with regional standards, and promotes the growth and competitiveness of the local flavored water sector.</p>		<p>Kenya's position on the standard was developed, and the submission was made to the EAC Technical Committee through the KEBS Technical Committee Secretary. The EAC Technical Committee on Water subsequently discussed submissions from all EAC partner states on flavored water.</p>


Upcoming Activities:

1. KAM Dairy Sub-Sector courtesy call to the Kenya Dairy Board. Date to be communicated.


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FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR

→ Courtesy call to NACADA to discuss the NACADA Policy

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The Alcohol Sub-sector, under the leadership of the Sub-Sector Chair, Mr. Eoin Flinn, paid a courtesy call to NACADA on 25th August 2025 to deliberate on key areas of engagement concerning the NACADA policy.</p> <p>The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the sector's perspectives, foster collaboration, and identify actionable steps for effective policy implementation.</p>	<p>It was resolved that a follow-up meeting would be convened, during which NACADA would clarify contentious areas of the policy, and alcohol manufacturers would present alternative solutions to proposals that could negatively impact the industry.</p>

→ Inception meeting for Honey Sub-sector

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The newly formed Honey Sub-Sector held its inception meeting on 27th August 2025. The meeting brought together beekeepers, honey processors, academia, and the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation. Discussions focused on opportunities within the value chain, challenges faced by different players, and steps toward revitalizing the sector.</p>	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A platform for engagement and dissemination of information would be created. 2. A workshop would be convened to bring together all players in the value chain to strategize on reviving and growing the sector.


Upcoming Activities:

1. KAM Dairy Sub-Sector courtesy call to the Kenya Dairy Board. Date to be communicated.


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AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

→ Automotive industry Multi-sector Forum

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	On 21st August 2025, the Automotive Sector Multi-Stakeholder Forum was held in collaboration with key policymakers. This high-level engagement brought together industry leaders and government representatives to deliberate on the challenges, opportunities, and future of Kenya's automotive sector. Key topics included regulatory reviews of Legal Notices 112 and 84, e-mobility, industry incentives, standards, and pending legislation, all aimed at strengthening industrialization, attracting investment, and creating jobs.	The sector, through KAM, was tasked to prepare and submit a proposal on tax measures for inclusion in the Business Laws Act.

→ E-Mobility Sector roundtable on investment and opportunity validation

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	On 4th August 2025, the leadership of the E-Mobility Sub-sector participated in the E-Mobility Sector Roundtable organized by the World Bank in collaboration with the Kenya Investment Authority. The primary objective of the meeting was to validate the revised E-Mobility Pitch Deck being developed by KenInvest. This strategic tool is designed to highlight the sector's opportunities, showcase key value propositions, and support investor engagement at both local and international levels.	The document will be finalized and published in September /October 2025.

Upcoming Activities:

I. The Sub-sector meetings will be held in September 2025. Date and time to be communicated.

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TEXTILES & APPARELS SECTOR

→ EPZ Sub-sector inception meeting



Engagement Details

KAM is in the process of establishing an EPZ-Based Manufacturers Sub-Sector, bringing together members from across all the 14 KAM sectors. The inception meeting was held on 5th August 2025, during which Mr. Pankaj Bedi was elected as the interim Sub-Sector Chair. Key issues discussed included challenges facing EPZ-based manufacturers, the importance of encouraging EPZ members outside KAM to join the Association, and plans to organize a Sub-Sector engagement to foster interaction among members.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

1. KAM will follow up with other EPZ-based manufacturers to encourage them to join the Association as members.
2. A deep-dive analysis for the sub-sector will be developed.

→ Public Private Dialogue on AGOA



Engagement Details

KAM, through the IDH Project, held a PPD workshop on AGOA Extension from 12th August to 15th August 2025 in Naivasha, bringing together government agencies and stakeholders to align Kenya's advocacy strategy. Plan A focuses on securing AGOA's extension under current terms, emphasizing job creation, gender inclusivity, resilient supply chains, and stronger bilateral trade. Participants also discussed value chain integration for potential yarn-forward rules of origin. Plan B, a Kenya-U.S. FTA with preferential market access was identified as a fallback to safeguard jobs and exports.

Outcome

The agreed outcome was that the proposed way forward would be shared with the Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI) for adoption as the official industry position.

→ Advancing Textile Sector EPR post-Denmark learning mission



Engagement Details

As a follow-up to the Denmark Learning Mission on Circularity and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for the textile sector, held from 18th May to 23rd May 2025, participants convened for a feedback session to map the way forward in implementing the best practices acquired during the mission.

The team agreed to organize a workshop in Machakos in September 2025 to deliberate on the sector's EPR Strategy.

Outcome

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Upcoming Activities:

1. Local Textiles and apparel sector meeting to be held on 9th September 2025 to discuss the findings on the textiles verification report.

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LEATHER & FOOTWEAR SECTOR

→ KAM Leather & Footwear Sector Meeting with KRA

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The KAM Leather & Footwear Sector met with KRA Customs on 13th August 2025 to address challenges affecting competitiveness, including illegal exports of raw hides and the influx of cheap and used footwear. KRA committed to strengthen monitoring, particularly on footwear valuation, while KAM will follow up with the DVS on the illegality of exporting ground-dried hides. Both institutions agreed to organize a sensitization forum for KRA border staff to enhance compliance.</p>	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.KAM will follow up with the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) to address the illegality of exporting ground-dried hides under Cap. 359. 2.KAM and KRA will organize a sensitization forum for all KRA border staff on leather sector issues to enhance compliance during exports and imports.

→ Leather & Footwear Sector Meeting with SDI

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 5th August 2025, the KAM Leather & Footwear Sector met with the State Department for Industry and Tanneries Association of Kenya (TAK) to discuss sector challenges, including limited access to raw materials and poor information flow between stakeholders and government. Key actions identified were enforcing Cap. 359(19) to curb illegal drying and smuggling of hides and ensuring food protocols are followed when exporting hides to West Africa.</p>	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.A National Working Committee comprising all stakeholders in the leather industry would be constituted. 2.Cap. 359 would be enforced to address sector challenges.

→ Establishment meeting of Kenya's leather & leather products platform

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The National Leather & Leather Products Platform was constituted, and its inception meeting was held on 19th August 2025, following up on a meeting with the State Department for Industry on 5th August 2025. The platform will serve as the main point of contact for leather industry matters in Kenya. Members agreed to develop and circulate a Terms of Reference (ToR) document to guide engagements. Interim leaders were elected, with Mr. Jimmy Odhiambo serving as Chair of the committee.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the interim committee will work on the draft ToR and share with the committee members.</p>

Upcoming Activities:

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BUILDING, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Glass Processors verification exercise



Engagement Details

KAM, in collaboration with the State Department for Industry, conducted a verification exercise for all glass processors in the country from 11th to 13th August 2025. This exercise was necessitated by the Finance Act 2025, which introduced an excise duty of 35% or KSh 500 per m² on float glass. The Act, however, provides an exemption for processors who add value through the production of toughened, tempered, or laminated glass.

Outcome

It was agreed that the report has been finalized and will now proceed for further processing to facilitate the execution of the exemption, ensuring that qualifying glass processors benefit from the provisions of the Finance Act 2025.

Factory visit to Bamburi Cement



Engagement Details

On 15th August 2024, KAM conducted a factory visit to Bamburi Cement PLC, a member of the Pan-African business conglomerate Amsons Group. The cement industry remains a key sub-sector of Kenya's economy. The visit aimed to gain a deeper understanding of the cement manufacturing landscape and to discuss challenges facing the sector, including high power costs, quality concerns, mining fees and levies, and county cess. The engagement also explored potential opportunities within the sector.

Outcome

It was agreed that KAM would actively and robustly advocate for the resolution of key challenges facing the sub-sector, including regulatory, operational, and cost-related issues, to enhance competitiveness, sustainability, and growth within the cement industry.

Upcoming Activities:

1. The Building, Mining, and Construction Sector Q3 meeting to be held in September 2025. Date and time to be communicated.
2. Construction Industry Breakfast Forum to be held on 30th September 2025.

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PLASTICS AND RUBBER SECTOR

→ KAM & SDI factory visit to Aquosys Limited

Engagement Details



On 12th August 2025, the KAM CEO and a representative from the State Department for Industry visited Aquosys Limited, a GRP water tank manufacturer serving the local and EAC markets. The visit highlighted the company's adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies while raising critical concerns on escalating production costs. Specifically, the 20% excise duty on resins introduced under the Tax Laws Amendment Act 2024, coupled with the 10% import duty under the EAC CET, has rendered the industry uncompetitive against cheaper imports from India and China.

Outcome

It was agreed that:

1. KAM and the State Department for Industry (SDI) will support the submission for the removal of excise duty under the Tax Laws Amendment Bill 2025.
2. Aquosys Limited will submit budget proposals requesting Duty Remission Scheme (DRS) on raw materials and inputs through the FY 2026/27 budget cycle.

→ EAC standards harmonization workshop

Engagement Details



KAM participated in the EAC Standards Harmonization Workshop led by KEBS to discuss member feedback on standards for plastic cups, household items, and water storage tanks. Following the adoption of the submitted feedback and comments, technical teams from EAC partner states reviewed and edited the draft standards text.

Outcome

It was agreed that KEBS, as the lead of Kenya's delegation, was to submit members' feedback and comments to the EAC Technical Teams. This ensured that Kenya's industry perspectives were effectively incorporated into the regional standards development process.

Upcoming Activities:

1. Plastics and Rubber Sector Quarter Three Meeting, scheduled for September 2025. Date and time to be communicated.
2. Plastics and Rubber Sector EAC and Domestic Budget Proposals Validation Meeting, scheduled for September 2025. Date and time to be communicated.


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METAL AND ALLIED SECTOR

→ Fostering partnerships for the growth of Kenya's Aluminium Packaging Industry

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 18th August 2024, KAM, under the Metal and Allied Sector, engaged GZI Limited, a subsidiary of Africa's leading packaging company. Discussions centered on access to raw materials, particularly food-grade aluminium alloyed coils, and the need to protect locally manufactured aluminium cans from import competition. GZI Limited has invested heavily in an aluminium beverage can plant in Sultan Hamud, highlighting the importance of supportive policies to enhance competitiveness.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the KAM Metal and Allied Sector would fully support GZI Limited, and that KAM would engage relevant government agencies to participate in the official opening of the company's plant in October 2025.</p>

→ Industry feedback on EAC draft steel standards

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>From 25th to 29th August 2025, the East African Community (EAC) deliberated on key steel sector standards, including FDEAS 134:2025, WD/TC 035/004/2025, WDEAS/TC 035/005/2025, WDEAS/TC 035/001/2025, WD/TC 035/006/2025, WDEAS/TC 035/002/2025, and WD/TC 035/003/2025. These discussions were critical in aligning regional standards to ensure consistency, enhance product quality, and promote fair competition. The harmonization process is expected to boost intra-regional trade and strengthen investment in the steel industry.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the final draft steel standards would be circulated to stakeholders for review and feedback. This step is critical to ensure that the standards reflect industry realities, safeguard competitiveness, and build consensus across the value chain before regional adoption.</p>

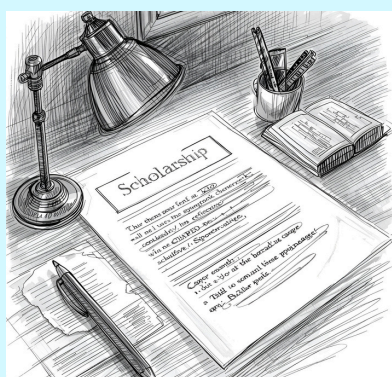
Upcoming Activities:

1. Metal and Allied Q3 Sector Meeting. Date and time to be communicated.
2. Construction Industry Breakfast Forum to held on 30th September 2025.

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SALT SUB-SECTOR


→ Salt Sub-sector CSR Catchment Area Meeting

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 25th August 2025, KAM held an introductory session for the new CSR members of the Kadzuhoni Catchment area. The session provided guidance on their roles and responsibilities, particularly in identifying and vetting needy students eligible for sponsorship by Kensalt, ensuring transparency and fairness in the allocation of support.</p>	<p>The members were tasked with identifying a previously sponsored student who had dropped out of school to determine the reasons for discontinuation and assess the possibility of reintegrating the student into the education program, ensuring continued support for deserving beneficiaries.</p>

→ Salt Sub-sector introduces new Marereni CSR members

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 5th August 2025, KAM held a CSR catchment area meeting at Kambi ya Waya Secondary School. The meeting focused on pending CSR projects that were to be submitted to Malindi Saltworks for implementation.</p>	<p>The members listed and prioritized Kambi ya Waya Secondary School classrooms' CSR project as the one to be undertaken before 2026.</p>

→ Implementation planning for CSR projects with Malindi Saltworks

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On 13th August 2025, KAM held a CSR area meeting at the Marereni Chief's Office to introduce the newly selected CSR members to the catchment's Kystaline Company representative (Zone Manager) and the area chief.</p> <p>Pending CSR projects for 2025 were also discussed, with emphasis on obtaining approval and initiating necessary actions.</p>	<p>Kystaline acknowledged receiving two CSR project proposals, approving one, the Marereni Modern Maternity Wing; for implementation in 2025.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the projects not yet approved by Kystaline would be returned to the community for discussion and endorsement before being resubmitted for the company's consideration.</p>


Upcoming Activities:

1. Follow up meeting on the Kambi ya Waya River to Kinyaule drainage system. Time and location to be communicated.

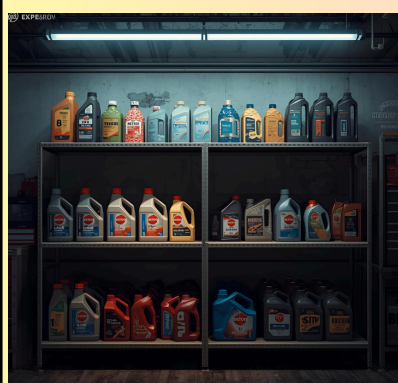
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ENERGY, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS SECTOR

→ Public consultation workshop on petroleum regulations

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On Thursday, 28th August 2025, KAM participated in the Public Consultation Workshop on Petroleum Regulations at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, spearheaded by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum and EPRA. The workshop gathered feedback from the public, civil society, and industry on the draft regulations, which aim to establish a framework for petroleum operations covering costing, environmental management, health and safety, local content, and land acquisition and restoration.</p>	<p>Members were requested to submit their feedback on the draft petroleum regulations to EPRA by September 2025. This input will ensure that industry perspectives are incorporated into the final regulations, helping to create a balanced framework that supports sustainable petroleum operations, promotes safety and environmental compliance, and enhances local content and operational efficiency.</p>

→ Public participation on the Draft Petroleum (Amendment) Bill 2025

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>On Friday, 29th August 2025, KAM participated in the State Department for Petroleum's public consultation on the Draft Petroleum (Amendment) Bill 2025 at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi. The bill aims to address existing gaps by enhancing provisions on security of supply, setting standards for the construction of facilities, providing parking for distributors and trucks, regulating the transfer of permits and licenses, and establishing common-user facilities, with the Authority empowered to approve all tariffs charged.</p>	<p>Members were requested to submit their feedback and formal submissions to the State Department of Petroleum by 12th September 2025. This will ensure that industry perspectives are fully incorporated into the Draft Petroleum (Amendment) Bill 2025, supporting a regulatory framework that is both practical and conducive to sustainable petroleum operations.</p>


Upcoming Activities:

1. Energy Electrical and Electronics Sector Q2 Meeting to be held in September. Date and time will be communicated.
2. EAC and Domestic budget proposals validation meeting to be held in September. Date and time will be communicated.


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PAPER AND PAPER BOARD SECTOR

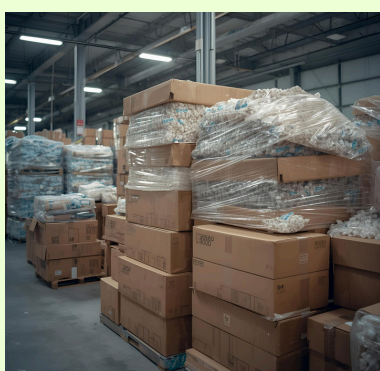
→ Publication of Revised Paper Sector Standards

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	The Paper Sector Technical Committees, through KEBS, have reviewed and finalized the following standards: KS 921:2025 Kenya Standard — Kraft Liner — Specification, Third Edition; KS 948:2025 Kenya Standard — Corrugated Fibreboard Boxes for Export of Horticultural Produce — Specification, Third Edition; and KS EAS 355-1:2025 Kenya Standard — Toilet Paper — Specification, Part 1: Regular Toilet Tissue Paper, Third Edition.	The finalized paper sector standards were officially published through a Gazette Notice dated 8th August 2025. Their publication provides legal recognition and ensures that manufacturers, exporters, and other stakeholders in the paper industry align with consistent quality and safety requirements, thereby strengthening competitiveness in both local and international markets.

→ Engagement with KRA on influx of substandard tissues

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	On 7th August 2025, KAM held an engagement with KRA to address the influx of substandard tissue products. It was noted that a significant number of products in the market are non-compliant with KEBS standards and are being sold at unrealistically low prices.	KRA committed to tighten clearance protocols for tissue products to ensure compliance with KEBS standards. Additionally, it was agreed that KAM will convene a sensitization meeting with KRA officials to enhance their capacity in identifying and addressing substandard tissue products.

→ Submission of Post-Budget tax reform proposals for the Packaging Sector

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	Further to the Presidential advisory on reviewing taxes affecting the packaging sector, KAM submitted a post-budget memorandum proposing targeted tax reforms to strengthen the industry's competitiveness. Key among these was the alignment of taxes on kraft paper and fluting, aimed at reducing cost pressures on manufacturers and supporting growth in the packaging value chain.	A memorandum was submitted to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Investment, outlining the proposed tax reforms to support the packaging sector.

Upcoming Activities:


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CHEMICAL AND ALLIED SECTOR

→ Cosmetics Regulation Workshop

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The Cosmetics Subsector has organized a three-day workshop to discuss the regulation of cosmetics. The workshop, funded through the subsector kitty contributed to by members, is scheduled to take place from 1st to 3rd October. It will bring together stakeholders from government, industry, and international players.</p>	<p>It was agreed that members would be invited to attend the three-day workshop on cosmetics regulation, aimed at fostering dialogue with government, industry, and international stakeholders to align on regulatory frameworks and strengthen the competitiveness of the subsector.</p>

→ Regional harmonization of Standards for Oils, Cosmetics, and Surface Actives

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>Several KEBS Technical Committee meetings were held in August to discuss standards for cosmetics and surface-active products. The national comments were consolidated and submitted to the EAC, pending harmonization meetings.</p>	<p>Standards on avocado oil, butternut oil, groundnut oil, cosmetic pencils, deodorants, and antiperspirants were successfully harmonized during the EAC meeting held in Arusha from 24th to 29th August 2025. Building on this progress, standards on surface actives are scheduled to be harmonized in Bujumbura in October 2025, with invitations already circulated to stakeholders.</p>

Upcoming Activities:

- Multi-stakeholder Workshop on Regulation of Cosmetics in Kenya, to be held from on 1st to 3rd October 2025 at Maanzoni Lodge.


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TIMBER AND FURNITURE SECTOR

→ Application of Excise Duty by Uganda on furniture originating from Kenya

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The Kenyan delegation, led by Dr. Sing'oei Korir, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, held a bilateral meeting with Uganda to review progress in implementing key priority trade areas. One of the main issues discussed was Uganda's application of excise duty on furniture originating from Kenya.</p>	<p>The Republic of Uganda informed the meeting that the Excise Duty Act had been amended to grant national treatment to products originating from EAC Partner States, effective 1st July 2025.</p>

→ Review of sector performance and pending policy Issues in timber & furniture

	Engagement Details	Outcome
	<p>The KAM Timber and Furniture Sector leadership held a meeting on 5th August 2025 to discuss issues affecting member participation in the sector. One of the key issues identified was the pending alignment on the taxation of Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF). It was recommended that an informal meeting be organized to allow members to engage freely, discuss openly, and set their priorities.</p>	<p>An engagement for the Timber and Furniture Sector will be held on 12th September 2025 at Red Ginger in Westlands, starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the engagement is to review sector performance, address pending issues such as the taxation of MDF, and create a collaborative platform where members, including MSMEs, can freely share perspectives and set collective priorities for the sector's growth.</p>

Upcoming Activities:

- Timber Sector Koroga to be held on 12th September 2025 at Red Ginger Westlands, from 6.00pm.

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