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Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge Executive Director



Welcome to the 15th Edition of the Anti-Counterfeit Newsletter, our platform for showcasing the strides made in safeguarding intellectual property rights and combating counterfeiting in Kenya. This edition highlights the remarkable progress achieved by the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) and its stakeholders over the past quarter in enforcement, awareness, and policy development.

Reflecting on this period, we are reminded of the critical role that partnerships play in advancing our mandate. Whether through multi-agency collaborations at border points, engaging academia to foster innovation, or strengthening relationships with industry players, our focus remains unwavering: to protect consumers, innovators, and legitimate businesses from counterfeiting's harmful effects.

In this edition, we feature key milestones, including the recently

launched ISIPPE-2 Report, which outlines strategies for enhancing intellectual property protection and enforcement in the region. We also spotlight transformative initiatives such as our partnership with Murang'a University during its inaugural Innovation Week, which emphasized the crucial link between intellectual property rights and sustainable industrial growth.

A special focus is given to our research efforts, from validating the National IP Policy in collaboration with WIPO to our partnership with KCA University. As part of our mandate, research underscores our mission to provide thought leadership and advise the government through data-driven policy interventions on intellectual property matters.

Additionally, our Guest Column examines the profound impact of counterfeiting on small businesses and consumers, offering actionable insights and success stories from our enforcement activities. Public awareness remains a cornerstone of

our work, and we share updates on sensitization campaigns, strategic engagements, and technological innovations that bolster our fight against counterfeiting.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders—government agencies, industry partners, academic institutions, and the public—whose unwavering support propels our mission. Together, we are building a resilient intellectual property framework that safeguards Kenya's economy and positions it as a regional leader in IP enforcement.

We hope this edition inspires you to join us in this critical cause. As always, your feedback is invaluable in shaping our efforts. Let us continue to unite for a counterfeit-free Kenya.

(Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, PhD is the Executive Director at the Anti-Counterfeit Authority).

Editorial Comment

Tom Muteti
Editor



Greetings from the Anti-Counterfeit Authority! We trust you had a safe and fulfilling holiday season and a great start to the new year. We are delighted to present the 15th Edition of the Anti-Counterfeit Newsletter, capturing our activities and milestones from October to December 2024.

This edition is particularly significant as it showcases impactful initiatives and engagements shaping Kenya's intellectual property landscape. Highlights include the release of the ISIPPE-2 Report, collaborations with academic institutions such as Murang'a University and KCA University, and our participation in the Affordable Housing and Urbanization Week in Kwale County.

We are also excited to introduce new sections on research and updates from the courts, underscoring ACA's role in driving intellectual property justice. These stories reflect our commitment

to protecting innovators, raising public awareness, and fostering collaboration to create a counterfeit-free environment.

Moreover, the newsletter sheds light on the challenges counterfeiting poses to small businesses, consumers, and Kenya's economy. Through

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enforcement, public sensitization, and policy development, ACA continues to champion a culture of innovation, fairness, and trust in our markets.

I invite you to delve into this edition and engage with its content. Together, we can amplify the message of intellectual property protection and work towards a vibrant, counterfeit-free economy.

Thank you for your continued support, and I welcome your feedback and contributions as we advance this vital mission.

(Mr. Tom Muteti, is the Principal Public Communications Officer at the Anti-Counterfeit Authority).



PUBLIC NOTICE

E-CITIZEN PAYMENT GATEWAY

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority wishes to inform all our stakeholders that the integration with eCitizen payment gateway is complete. This is in compliance with the presidential directive on payment for government services.

All ACA import permit applications shall be lodged via Trade Facilitation Platform (TFP) accessed at <https://tfp.kenyatradenet.go.ke> which has integrated payments through eCitizen payment gateway.

ACA has integrated the IPR recordation program with eCitizen and transitioned payments for the following services; Application to record intellectual property rights, Application for renewal of recordation of intellectual property rights, Application to continue recordation on change of ownership, Notice of change of name, Application for official search, Application for admission as an IPR agent and Application for renewal of registration as an agent.

Stakeholders are further notified that ACA enforcement services shall be paid for on the eCitizen platform through **M-pesa paybill 222 222** as follows:

	ACA SERVICES	PAYMENT ACCOUNT	COST INCLUSIVE OF TRANSACTION CHARGES
1.	Counterfeiting Fines	FVBV	Agreed Fine + Kshs. 50
2.	Application for compounding of an offence	AFCA	5,050
3.	Exemption as an agent	EAAA	1,050
4.	Power of attorney (When Using Agent)	PWAU	1,050
5.	Application to the Commissioner to seize suspected counterfeit goods	ATTC	10,050
6.	Laying of a complaint	LOAC	10,050
7.	Application for Samples	AFNS	5050
8.	Application for inspection of seized goods	AFOS	2050
9.	Additional fees for certification per document	AFFC	1050
10.	Application for copies of statement per page	ACSP	100

1. Go to **M-pesa**
2. Enter paybill **222 222**
3. Account: Select the **payment account** of your service as indicated in the table above
4. Key in the **Exact amount**
5. Enter your pin and **Click Send**
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NB: ACA shall NOT accept any **direct payments to ACA bank accounts**. For any enquiries, contact us at info@aca.go.ke or Call us on **+254 (020) 2280000** or **+254 717 430 640**

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The Threat of Counterfeiting to Kenya's Small Businesses and Consumers



Hon. Josephat Kabebea

The bottom-up economic transformation agenda requires a renewed focus by government towards small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by providing an enabling environment for their growth. However, one of the most insidious threats undermining these efforts is the growing menace of counterfeiting, which disproportionately affects SMEs and endangers consumer health and safety.

Recent data from the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) estimates that the value of counterfeit trade is approximately KSh 100 billion annually, accounting for around

8-10% of the total value of illicit trade, which is feared to have reached the KSh 1 trillion mark this year. This is not just a figure on paper—it represents potential jobs, investments, and opportunities for growth that are being siphoned off by criminal enterprises. For SMEs, which are the backbone of the Kenyan economy, this threat is particularly devastating.

Small businesses often lack the resources to fight back against counterfeiters who replicate their products and flood the market with cheap imitations. These counterfeit goods compromise quality and safety, eroding consumer trust in legitimate brands. When consumers unknowingly purchase fake products, they not only receive inferior goods but also expose themselves to significant health and safety risks. This is especially alarming in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, food products, and electrical goods, where counterfeits can cause serious harm. For instance, counterfeit medicines can lead to ineffective treatments or dangerous side effects, while substandard electrical goods pose fire

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hazards.

The Kenyan government has a responsibility to protect its citizens from these dangers and ensure that businesses driving our bottom-up economy are not undercut by counterfeiters. As part of this commitment, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority has ramped up efforts to combat counterfeit goods by working closely with



law enforcement, government agencies, industry players, and key stakeholders such as the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) and the Consumers Organization, both of which sit on the ACA Board as stipulated by the Anti-Counterfeit Act Cap 251 of 2008. Their involvement is vital, as KAM represents industries and manufacturers vulnerable to counterfeiting, while the Consumers Organization advocates for consumer rights, ensuring that public interests are safeguarded.

In the last five years, ACA has seized counterfeit goods worth over KSh 2 billion in operations conducted across the country. While these

figures highlight the scale of action taken, they also represent just the tip of the iceberg, compared to the estimated total value of the counterfeit trade. Much more needs to be done to eradicate this threat.

Counterfeiting poses a broader risk to the Kenyan economy by threatening the integrity of legitimate trade and investment. Our national agenda to foster local manufacturing and innovation is deeply tied to the ability of businesses to operate in a fair and competitive environment. When

counterfeitors undermine this environment, they stifle growth and deter much-needed investment, which is essential for job creation and economic

advancement.

As the government strengthens efforts to tackle counterfeiting, Kenyans must also play their part in this fight. Businesses need to be vigilant in protecting their intellectual property, while consumers should be cautious when making purchases, ensuring they buy from reputable sellers and report suspected counterfeit goods. The public must understand that the short-term allure of cheap, fake products can have long-term consequences for their safety and the health of the economy.

We are at a critical juncture. Kenya's aspiration to build a bottom-up economy that benefits all citizens

cannot be fully realized unless we address the scourge of counterfeiting. Noteworthy is the government's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the market from counterfeits, protecting consumers, and ensuring that legitimate businesses can flourish. There is still much work to be done, but with the support of the public, industry, and stakeholders like KAM and the Consumers Organization, we can ensure a safe, fair, and prosperous future for all Kenyans.

Hon. Josephat Kabebea is the Chairman, Board of Directors, Anti-Counterfeit Authority

CORPORATE NEWS

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to combating counterfeiting and safeguarding intellectual property (IP) rights with the official release of the Second International Symposium on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE-2) Report.

The event, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence, Nairobi Arboretum, was attended by distinguished government and industry leaders. It was officiated by Prof. Erastus Gatebe the Industrialization Secretary who spoke on behalf of the Chief Guest Hon. Salim Mvurya Mgala, E.G.H., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry.

Prof Gatebe reaffirmed government's commitment to safeguarding Kenya's economy, innovators, and consumers. "Counterfeiting is a global menace that costs the world economy \$2.2 trillion annually. In Kenya, it robs us of approximately KES 100 billion each year.

Kenya Releases Landmark Report on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement



from left Executive director Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Dr. Robi Mbugua, Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe, Chairman of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Board of Directors, Hon. Josephat Kabeabea.

Beyond the economic impact, counterfeit goods jeopardize lives and undermine fair trade. The ISIPPE-2 Report is a clarion call for collective action to address these challenges comprehensively," he stated.

The ISIPPE-2 symposium, held earlier this year under the theme "United Against Counterfeiting for a Healthy and Safer World," provided a

platform for global dialogue on combating counterfeiting. The report summarizes insights, best practices, and actionable recommendations to strengthen IP protection, enhance enforcement, and promote public awareness.

A Roadmap for IP Protection and Industrial Growth

Prof Gatebe highlighted the strategic importance of intellectual property

in Kenya's industrial development. "We are making significant strides in aligning with global best practices in IP protection. Early this month, experts validated the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (NIPPS), developed in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). This policy will foster innovation, attract investment, and ensure fair competition

in our markets," he said. The IP policy development and implementation was one of the recommendations from ISIPPE-2.

These efforts align with its Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which prioritizes industrial growth through Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) support. He emphasized the role of County Aggregation Industrial Parks in fostering innovation and value addition across all 47 counties. He reiterated the government's target to increase the manufacturing sector's GDP contribution to 20% by 2030 and to triple export contributions annually.

Call for Collaboration

Speaking at the event, Chairman of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Board of Directors, Hon. Josephat Kabeabea, underscored the importance of a united approach in tackling counterfeiting. "This report is more than a publication; it is call to action. It is a blueprint for action. Through multi-agency collaborations and the adoption of technology-driven solutions like the Anti-Counterfeit Authority Integrated Management System (AIMS), we are strengthening



Mr. Henry Maina O.G.W, Deputy Director- Research & Policy Anti-Counterfeit Authority taking the guests through the key findings of the report.

enforcement mechanisms and facilitating legitimate trade," he said.

Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Executive Director of the ACA, echoed this sentiment, highlighting the role of the ISIPPE forums in fostering global collaboration and creation of knowledge in the global south. "The ISIPPE-2 symposium demonstrated Kenya's commitment to becoming a leader in IP protection in Africa. The recommendations in the report will fuel industrial growth, protect innovators, and enhance consumer safety," he stated. Dr. Njoroge also announced preparations for the Third International Symposium

on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE-3), scheduled for 4-5th June 2025, with a focus on sustainability and advancing enforcement mechanisms.

Looking Ahead

The ISIPPE-2 Report's release comes at a time when the Kenya government has renewed her efforts towards strengthening its IP protection framework to drive innovation and economic development. It serves as a rallying call for stakeholders to act decisively against counterfeiting. The Cabinet Secretary Speech concluded with a patriotic appeal: "Let us unite as patriots to

defend our country against counterfeiting. Together, we can create a safer, healthier world while fostering a culture of innovation for generations to come."

Download a copy of the report by click on the link below:

<https://shorturl.at/BdRLo>

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In a crucial move to bolster Kenya's efforts in the fight against counterfeit goods, H.E. Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry, engaged with Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Executive Director of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority. This high-level meeting, also attended by Dr. Juma Mukhwana, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Industry, and Mr. John Onyango, Managing Director of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), took place to discuss enhancing the enforcement of intellectual property rights and tackling the rising tide of counterfeit products in Kenya.

The meeting reflected the government's unwavering commitment to safeguarding Kenya's

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade & Industry Engages with Anti-Counterfeit Authority to Strengthen Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

industrial and investment sectors, which are increasingly vulnerable to the damaging effects of counterfeiting. Counterfeit goods not only undermine consumer trust but also hinder local industries, stifling innovation and economic growth. H.E. Salim Mvurya, along with Dr. Njoroge, emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to strengthen regulatory frameworks and improve enforcement to protect the integrity of local products and services.

The discussions underscored the critical role of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority in enforcing intellectual property rights and promoting fair trade practices in the country.

Dr. Njoroge highlighted the importance of continued vigilance and action in curbing counterfeit activities, which continue to present significant challenges to both the formal and informal sectors of the economy.

Furthermore, Mr. John Onyango's presence reinforced the importance of intellectual property protection in the industrial sector. As the Managing Director of KIPI, Mr. Onyango plays a vital role in supporting the protection of patents, trademarks, and industrial designs that are essential to Kenya's growing industries.

The meeting also outlined strategies to increase awareness and

educate the public on the dangers of counterfeit goods. Both the Cabinet Secretary and the Anti-Counterfeit Authority remain committed to supporting a business environment that fosters innovation and protects the rights of consumers and legitimate businesses alike.

As Kenya continues to prioritize industrialization and economic development, the role of intellectual property protection remains pivotal. Through continued collaboration, stronger enforcement, and a unified approach to combating counterfeiting, Kenya is set to ensure a fair and thriving market for all.



from left Dr Juma Mukhwana Principal Secretary, State Department for Industry. Ministry for Investments, Trade and Industry , H.E Salim_Mvurya, EGH Cabinet Secretary Ministry for Investments, Trade and Industry, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Executive Director of the Anti-Counterfeit Authority, Mr. John Onyango, Managing Director of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

CORPORATE NEWS

DHS-CBP Delegation Visits ACA to Strengthen Efforts Against Counterfeiting

challenges of counterfeiting in Kenya.

During the discussions, ACA shared its ongoing initiatives and achievements in combating counterfeit goods, while both sides explored the challenges faced in fighting counterfeit products. The conversation also centered around opportunities to strengthen regulatory frameworks, improve enforcement measures, and increase cooperation in the battle against counterfeiting.

A delegation from the Department of Homeland Security-Customs and Border Protection (DHS-CBP), led by Attaché Tyesha Bordeaux, recently visited the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) headquarters. The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Executive Director of ACA. The meeting focused on ACA's role in protecting intellectual property rights and addressing the

One of the key issues raised was the significant risk posed by counterfeit products to both businesses and consumers. Counterfeit goods often undermine market integrity, jeopardize public safety, and harm legitimate businesses. The delegation acknowledged the need for enhanced efforts to protect intellectual



Department of Homeland Security-Customs and Border Protection (DHS-CBP) Attaché Tyesha Bordeaux

property rights and ensure a fair marketplace.

businesses, consumers, and the broader marketplace.

The visit highlighted the importance of ongoing efforts to tackle the growing threat of counterfeit goods. ACA remains committed to protecting Kenya's economy and consumers from the harmful effects of counterfeiting. As part of this mission, ACA continues to work toward solutions that benefit

The delegation from DHS-CBP included Attaché Tyesha Bordeaux, Ms. Gladys Kang'ethe, and Mr. Harrison Koech. Together, they reinforced the shared goal of protecting intellectual property rights and ensuring the safety and security of consumers.



From L-R Mr. Harrison Koech, Ms. Gladys Kang'ethe, Attaché Tyesha Bordeaux, Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua, Director Research, policy and public awareness Dr John Akoten

ACA and KAM Partner to Tackle Counterfeiting and Boost SME Gains in AfCFTA

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), in partnership with the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), hosted a public-private sector dialogue at Voyager Beach Resort in Mombasa. The focus was on how Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) could benefit from the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The event, themed “Enhancing SMEs’ Benefits in the AfCFTA by Fighting Counterfeiting and Related Forms of Illicit Trade,” brought together stakeholders from various sectors to address the barriers preventing SMEs from fully capitalizing on AfCFTA opportunities.

ACA Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge highlighted the importance of stronger intellectual property (IP) protection to combat

counterfeiting, which harmed businesses and consumer trust. He stated that “Counterfeiting undermined the economy, harmed consumers, and stifled growth,” emphasizing the need for concerted IP rights enforcement to ensure fair competition and protect innovation.

KAM Acting CEO Tobias Alando also stressed the need for regional collaboration to address illicit trade under



ACA Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge highlighting the importance of stronger intellectual property (IP) protection to combat counterfeiting,



AfCFTA. He noted, “The AfCFTA offered immense potential for Africa, but it could only be realized if illicit trade was addressed to restore market trust.”

AfCFTA, the world’s largest free trade area, spanned 54 countries, creating a market of 1.3 billion people with a combined GDP of over \$3.4 trillion. SMEs in Kenya, which made up over 80% of businesses and contributed 30% of employment, were key to unlocking this potential. However, counterfeiting, which cost Kenya over Ksh 100 billion annually, undermined the growth of SMEs by eroding consumer trust and discouraging investment.

To combat this, ACA had strengthened enforcement, public education, and legislative frameworks. The introduction of the Recordation of Intellectual Property Rights system led to the seizure of counterfeit goods worth Ksh 4.5 billion over the past decade. Awareness campaigns

also significantly improved public understanding of counterfeiting, with awareness levels rising from 30% in 2020 to 71% in 2024.

Collaborations between ACA and stakeholders like KAM had led to the development of anti-

counterfeit tools, including an Enforcement Manual to Combat Illicit Trade and Standard Operating Procedures for Import Inspections. These measures enhanced transparency and trade efficiency.



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The Anti-Counterfeiting Authority (ACA) partnered with the Public Relations Society of Kenya (PRSK) at the ongoing 2024 PRSK Annual Summit, hosted at Tom Mboya University in Homa Bay County. This year's Summit, themed "Elevating PR Counsel in a Disrupted World," has attracted public relations professionals nationwide to share strategies for navigating the rapidly changing communication landscape.

ACA's Executive Director, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, a former PRSK Vice President, headlined a panel discussion on "Organizational Positioning: Building Value, Increasing Visibility, and Driving Viability." Dr. Njoroge emphasized the importance of trust, transparency, and ethical leadership in driving sustainable organizational growth.

The CEO reiterated that leadership is about creating an environment where your team feels valued and empowered to contribute to a shared vision. "Lead your organization with acronym LEADER. Listen to understand your audience; Ethics you have to live by a certain principle; Disruptor understand your team to be

ACA Partners with PRSK at the 2024 Annual Summit in Homa Bay County



From L-R David Omwoyo, Chief Executive Officer, Media Council of Kenya, Noella Mutanda, Secretary, Public Relations Society of Kenya, Mercy Chelashaw, Managing Director, Six One Communications Ltd, Lilian Kimeto, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Chief Executive Officer, Anti Counterfeit Authority.

able to lead it; Storyteller-in-Chief as vision bearer, be able to package your organization" He said.

Dr. Njoroge also reaffirmed ACA's commitment to professional capacity-building in intellectual property (IP) protection as a vital enabler of innovation

and fair competition. Public communication, he noted, is central to raising awareness of IP rights and advancing ACA's mission to combat counterfeiting.

The annual Summit serves as a collaborative platform for PR professionals from public, private,

and academic sectors to exchange ideas, learn, and explore innovative communication approaches. ACA's participation underscores its dedication to leveraging partnerships in public relations to enhance its visibility and reinforce its anti-counterfeit efforts.



ENFORCEMENT

ACA and KISM Collaborate to Enhance Ethical Procurement and Fight Counterfeiting



Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM), CEO Mr. Kenneth Matiba and Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua with their management teams

To address the growing challenges of counterfeiting in Kenya's procurement and supply chain sectors, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) recently held a strategic meeting with the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM), led by CEO Mr. Kenneth Matiba. The ACA

team, headed by Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua and accompanied by Director of Enforcement Mr. Yussuf Osman, Director of Research Dr. John Akoten, and Deputy Director of Education and Public Awareness Ms. Agnes Karingu, explored potential areas of collaboration to strengthen procurement practices across the country.

The discussions focused on promoting genuine products in the marketplace and emphasized joint awareness campaigns to educate procurement professionals and consumers about the dangers of counterfeit goods. A key outcome of the meeting was the proposal

for training and capacity-building programs tailored for KISM members. These programs aim to equip Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSCM) professionals with the skills to identify counterfeit products and encourage ethical procurement practices.

Additionally, both ACA and KISM recognized the importance of research in addressing counterfeiting challenges. They agreed on the need for studies to understand the impact of counterfeiting on supply chains, which would help inform policy and create frameworks for transparency and accountability.

As the regulator and licensing body for PSCM professionals, KISM, established under the Supplies Practitioners Management Act No. 17 of 2007, continues to play a critical role in upholding procurement standards in Kenya. This collaboration with ACA marks a significant step toward fostering a sustainable and transparent procurement environment that benefits businesses, consumers, and the broader economy.

By working together, ACA and KISM aim to combat counterfeiting effectively, promote ethical procurement, and ensure that genuine products become the standard in Kenya's marketplace.

ENFORCEMENT



Mr. Henry O. Maina (OGW)

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority destroyed thousands of litres of counterfeit engine oil and motor vehicle lubricants. Also destroyed were spark plugs, oil, and air filters. This was an effort to protect motorists, passengers and automotive industry.

Unlike other counterfeit products, automotive components, filters and lubricants are hidden from view and, at least by lay persons, little understood. Like other consumer goods, automotive components, lubricants and filters may be counterfeits.

The use of fake automotive parts, lubricants and filters may compromise the performance of the motor vehicle and lead to serious safety consequences. Most counterfeits are substandard and potentially deadly. Their use can lead to break failure causing fatalities.

This action, underscores a renewed commitment to combating counterfeiting in the automotive sector,

Kenya Cracks Down on Counterfeit filters, Engine Oil and Lubricants



Chairman of the Board of Directors Hon, Josphat Kabeabea (left) being shown some of the counterfeit car part before destruction commenced.

a market increasingly targeted by counterfeiters seeking to profit at the expense of consumer safety and vehicle integrity.

The destruction operation that took place in Mombasa, (Kenya's largest seaport, a strategic hub for trade in East Africa) saw incineration of goods worth over KSH 237 Million of counterfeit products. The spark plugs, lubricants and filters were value 10 per cent of the total goods destroyed.

Since inception, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority has seized automotive components, lubricants and filters worth 300million making about 7 per cent of all its seizures estimated to be 4.3billion. The seized goods were confiscated over the last five years, included

low-quality, mislabeled, and adulterated oils, often packaged to deceive buyers into believing they were purchasing high-quality brands.

Speaking during the destruction in Mombasa, ACA's Executive Director, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, emphasized the dangers posed by counterfeit engine oils, noting, "the use of counterfeit lubricants not only risks vehicle performance and safety but also contributes to environmental pollution. Our commitment is to ensure counterfeit goods do not compromise the integrity of our markets or the wellbeing of our citizens."

Risks of Counterfeit Lubricants on the Market

Counterfeit lubricants have emerged as a persistent problem, posing significant risks to both consumers and the environment. Substandard engine oils fail to meet performance standards, often leading to increased engine wear, reduced efficiency, and, in severe cases, vehicle failure. "We are seeing countless cases where unsuspecting consumers are sold substandard lubricants at the price of genuine brands," added Njoroge, underscoring the need for consumer education to recognize authentic products.

Not only do these counterfeit products undermine consumer trust, but they also present long-term risks for Kenya's burgeoning automotive industry, which

relies heavily on quality maintenance to support the longevity of vehicles on the road.

A Unified Approach to Enforcement

The success of such operation are achieved through close collaboration between the ACA, customs officials, law enforcement including National Transport and Safety Authority and National Police Service, and key stakeholders in the automotive industry. Officials present at the destruction event included representatives from customs and the Ministry of Trade, highlighting a unified commitment to eradicating counterfeit goods. This destruction exercise aligns with Kenya's broader goal to create a counterfeit-free market, ensuring a safer environment for all players.

"The strength of our response to counterfeiting lies in partnerships," noted a senior official from the Kenya Police Service. "It is a cross-cutting issue that affects not only consumers and traders but the nation's economy at large. Events like this signal that we will not tolerate these practices in Kenya."

What Lies Ahead in Anti-Counterfeiting Efforts

To build on this success, ACA and its partners are bolstering their efforts through enhanced inspection, public awareness campaigns, and improved tracking mechanisms to identify counterfeit products early in the supply chain. The Kenyan government has also signaled its intent to strengthen intellectual property laws to ensure

severe penalties for counterfeitors. "The public is urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious products or dealers to the ACA's hotline. Ongoing consumer education campaigns aim to raise awareness on identifying authentic lubricants and understanding the risks associated with counterfeit goods.

Testimonies from the Industry and Experts

Industry representatives at the event commended ACA's proactive approach, emphasizing the long-term economic impact of counterfeiting. "Counterfeit lubricants distort the market and undermine trust. Today's actions reassure both consumers and legitimate businesses that steps are being taken to protect the quality and

A Call to Action

As ACA intensifies its anti-counterfeit initiatives, consumers are reminded to verify product authenticity, especially for high-risk goods such as engine oils. Through a combination of robust enforcement and public education, Kenya is stepping up its battle against counterfeiting to safeguard its market and uphold consumer safety.

Henry Maina is the Deputy Director- Research & Policy and Chairperson of the Destruction Committee at the Anti-Counterfeit Authority

LEGAL

Nairobi Court Convicts Businesswoman for Trading with Counterfeit Alcoholic Beverages and Imposes Kshs. 3.3 Million Fine or 48-Month Jail Term

A Nairobi court has convicted Jane Wanjiru Ngaruiya, a director of JECA Concept, on four counts related to the possession and manufacturing of counterfeit alcoholic beverages from leading Kenyan manufacturers. The court imposed fines totaling Kshs. 3.3 million or, in default, a cumulative prison term of 48 months.

The conviction followed



evidence presented by the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) and the prosecution, which demonstrated beyond

reasonable doubt Ms. Ngaruiya's involvement in counterfeiting activities. ACA inspectors,

accompanied by police officers, conducted a search at JECA Concept premises along Kangundo

Road. Goods suspected to be counterfeit were seized during the operation, covering both the shop and an adjacent house. An inventory of the seized items was prepared in Ms. Ngaruiya's presence, and she acknowledged the seizure by signing the document.

Laboratory analysis of the seized goods confirmed they were imitations of protected products, designed to mislead unsuspecting consumers. In her defense, Ms. Ngaruiya admitted to being the director of JECA Concept, a fact the court corroborated with other evidence. While there was no direct proof of manufacturing counterfeit goods, circumstantial evidence suggested criminal intent, supported by the paraphernalia found during the search.

In the judgment of Criminal Case No. 1522 of 2017, the Milimani Chief Magistrate Hon. B.M. Ochoi found the seized alcoholic beverage products

"were substantially similar to the protected goods and were calculated to be confused with and taken as the protected products." The court imposed the following penalties:

- **Count 1:** A fine of Kshs. 2 million or 12 months imprisonment for possession in the course of trade of 2,287 bottles of counterfeit alcoholic beverages worth Kshs. 397,938.00, contrary to Section 32(a) of the Anti-Counterfeit Act, 2008.

- **Counts 2 and 3:** A fine of Kshs. 500,000 each or 12 months imprisonment for possession of 677 bottles of 250 ml counterfeit products worth Kshs. 117,798.00, contrary to the Anti-Counterfeit Act, 2018.

- **Count 4:** A fine of Kshs. 300,000 or 12 months imprisonment for manufacturing counterfeit alcoholic products, contrary to Section 35(1)(a) of the Anti-Counterfeit Act, 2008.

ACA Senior Legal

Officer, Ms. Barbara Munguti welcomed the ruling, emphasizing the importance of strict enforcement of intellectual property laws to protect consumers, promote fair trade, and support legitimate businesses. She noted that laboratory reports of the samples taken indicated the products did not meet the required standards and posed significant health and safety risks to consumers.

Counterfeit alcoholic beverages pose numerous risks, including severe health consequences such as poisoning due to toxic chemicals used in their production. These products often bypass quality control measures, exposing consumers to contaminated or improperly processed substances that can lead to illness, blindness, or even death. Beyond health risks, counterfeit alcohol undermines trust in legitimate brands, causing financial losses for manufacturers and the government through evaded taxes and reduced

revenue.

The Kenyan government, through a multi-agency approach, has intensified efforts to combat the counterfeiting of alcoholic beverages. Agencies such as the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), and Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) are working in coordination to conduct inspections, enforce regulations, and educate the public on the dangers of counterfeit goods. These efforts aim to protect consumers, support legitimate businesses, and uphold the integrity of Kenya's economy.

This judgment is seen as a significant step in curbing counterfeiting of alcoholic beverages, a practice that undermines consumer trust and the Kenyan economy. Stakeholders have reiterated the need for vigilance and collaboration to address this pervasive issue effectively.

Court Convicts Trader, Imposes Kshs. 500,000 Fine for Counterfeit Locks and Electrical Cables



In the judgement of the court in Criminal Case No. 1414 of 2018 delivered by the Nairobi Senior Principal Magistrate Hon. R.K Ondieki, a Nairobi businesswoman, M/s. Peniana Muita, was convicted on ten counts of possessing counterfeit goods in the course of trade, contrary to Section 32(a) as

read with Section 35(1)(a) of the Anti-Counterfeit Act.

The accused was found guilty of handling counterfeit branded electrical cables, taps, and lock products of registered trademarks. The court underscored the detrimental effects of counterfeit trade on consumers and legitimate businesses, emphasizing that consumers receive no value for their money when purchasing substandard products. Simultaneously, manufacturers lose their market share and investments, leading to job losses and an uneven playing field in trade.

Highlighting the specific risks associated with counterfeit electrical cables and building materials, the court noted their potential to cause severe safety hazards. Substandard cables are prone to overheating, leading to electrical fires that endanger lives and property. Similarly, counterfeit building materials, including low-quality locks and taps, compromise the structural integrity of buildings, posing risks of collapse and substantial economic loss. These products also undermine trust in local and international markets, further exacerbating

the challenges faced by legitimate businesses.

The magistrate convicted the accused person in all counts under Section 215 of the CPC sentenced the accused to a fine of Kenya Shillings 50,000 for each of the ten counts, totaling Kshs. 500,000. In default of payment, the accused will serve a one-year prison term for each count, with the sentences to run concurrently. Additionally, the court ordered that all counterfeit electrical and building products seized as exhibits be destroyed within 14 days after the right-to-

appeal period lapses. This judgment highlights the judiciary's firm stance against counterfeiting and its commitment to protecting intellectual property rights in Kenya. By imposing stringent penalties and emphasizing the severe consequences of counterfeit trade, the judiciary aims to deter similar offenses and safeguard consumers and businesses from the harmful impacts of counterfeiting

APPOINTMENTS

Welcome to the Team!

We are pleased to welcome two esteemed professionals to our leadership team. CPA James Maringa Mwangi has joined us as the Director – Internal Audit & Risk Assurance, bringing extensive expertise in governance and risk management. We are also excited to have CPA Mogeni Ong'era as the Deputy Director – Finance and Accounts, whose vast experience in financial management will play a pivotal role in driving our organizational goals. We look forward to their contributions as we continue to advance our mission.



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PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Executive Director, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, accompanied by the ACA team, recently visited the Lunga Lunga One Stop Border Post (OSBP) to assess ongoing operations, interact with key border agencies, and discuss strategies for tackling counterfeit goods and illicit trade.

Lunga Lunga OSBP, located at the Kenya-Tanzania border, plays a vital role in facilitating legitimate trade within the East African Community (EAC) while acting as a frontline defense against counterfeit and illicit goods. Given its strategic importance, the visit underscored the necessity of a coordinated approach to strengthen border security and protect Kenya's economy.

The ACA team began their visit at the ACA office

Strengthening Border Security – ACA Executive Director's Visit to Lunga Lunga OSBP

stationed at the border. Having a dedicated office at this critical entry point reflects ACA's unwavering commitment to reinforcing its enforcement activities. It ensures a closer, more efficient monitoring system to intercept counterfeit products that could otherwise infiltrate local markets and jeopardize public safety.

During the visit, Dr. Njoroge and the team held an interactive session with other government agencies operating at the OSBP, including the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), Agricultural Food Authority (AFA), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Port Health, Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Immigration, and the National Police Service. The discussions emphasized the importance of collaboration in securing borders and facilitating the clearance of legitimate



goods.

Dr. Njoroge engaged with the various agencies to address challenges faced at the border and highlight the role of ACA's Intellectual Property (IP) Recordation System, which is designed to enhance the detection and prevention of counterfeit products. By sharing insights and exchanging feedback, the session underscored that enhanced intelligence sharing, training, and streamlined processes are critical for

bolstering operations at key entry points like Lunga Lunga.

The visit was a powerful reminder that securing borders is a shared responsibility. Through multi-agency cooperation and strategic interventions, Lunga Lunga OSBP remains a critical line of defense in the fight against counterfeit trade, ultimately safeguarding the integrity of Kenya's economy and the broader East African region.



PUBLIC AWARENESS

ACA Team Sensitizes Traders in Lunga Lunga Town



The executive director addressing the traders at lunga lunga town

Following the visit to the Lunga Lunga One Stop Border Post, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) team, led by Executive Director Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, extended their outreach efforts to the local traders of Lunga Lunga town. The engagement aimed to sensitize the community on the dangers of counterfeit goods and their role in protecting the economy and public safety.

Lunga Lunga town, located on the Kenya-Tanzania border, is a vibrant hub for cross-border trade, serving local traders and connecting regional markets. While its strategic location provides economic opportunities, it also makes the town susceptible to counterfeit goods, which

pose a threat to legitimate businesses, consumers, and the broader economy.

During the sensitization forum, the ACA team engaged traders in an open and interactive dialogue to raise awareness about counterfeit products and their devastating effects. Traders were informed about the economic and legal risks of dealing in counterfeit goods, including potential health hazards posed by counterfeit pharmaceuticals, electronics, and consumer goods.

The session offered practical guidance on identifying fake products, understanding their impact on the local economy, and reporting suspicious goods to relevant authorities. The ACA team took the opportunity to address questions and concerns raised by the traders, ensuring that their feedback was acknowledged and that

solutions were discussed to foster safer trading practices.

By engaging directly with the local community, the ACA emphasized the importance of public participation in the fight against counterfeits. The outreach highlighted the role of traders as key stakeholders in safeguarding markets from the infiltration of illicit goods.

The visit to Lunga Lunga town demonstrated ACA's commitment to building strong partnerships with communities at the grassroots level. By equipping traders with the knowledge and tools to identify and combat counterfeits, ACA is fostering a collective approach to protecting the economy and ensuring the integrity of Kenya's trade landscape.



PUBLIC
AWARENESS

Affordable Housing and Urbanization Week in Kwale County



Top ACA team led by the Deputy Director education and public awareness Mrs Agnes Karingu and showing the Executive director items that are counterfeit.

share valuable insights, using genuine, high-quality and contribute to the materials in the construction ongoing conversation about of homes. ACA's participation affordable and sustainable emphasized its commitment housing in Kenya.

to raising awareness about counterfeit goods that could

During the event, undermine the integrity and the Executive Director safety of building projects of the Anti-Counterfeit across the country.

Authority visited the ACA exhibition booth, where he engaged with the staff and visit was a reminder of the discussed the organization's critical role that ACA plays mission to safeguard the in ensuring that construction construction industry. His materials meet safety and visit was an opportunity to quality standards. Counterfeit highlight the importance of building materials, which

continue to pose a threat to the industry, not only compromise the safety of homes but also hinder the progress of affordable housing initiatives. ACA's efforts are aimed at preventing the distribution of these harmful materials and ensuring that only authentic, reliable products are used in the building process.

In addition to visiting the ACA booth, the Executive Director took



The Affordable Housing and Urbanization Week in Kwale County recently brought together key players in the housing sector, including the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), which played a crucial role in educating the public about the dangers of counterfeit building materials. The event provided an important platform for ACA to engage with stakeholders,

time to visit other exhibitors at the Affordable Housing and Urbanization Week. His interactions with various stakeholders underscored the collaborative efforts being made to address the housing deficit in Kenya and promote the government's goal of "Housing the Nation, Empowering the Future." The week-long event showcased a variety of solutions aimed at advancing Kenya's housing agenda, from construction technologies to innovative building materials.

The Affordable Housing and Urbanization Week, a key event aligned with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), offered an invaluable opportunity for public and private sector representatives to come together and share ideas for achieving sustainable, affordable housing for all Kenyans. ACA's participation in the event reinforced its role in protecting the integrity of the construction sector, while also contributing to the broader goal of providing safe and affordable homes to Kenyan citizens.

As part of its efforts, ACA continues to encourage the public and stakeholders in the construction industry to remain vigilant against counterfeit goods. The Authority has emphasized that ensuring the use of genuine materials is vital not only for the safety of residents but also for the growth and stability of the housing sector. By raising awareness about counterfeit building materials, ACA is helping to create a future where every Kenyan can have access to secure and affordable housing.

The event was a successful collaboration of industry players and highlighted the significant role that each stakeholder plays in achieving the country's housing goals. As the ACA continues to safeguard the construction industry, it remains dedicated to ensuring that counterfeit building materials do not compromise the safety and integrity of Kenya's housing developments.



ACA Partners with Murang'a University to Promote Intellectual Property Rights at Inaugural Innovation Week

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) partnered with Murang'a University of Technology (MUT) to mark its 1st Innovation Week, themed "Advancing Cutting Edge Innovations through Science and Technology for Sustainable Development." The event brought together industry players, academics, and students for conferences and exhibitions, emphasizing the critical role of intellectual property (IP) in fostering innovation, strengthening industry linkages, and driving economic growth.

ACA Executive Director, Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge a keynote speaker was accompanied by Dr. John Akoten, ACA Director of Research, Policy, and Public Awareness, and other staff paid a courtesy call to MUT Vice-Chancellor,

Prof. Dickson M. Nyariki, at his office at the University. During the meeting, Dr. Njoroge reaffirmed ACA's commitment to collaborating with academic institutions to integrate IP education into research and innovation programs. Prof. Nyariki lauded ACA's proactive engagement, emphasizing the importance of IP protection in bridging the gap between academia and industry.

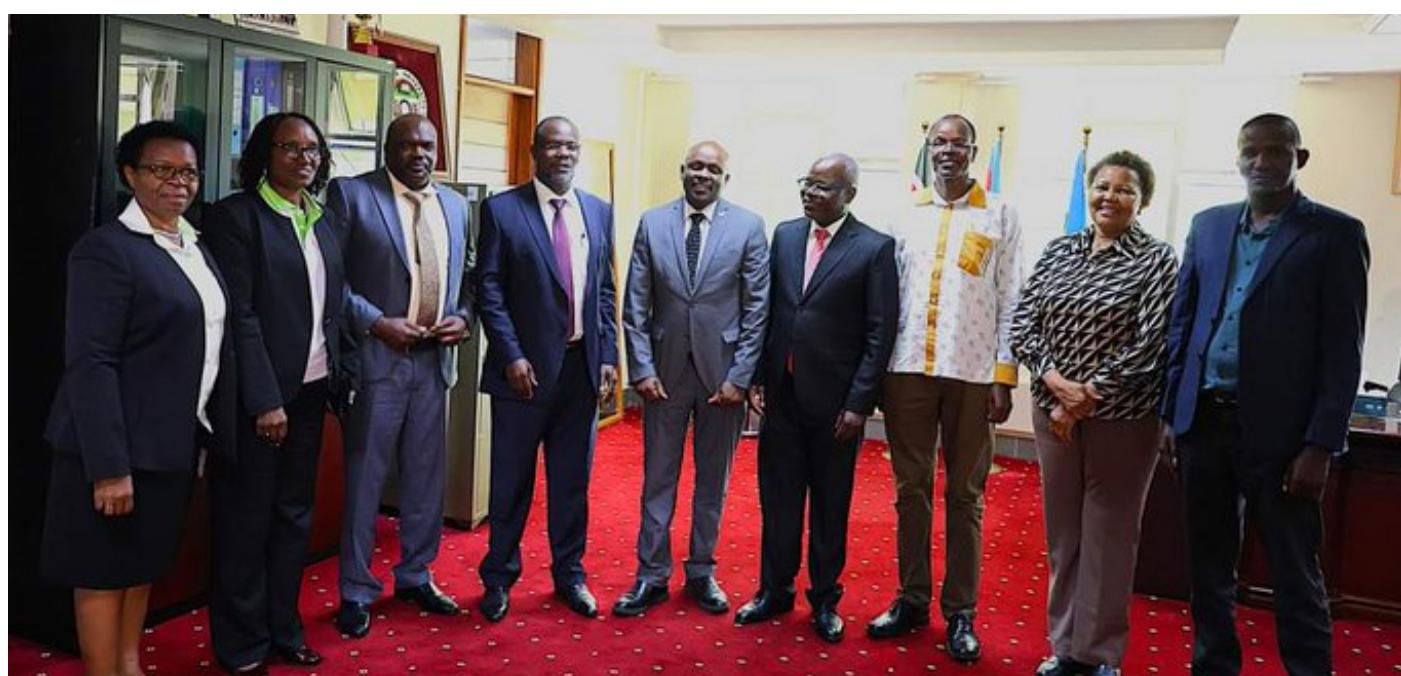
MUT Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Prisca J. Tuitoek and Prof. Beatrice Mugendi, were also in attendance during the courtesy call. The Chief Guest, Dr. Tonny Omwansa, CEO of the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA), praised the initiative's focus on innovation-driven development. Also present



was Prof. Vincent Onywera of KCA University who underscored the transformative impact of academia-industry partnerships in advancing technological transfer and growth.

The Innovation Week goal resonates with ACA's mandate on creation of public awareness and the strategy to strengthening a c a d e m i a - i n d u s t r y

collaboration as a foundation for innovation and IP. By promoting intellectual property rights, the ACA ensures that academic research and innovations are protected, commercialized, and effectively linked to industry, significantly contributing to Kenya's industrial competitiveness and sustainable development.



RESEARCH AND POLICY

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) was honored to participate in the 3rd Innovation and Industrialization Week at KCA University, themed "From Research to Market: Innovate. Commercialize. Transform." The closing ceremony of the annual event hosted by the university was today graced by the Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge, Executive Director of ACA, who was the Chief Guest and keynote speaker.

In his keynote address, "Innovation, Intellectual Property, and the Future of Industrialization," Dr. Njoroge emphasized the importance of robust intellectual property (IP) framework in promoting Kenya's industrial advancement and in safeguarding the work of innovators against counterfeiting.

Professor Vincent O. Onywera, Ph.D., Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Outreach at KCA University, commended the ACA for its commitment to protecting intellectual property. He noted that collaboration between academia, industry, and government agencies is essential for driving meaningful change in Kenya's innovation landscape.

Key Highlights from Dr. Njoroge's Address:

Anti-Counterfeit Authority Participates in KCA University's Research and Innovation Week



Dr. Robi Mbugua Njoroge making his Keynote address to the congregation

Intellectual Property as a Foundation for Industrial Growth: Dr. Njoroge underscored that a well-structured IP system is fundamental for encouraging innovation, attracting both domestic and foreign investment, and enhancing Kenya's standing in the global economy.

ACA's Ongoing Commitment to IP Protection: Dr. Njoroge outlined several ACA initiatives, such as recordation regulations and the National IP Policy, which aim to combat the influx of counterfeit goods and foster an environment conducive to innovation and creative growth.

Strengthening Academia-Industry-Government Collaboration:

Emphasizing a joint effort, Dr. Njoroge stressed the importance of academia

and industry working closely to translate research into market-ready solutions that benefit both the economy and society.

Preparing IP Frameworks for Digital Challenges: In light of evolving digital technologies, Dr. Njoroge spoke on the need for adaptable IP regulations to address emerging challenges in artificial intelligence, data ownership, and digital assets.

The event ended in a tour of the exhibition booths, where innovations by students and private-sector stakeholders were displayed, showcasing Kenya's significant advancements in research and industrial innovation.

ACA remains committed to fostering a secure IP environment that supports and protects Kenya's innovators and contributes to the country's industrial growth and competitiveness on the global stage.



Strengthening Kenya's Intellectual Property Landscape: IP Policy & Strategy Validation Workshop



Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy, and Sports,

Kenya is taking significant steps toward bolstering its intellectual property (IP) framework, as evidenced by the recent National Intellectual Property (IP) Policy & Strategy Validation Workshop held at PrideInn Azure. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and experts, to review and refine Kenya's national

IP policy and strategy—an essential move for safeguarding the country's creative and innovative sectors.

The workshop, officially opened by Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy, and Sports, underscored the crucial role that intellectual property plays in driving economic growth. Hon. Murkomen highlighted that IP protection is a vital component in supporting the creative economy, ensuring that innovators

and creators have the necessary safeguards to develop their ideas and contribute to national progress. "IP protection is key to the growth of our economy. It allows our creators to thrive by ensuring that their work is valued and protected," said Hon. Murkomen in his opening remarks. His statement reflects the broader sentiment shared throughout the workshop that a strong IP system is fundamental to Kenya's economic future.

A notable participant in the workshop was the Anti-Counterfeit

Authority (ACA), which played an integral role in shaping the discussions. The ACA's involvement highlighted the need for stronger measures to protect intellectual property rights from the pervasive challenges of counterfeiting. The Authority's expertise in enforcement is critical to ensuring that Kenya's IP system not only supports creators but also tackles the economic damage caused by counterfeit goods. Throughout the event, the ACA worked alongside other stakeholders to offer insights into how IP

laws and regulations can be strengthened to better protect Kenya's intellectual property and foster an environment conducive to innovation.

Throughout the workshop, participants engaged in in-depth discussions on key aspects of the IP policy, including IP registration processes, enhancing enforcement measures, and providing support for inventors and creators. While the policy is still in the validation stage, significant progress was made in identifying critical areas

for improvement. The workshop emphasized the importance of building infrastructure to support IP rights holders and ensuring that resources are available to help creators navigate the IP system. Additionally, there was a strong focus on increasing public awareness about the value of intellectual property and educating the next generation of innovators on how to protect their creations.

The outcome of the workshop marks an important milestone in the ongoing process

of refining Kenya's IP policy. While the policy has yet to be finalized, the event was an essential step in gathering feedback and fine-tuning the strategies that will ultimately shape Kenya's intellectual property landscape. The next steps will focus on addressing the remaining gaps, incorporating feedback from stakeholders, and working toward finalizing the policy. Once in place, this robust IP framework will enable Kenya to better support its innovators, protect intellectual assets, and promote

economic growth across various sectors, from technology to agriculture, entertainment to fashion.

The government remains committed to creating a supportive environment where innovation can thrive. The validation workshop is just the beginning, and with ongoing collaboration, Kenya is on track to establish itself as a leader in intellectual property protection and innovation in the region.



Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy, and Sports with CEO's and Directors from different government institutions.

PICTORIAL

EPA team at changamka festival



EPA team at KCA Research Innovation week



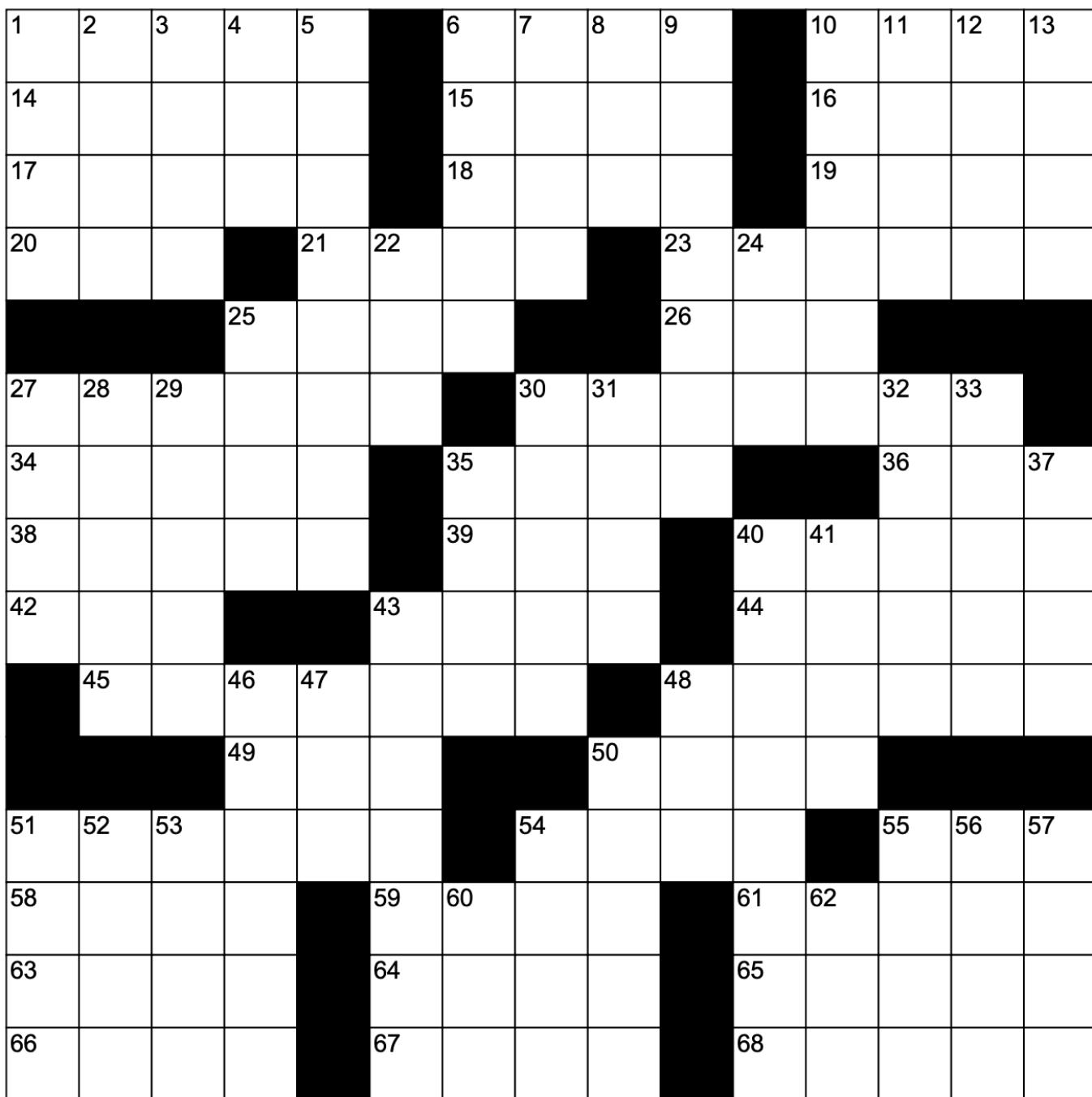
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ACROSS

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- 10 Poetic "has"
- 14 "Remember the __"
- 15 Motor vehicle
- 16 Seaweed substance
- 17 Old TV show
- 18 Cliff
- 19 Came out of sleep
- 20 Put on
- 21 Wager
- 23 Submarine sandwich
- 25 Decorative needle case
- 26 French "yes"
- 27 Supernatural being
- 30 Pilot's fear
- 34 Sound
- 35 Football term
- 36 Possess
- 38 Color of grass
- 39 IOU part
- 40 Large pebble
- 42 Body of water
- 43 Done
- 44 Water carriers
- 45 Free

DOWN

- 48 Entrance halls
- 49 Past
- 50 Spinning toys
- 51 Repent
- 54 Corporation (abbr.)
- 55 Telegraphic signal
- 56 Measure of wood
- 59 Celestial body visible from earth as a point of light
- 61 European country
- 63 Christmas song
- 64 __ Minor (Little Dipper)
- 65 Wanderer
- 66 Otherwise
- 67 Story
- 68 Birds that make a gaggle

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ACROSS

- 1 Piece of stiff paper used to send greetings
- 2 Margarine
- 3 Notify of danger
- 4 Flightless bird
- 5 Act of giving or contributing, as to a cause
- 6 Desert plants
- 7 Bait
- 8 Estimated time of arrival
- 9 Warning horn
- 10 American state
- 11 Impatient
- 12 Rice wine
- 13 Perennial woody plant that has roots, trunk and branches
- 22 Cashew
- 24 Absent
- 25 Canal
- 27 Droops
- 28 Mush up
- 29 Thoughts
- 30 Swore an oath
- 31 Water pitcher
- 32 Christmas bird
- 33 Proprietor
- 35 Bird of peace
- 37 Loch __ monster
- 40 Looking for and buying goods in a store
- 41 Used in play by children
- 43 Nocturnal marsupial
- 46 Long piece of wax with a wick that is burned for light
- 47 Stage of life
- 48 Pro
- 50 Jewish scripture
- 51 Teen disease
- 52 Adze
- 53 Mined metals
- 54 Broken bone holder
- 55 Madam
- 56 Alack's partner
- 57 Dr. Jekyll's "partner"
- 60 Attempt
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