



## **ALLPI ANNUAL REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM 2018**

(Twelveth Regional Leather Sector Core Team and Stakeholders Consultative Forum)

## **KENYA**

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ISSUE	OUTCOME/ACTIVITIES	REMARKS/IMPACTS
Policy, Strategy and Administrative Issues	<ul> <li>Participated in East African Community (EAC) meetings on harmonization of tariffs in the leather sector</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tariff on the importation of footwear imposed at a duty rate of 25% (production min. \$5 and \$2.5 per pair for leather and non leather uppers)</li> <li>Promoting import substitution</li> </ul>
	EAC Strategy Validation workshop held in Nairobi	<ul> <li>Availability of road map for development of the sector regionally</li> </ul>

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Policy, Strategy and Administrative Issues	The Big 4 Agenda introduced by the Government	<ul> <li>Leather sector is one of the priority areas under Manufacturing and is geared towards employment and wealth creation</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Reorganization of Government functions</li> <li>Development of human resource instruments by the Council and Authority to employ the initial 41 critical staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Leather value chain activities previously under SDL transferred to SDI This will create harmony in operations of the Industry and faster growth</li> <li>Enhance the Council's ability in service delivery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Development of Business Plan for Training and Production Centre for Shoe Industry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhance the capacity of TPCSI to be sustainable and offer better services to the industry</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Development of concept papers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Four concept papers for funding developed with input from both public and private sector</li> <li>Will facilitate growth of the sector by supplementing government funding</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Formal launch of Leather Apex Society of Kenya</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Association brings together leather sector players (TAK, KFMA, LAEA, H&amp;STA)</li> <li>Will improve lobbying capacity.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>The Council         evaluated tariffs         related to the         industry and         proposed         adjustments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recommendations forwarded for action by National Treasury</li> <li>Will spur value addition in the sector</li> </ul>
	Development of Standards	<ul> <li>Standards reviewed and customized</li> <li>Production of quality and competitive products</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Handing over of four mini tanneries to County Governments</li> </ul>	• Will enhance value addition activities in the Counties

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Affordable sources of finance for development of MSMEs	• The government has regulated interest rates at not more than 4% above the Central Bank lending rates	<ul> <li>Kenya Industrial         Estates offering         credit to MSMEs at         an interest rate of         10% on a reducing         balance</li> <li>IDB has a line of         credit with EXIM         bank of India for         financing purchase         of machinery</li> <li>Faster growth of         MSMEs and hence         employment and         wealth creation</li> </ul>

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Ease of doing business and Market opportunities	• Faster and easier means of doing business	<ul> <li>Kenya moved 12 steps to position 61 in the latest World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index</li> <li>This will lead to more</li> <li>investments and</li> <li>hence employment</li> <li>creation</li> </ul>
	• 30% of the Procurement Budget is reserved for Youth, Women and People with Disabilities and 40% on Buy Kenya Build Kenya initiative	<ul> <li>Employment and wealth creation</li> <li>Encourage production of local products</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Presidential Order for local procurement of textile and leather products for Disciplined Forces</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Team formed to execute the directive</li> <li>Encourage local production</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Improved visibility and access to markets by participation in shows and trade fairs locally and regionally</li> <li>Uploading of MSMEs products on KLDC website</li> </ul>	• Improved visibility and access to markets

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	• Improved reliability of electricity and reduced electricity tariffs for MSMEs	<ul> <li>Ensure reliable supply of electricity and increase of competitiveness</li> <li>Reduction in production cost</li> </ul>

Capacity Building	• 25 MSMEs trained on footwear and leather goods production	<ul><li>Improved Skills</li><li>Production of quality products</li></ul>
	• 50 MSMEs trained on cluster development	
	• 43 MSMEs trained on entrepreneurship	
	• 10 tannery technicians trained on tanning	
	• 12 tannery workers trained on water and chemical usage	<ul><li> Efficient use of water and chemicals</li><li> Reduced production cost</li></ul>

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	Two members of KLDC attended a workshop in Business development organized by ALLPI in Mombasa	• Enhanced Skills

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Cluster Development	• Five clusters registered and one (Kariokor) supported with machines and equipment.	• Improve product competitiveness and increase in employment

ISSUES	ACTIVITIES/OUTPUT	REMARKS/IMPACT
Establishment of the Kenya Leather Park (KLP) and Tanneries	<ul> <li>Construction of a leather park ongoing</li> <li>Two new tanneries established</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Environmental         Management -         Centralized Effluent         Treatment</li> <li>Foreign exchange         earnings and import         substitution</li> <li>Value addition and         employment and         wealth creation</li> </ul>

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Benchmarking and B2B Meetings	<ul> <li>Indian, Sri Lanka and Chinese delegations visited the Country</li> </ul>	• Increased investments and employment
	<ul> <li>Meeting between         KLDC and         UNIDO         representative to         explore areas of         collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Follow up of concept on skills development</li><li>Skilled manpower</li></ul>

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	• Government officials and three industry players accompanied H.E Deputy President to Italy on trade and investment	<ul> <li>Increase in investment and trade</li> <li>Increase in employment, wealth and foreign exchange earnings</li> </ul>

## THANK YOU