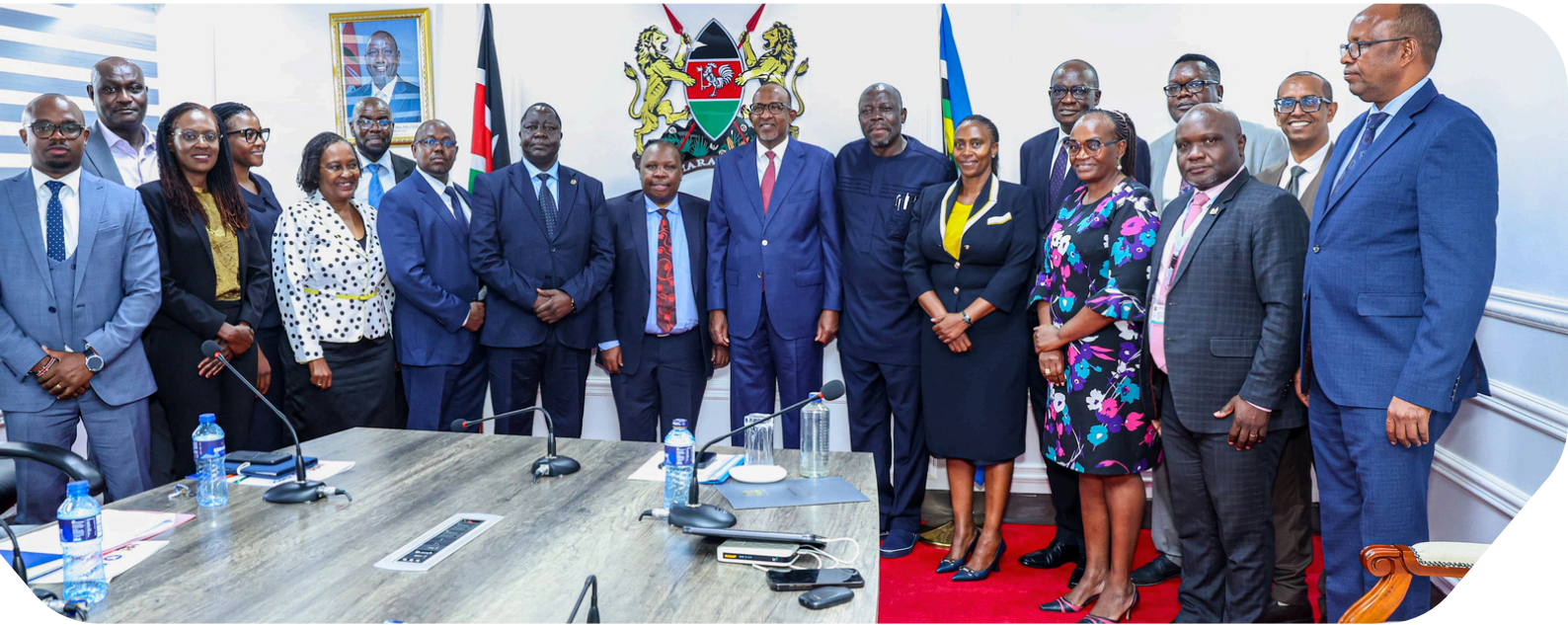


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New KMPDC Council to strengthen health regulation



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, has called for stronger regulatory oversight and accountability following the inauguration of the new Council of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), chaired by Prof. Namenya Were.

The CS underscored the importance of a responsive and well-coordinated regulatory system in safeguarding patient safety, maintaining professional standards and supporting the delivery of quality healthcare under Universal Health Coverage.

He outlined key reform priorities, including the development of a clear Scope of Practice for health professionals, enforcement of performance contracts, and strengthening monitoring systems to ensure timely and measurable results across the sector.

The Cabinet Secretary further highlighted ongoing policy efforts aimed at improving workforce planning and coordination, noting that the Healthcare Professionals Policy and the proposed Quality of Care and Patient Safety Bill will provide a stronger foundation for regulation and service delivery.

He urged the Council to work closely with national and county governments, training institutions, professional bodies and regulators to advance a unified approach to health sector governance anchored on transparency and accountability.

The ceremony was attended by Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms Mary Muthoni, Director-General for Health Dr Patrick Amoth, KMPDC Chief Executive Officer Dr David Kariuki, and other senior Ministry officials.



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Kenya reaffirms shift to integrated, sustainable HIV response

Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga, has reaffirmed the country's transition to an integrated, sustainable and domestically driven HIV response.

Speaking at the opening of the 2026 HIV Coverage, Quality and Impact Network High-Level Meeting in Nairobi, he urged a shift from vertical programmes to people-centred systems addressing broader health needs. He noted Kenya is nearing the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets, with about 1.4 million people living with HIV, but cautioned that sustaining progress will require stronger domestic financing, improved coordination and deeper integration across all levels of care.



Dr Oluga said investments in laboratory systems, data infrastructure and community platforms should be leveraged to strengthen the wider health system under Universal Health Coverage, while calling for action to address stigma, discrimination and access barriers among vulnerable populations.

The meeting brought together over 260 participants from more than 20 countries. It was attended by Dr Andrew Mulwa, representatives of the United States Government, PEPFAR, The Global Fund, ICAP at Columbia University, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other partners and delegates.



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Africa mental health programme opens in Kenya

The Ministry of Health, through the Kenya Medical Training College, in collaboration with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, has launched the 2026 Africa Mental Health Leadership and Advocacy Programme, positioning Kenya as a regional hub for mental health capacity building.

The two-week programme has brought together participants from 17 African countries, up from 11 in its inaugural cohort, reflecting growing continental momentum to strengthen mental health systems.

Presiding over the launch, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms Mary Muthoni, noted that one in four patients in Kenya presents with a mental health concern, underscoring the urgency of reforms.

She highlighted ongoing efforts, including the Mental Health Policy, Mental Health Action Plan and the Mental Health (Amendment) Act, 2022, which advance a rights-based approach to care, and called for integration of mental health into primary healthcare, expansion of community services, workforce strengthening and improved data systems.

The programme will equip participants with skills in leadership, governance, advocacy and public mental health to improve access to quality services across Africa.

The launch was attended by Dr Mohamed Abdullaziz of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, KMTCC Board Chairperson Dr Joseah Cheruiyot, KMTCC Chief Executive Officer Dr Kelly Oluoch, and other stakeholders.



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Revenue Retention and Facility Autonomy

Under the Facilities Improvement Financing Act, 2023, public health facilities no longer surrender their revenue to County Revenue Funds.

They can now reinvest earnings directly at the facility, improving efficiency, reducing delays, and strengthening service delivery.