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The Diaspora:
A Catalyst for Renewal and Economic Growth

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ABOUT US

AKDOI – <https://akdoi.org> – is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization based in Georgia, United States, dedicated to promoting and advancing the welfare of the Kenyan Diaspora. It serves as an umbrella body for federations, councils, and similar organizations that share the values and goals of the Kenyan Diaspora community, as well as those of other immigrant communities in the United States. In short, the summit is guided by these core principles.

VISION STATEMENT

One Diaspora One Voice.

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance, defend and preserve the common welfare of the Kenyan Diaspora.

OUR VALUES

- Honesty, integrity, and mutual respect
- Issues, outcome, and purpose-driven
- Passion and commitment to the work we do
- Excellence derived from intellectual rigor, creativity, and practical experience

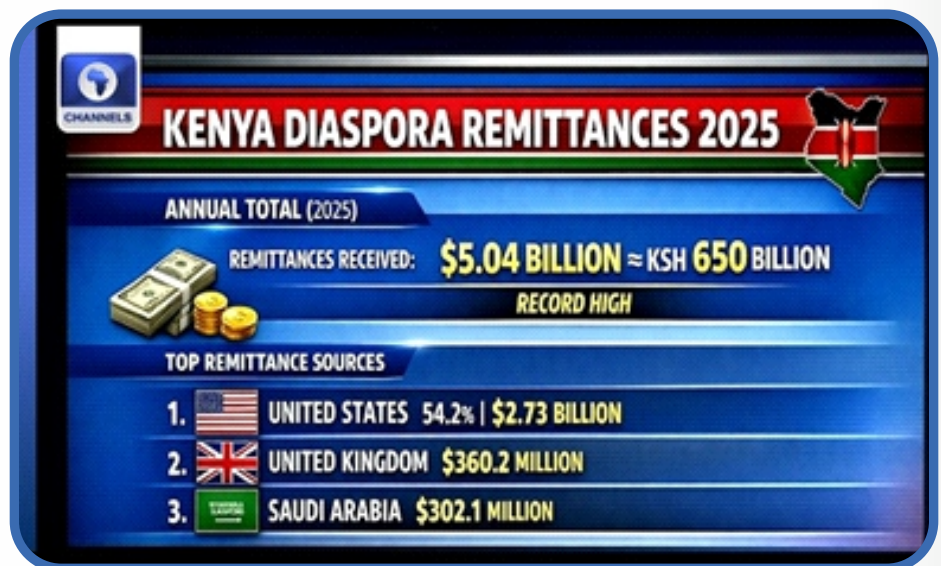
ABOUT THE 2026 KENYA DIASPORA CONVENTION

The **2026 Diaspora Trade & Investment Summit in Atlanta, GA** brings together Kenyans in the Diaspora, Kenyans at home, and fellow African immigrants in the United States to engage with business, political, and government leaders in pursuit of shared economic, social, and political progress. This is a timely opportunity for the Diaspora community to strengthen its economic, social, and political voice and take part in decisions that affect our collective future. Although our ecosystem is broad and sometimes fragmented, we share common interests and a powerful ability to help transform Kenya and Africa's economy through **capital flows** and **direct investments** in sectors such as **real estate, tourism, public infrastructure, manufacturing, outsourcing, finance, and healthcare**. To support this, we have created platforms and frameworks to harness our shared strengths and partner with government, American and Kenyan businesses, and other stakeholders to help strengthen Kenya's economy. The Summit serves as a launchpad for broader economic development by fostering collaboration among the Kenyan Diaspora, business leaders, and government officials in both the United States and Kenya. This year's theme is **“The Diaspora – The Catalyst for Renewal and Growth”**. We encourage you to use this opportunity to build partnerships and initiatives that advance our shared welfare and contribute to regional development.

The Kenyan Diaspora's role in the country's economic, political, and social development has grown significantly as more Kenyans have moved abroad. Often referred to as the **“48th County,”** the Diaspora is recognized for its major economic contribution, particularly through annual remittances. In fact, it is widely seen as the most affluent “County” based on the funds sent back to Kenya each year. These remittances have become a key driver of economic growth. For

example, more than 300,000 Kenyans in the United States remit an estimated **\$2.73 billion** annually. Overall, Kenyans in the Diaspora remit about **\$5 billion, equal to roughly 6% of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**. According to the Central Bank of Kenya, Diaspora remittances rose more than fourfold over the past decade, from **US \$338 million (KSH 25 billion)** in 2004 to **US \$5.03 billion (KSH 203 billion)** in 2023 <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/diaspora-remittances/>. This impact is expected to continue growing, making the Diaspora an increasingly important driver of Kenya's economy for the foreseeable future.

Renewed Purpose - In the wake of the prolonged 2022 general elections and the 2024, 2025 Gen Z-led protests over declining economic opportunities in Kenya and the region, Kenyans at home and abroad have increasingly recognized that we are one extended national family. As the country moves toward the next general elections in August 2027, the Diaspora's participation in the political process, including voting, remains essential. We must have a seat at the table and a meaningful voice in the country's governance. At the same time, we must build on our collective economic strength and create a solid foundation for advancing our shared economic, political, and social interests. Kenyans in the Diaspora are becoming more aware of the opportunities before them and are eager to contribute to the country's development agenda. **Our renewed purpose is to establish a formal institutional framework for channeling diaspora-generated capital into investment across Kenya's diverse economy.**



WELCOME MESSAGE

AKDOI CHAIR

Welcome to the **2026 Diaspora Trade & Investment Summit**, a results-driven platform designed to harness our collective strengths for the common good. Your presence is a great honor to me personally and to the teams who have worked tirelessly over the past several months to make this Summit possible. To our sponsors, thank you for your vital support. To our speakers and panelists, thank you for preparing thoughtful topics that inspire our shared purpose and commitment to service. And to the heroes and heroines we will honor at this conference, thank you for your service to our community and for the energy you bring to the Diaspora ecosystem.

The Kenyan Diaspora is among the most vibrant in the world, actively contributing to the economic, social, and political life of their host countries. While nations such as Israel, India, Morocco, Nigeria, and Egypt have built systems that effectively channel Diaspora participation and capital into national development, Kenya has yet to establish the business platforms and initiatives needed to fully unlock this potential. As a result, the country has missed many transformative opportunities that other nations have realized through their Diasporas. This must change. This convention aims to help shift that course by creating new pathways and platforms for the Diaspora to direct its talent, resources, and innovation toward the advancement of our homeland.

At this convention, the **Association of Kenyan Diaspora Organizations, Inc. (AKDOI-<https://akdoi.org>)** warmly invites you to join us as an individual or corporate member so we can continue to grow and thrive together. As Aristotle said, *“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”* In simple terms, our unity and teamwork can help us achieve far more together than we ever could alone.

I am an optimist by nature, and I believe many of us are. While we face significant challenges, including cynicism within our community and in government institutions, those obstacles are outweighed by the tremendous opportunities still before us. This conference offers an ideal platform to seize those opportunities. On behalf of the AKDOI team, welcome aboard.



DAVID OCHWANGI,
Chair- AKDOI



SPEAKERS:

1. **Dr. Juliana Mwose**, Sec. Gen. – AKDOI
2. **Michael Karuu**, Senior Marketing Director – World Financial Group
3. **Ann Kariuki**, Esq.
4. **Sylvester Harding**, CEO, Sierra Homes
5. **Eric Ericsson Mwangi** – Chairman/President, Atlanta Men's Group
6. **David Ochwangi**, Chairman/President, AKDOI, Diaspora Capital Group, Inc.
7. **Erastus Edung Ethekeon**, Chairman IEBC
8. **Dr. Jeff Kaluyu**, Party Leader – United Change Party
9. **Dr. Robert Chiuri**, Chairman & CEO – Global Standards Resources & Institute (USA)
10. **H.E. Prof. Anyang Nyong'o**, Governor – Kisumu County

PROGRAM

Day 1: Saturday, June 27

Breakfast refreshments/Opening remarks [Dr. Juliana Mwose](#) **9:30 – 10:30**

Welcome Reception – Registration, welcome remarks, Conference overview and flow.

- Registration
- Introduction & Welcome Remarks – [Dr. Juliana Mwose, David Ochwangi](#)
- Prayer by Presiding Pastor -
- National Anthems – American & Kenyan (**All**)
- Summit MC Conduct & Guidelines–
- Sessions Moderator –

Plenary Session -1 **10:30 – 11:00**
Financial Miseducation – [Michael Karuu](#)

Plenary Session -2 **11:00 – 11:30**
Governance & Gen Z – [Dr. Robert Chiuri, Chairman & CEO – Global Standards Resources & Institute \(USA\)](#)

Plenary Session -3 **11:30 – 12:00**
Building Kenya's Real Estate for Kenyans – [Sylvester Harding, Sierra Homes](#)

Plenary Session -4 **12:00 – 12:30**
Stronger Men Build Stronger Communities – [Eric Ericsson Mwangi – Chaiman/President, Atlanta Men's Group](#)

Plenary Session -5 **12:30 – 1:00**
Domestic violence in the diaspora: “Between a rock and hard place” – [Ann Kariuki, Esq.](#)

Plenary Session -6 **1:00 – 1:30**
Connecting Investment Capital & Opportunity – [David Ochwangi](#)

Recess **1:30 – 2:30**
Entertainment Interlude — [Glayonce Pinky](#)

Plenary Session -7 (Address & Panel Discussion) **2:30 – 4:00**
Diaspora Voting & Representation — [Erastus Edung Ethekeon, Chairman IEBC & Commissioners](#)

Plenary Session -8 **4:00 – 4:30**
Connecting Investment Capital & Opportunity – [Dr. Jeff Kaluyu, Party Leader – United Change Party](#)

Key Note Remarks **4:30-5:00**
[Erastus Edung Ethekeon, Chairman IEBC](#)

Key Note Remarks **5:00-5:30**
[H.E. Professor Anyang Nyong'o, Governor, Kisumu County](#)

DINNER **5: 30-6:30**

Awards & Recognitions **6: 30- 7:00**

Conference Summation **7:00 – 8:00**

- Health & Wellness –[Dr. Juliana Mwose](#)
- Diaspora Business & Investments opportunities –[David Ochwangi](#)

Vote of Thanks - [Dr. Juliana Mwose, & David Ochwangi](#)



H.E. Professor Peter Ayang Nyong'o
Governor, Kisumu County

Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o is a distinguished political scientist, academic, and veteran statesman who has served as the **Governor of Kisumu County, Kenya, since August 2017**. Renowned for his role in shaping Kenya's modern political landscape and public policy, he combines extensive scholarly expertise with decades of governance experience.

County Executive: He is serving his second term as Governor of Kisumu County, focusing on urban modernization, healthcare revitalization, and economic development.

Cabinet Minister: Spearheaded nationwide healthcare overhauls as Kenya's **Minister for Medical Services (2008–2013)**, laying early foundations for Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

National Planner: Formulated Kenya's economic revival strategies during his tenure as **Minister for Planning and National Development (2003–2005)**.

Legislative Career: Represented Kisumu County as its inaugural **Senator (2013–2017)** and served multiple terms in the National Assembly representing the Kisumu Rural Constituency.



Erastus Edung Etheke, HSC
Keynote Speaker:
Chairman, Independent Electoral &
Boundaries Commission (IEBC)

Erastus Edung Etheke is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and an accomplished legal practitioner with more than 15 years of experience in governance, peacebuilding, and sustainable development across Africa. He has advised governments, the African Union, and the United Nations on electoral support, conflict prevention, and human rights integration, while also helping mobilize funding for peace and humanitarian initiatives and mediate cross-border conflicts. His public service began at the grassroots level as Presiding Officer during Kenya's 1997 and 2002 general elections. He later served as Turkana County's first County Attorney, a UNDP Program Coordinator and Chief Technical Advisor managing multi-million-dollar peacebuilding portfolios, and a Thematic Expert for the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD). He holds master's degrees in law (Oil, Gas, and Energy), Project Management, and Peace and Conflict Studies. As Chairman of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, Mr. Etheke brings grassroots electoral experience, legal expertise, and international strategic leadership to the work of strengthening public trust in Kenya's democratic institutions.



Ann Kariuki, Esq. (LLB, LLM, MPA)

Organization: International Center for Alleviation of Poverty Inc.

Profile: Ann Kariuki is the Executive Director of International Center for Alleviation of Poverty Inc. A holder of MPA from Cheyney University, LLM degree from Temple University, Law School (Philadelphia) and LLB (Hons) from the University of Nairobi. Ann has served as a Director of Human Resources, Women Against Abuse Inc., in Philadelphia, as Executive Director of the Center for Public Law and Policy in Nairobi and Deputy Director, Public Law Institute in Kenya.

Ann was a founder member and Vice President of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA Kenya) a leading women's rights organization and also Chair of Public Policy Committee of the American Association of University Women, Philadelphia to men on a few. She has also served as the chief Legal Officer and deputy to company secretary at Kenya Airways. Her legal career started at Hamilton Harrison and Mathews Co. Advocates. Ann has served on various boards and leadership positions. She is also a recipient of several awards and recognitions



Michael Karuu

**Senior Marketing Director
World Financial Group**

Michael Karuu is an accomplished licensed real estate agent and financial professional based in the Greater Atlanta Area. With over two decades of experience in the Atlanta real estate market, he has built a reputation for providing client-centered brokerage services across residential, investment, and commercial properties.

Professional Core Roles

Licensed Financial Professional: Operates as a financial specialist with Team Ebenezer, providing strategic wealth management and financial guidance.

Real Estate Specialist: Serves as a Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Metro Brokers, a role he has held since March 2005. His practice covers diverse specialties, including first-time homebuyers, investment properties, foreclosures, and short



Fahima Araphat Abdallah, OGW,
Vice Chairperson of the Independent Electoral
and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) of Kenya.

Ms. Fahima Abdallah is an accomplished public administrator and Governance expert with extensive experience in public finance, project management, policy development, and devolution. She previously served in various leadership positions in the Lamu County Government, including County Executive Committee Member and Ward Administrator. Ms. Abdallah holds a Master's degree in Project Planning and Management from the University of Nairobi, a Bachelor of

Commerce (Accounting) degree from Kenyatta University, and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She is the recipient of the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) in recognition of her distinguished public service and is committed to promoting good governance, institutional excellence, and credible, inclusive electoral processes in Kenya



David Ochwangi
President & CEO – Diaspora Capital Group, Inc.

Profile: David is the founder and President of Diaspora Capital Group, Inc. (<https://diasporacapitalgroup.com>) an organization dedicated to reforming the Diaspora economic ecosystem by redirecting capital to growth industries in Kenya including Real Estate, e-commerce, etc. David is committed to the establishment of a strong economic development framework upon which Kenyans in the Diaspora will channel their capital for investments. David is also the organizer of the **PROPOSED**

Diaspora Federal Credit Union, a banking organization currently in the chartering process designed as an online banking platform to meet the diaspora community's unique banking & investment needs. He is also the co-founder and chairman of the **Association of Kenyan Diaspora Organizations, Inc.** (<https://akdoi.org>) an organization dedicated to the advancement of the unity and common welfare of the Kenyan Diaspora around the world. Our motto is – “One

Diaspora, One Voice”. As chairman, David is responsible for the organizations' overall strategic direction, including coordinating the Boards, business and investment management activities. He is also responsible for infrastructure and resource deployment in the engagement of the diaspora and various stakeholders.



Dr. Juliana Mwose
Secretary General, AKDOI

Dr. Juliana Mwose is a proud Kenyan Diaspora, who has lived in the United States since August of 1985. Before leaving Kenya at a young age, Juliana a trained high school teacher education on from Kenya Technical Teachers College and was a teacher at Malindi Boys High School. Dr. Mwose is proud to be involved in Kenyan Diaspora Community affairs. If you visited Juliana's village and asked the villagers about

Juliana, they will probably remember her as the village girl who was always organizing other girls for self-help activities. One of the achievements that Juliana has made is raising a family of three children in a foreign land, while at the same time furthering her educational dreams. Dr. Mwose is a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Valparaiso University, Indiana and is currently teaching Nursing Leadership to Baccalaureate students and Evidence-Based Practice to doctoral students at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. Her professional interests focus on health promotion and wellness of the community **Name: Dr. Juliana Mwose Organization: AmKenya, Inc.** her current projects include holding healthcare fairs for Kenya Diaspora in her home town of South Bend, Indiana, medical missions to Kenya and serving as a board member of a team that is working on building a world class health care system in Kenya. In addition, she serves as a health provider for patients with lung disease for Pulmonary and Critical Care Associates of South Bend, Indiana and is a member of Kenya American Community Organization Inc. (KACOinc) of Atlanta, besides other professional affiliation.



Sylvester Harding
Founder | Real Estate Developer | Engineer

Sylvester Harding is the Founder of Sierra Homes in Florida, USA since 2007 and Sierra USA Homes, LTD in Kenya in 2025. He is a seasoned real estate developer, engineer, and investor with a comprehensive background across all facets of the industry. As a licensed builder, developer, real estate and mortgage broker, he brings a uniquely integrated approach to real estate development—combining technical expertise, financial insight, and market knowledge to deliver successful projects.

With over \$250 million in real estate transactions, Sylvester has extensive experience acquiring, developing, managing, brokering, and selling multifamily and residential assets. His entrepreneurial mindset and hands-on leadership style drive strategic planning, operational efficiency, and high-quality execution across every project.

Known for his commitment to excellence and client-focused approach, Sylvester ensures that every investment and development opportunity is handled with precision, transparency, and a focus on long-term value.



Dr. Ann Nderitu
Commissioner, IEBC

Dr. Ann Nderitu is an elections and governance specialist recognized for her expertise and transformative leadership in the field. She is a seasoned public administrator with more than two decades of professional experience. Over the course of her career, she has demonstrated exemplary practice and

commitment in the areas of electoral management, governance, education, and capacity development. Dr. Ann Nderitu currently serves as a Commissioner at the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). Over the course of her earlier tenure at the Commission, she held several senior positions, including Head of Electoral Training, Manager for Partnerships and Stakeholder Management, and Director of Voter Education and Partnerships. Her appointment in 2025 marked a notable return to the Commission after an eight-year absence, making her the first former IEBC staff member to be elevated to the position of Commissioner within the same institution. In her current capacity, she chairs the Elections Operations Technical Committee (EOC), mandated to supervise the planning, coordination, and overall management of electoral operations. The Committee carries substantial responsibility in ensuring the efficient, lawful, and credible conduct of elections.



Dr. Jeff Kaluyu
Leader – Unified Change Party

Dr. Japheth "Jeff" Kaluyu is a Kenyan scholar, economist, and politician who serves as the party leader of the **Unified Change Party (UCP)**. Positioning himself as a political outsider and anti-corruption reformer, he is best known for his independent presidential run in Kenya's 2017 general elections and his subsequent early launch for the **2027 presidential race**

Political Leadership & Campaigns

2027 Presidential Bid: Officially launched his campaign at a highly publicized rally on State House Road, framing himself as the ideal alternative to traditional political elites.

Party Leadership: Serves as the leader of the Unified Change Party (UCP), which he has actively positioned as a collaborative platform for youth and Gen Z leaders.

National Platform: First gained prominent national recognition during the 2017 general election, where he ran as an independent presidential candidate.

Regional Advocacy: Actively campaigns for leadership transition within the Eastern/Kamba region, advocating for a shift toward economically driven development over legacy politics.



Eric Ericsson Mwangi
Chairman/President – Atlanta Men's Group

Eric 'Ericsson' Mwangi is a community leader, nonprofit executive, and marketing executive based in Atlanta, Georgia. A U.S. and Kenyan citizen and proud father of three, he brings more than 25 years of experience in community service, youth development, and leadership. Eric serves as a Marketing Vice

President for a Fortune 500 company, leads two nonprofit organizations as Executive Director, and founded the Atlanta Men's Group, a thriving network of more than 500 members. His work focuses on empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and cultivating leadership through mentorship, service, and meaningful connections. In 2024 was recognized by the Georgia State Congress for his body of work and was able to get the GA Congress to observe 'Mashujaa Day' as a Holiday in the State of Georgia every October 20th

He is driven by 2 simple mantras: Iron Sharpens ***Iron*** and ***Be the Difference in a Crazy World***. When men stand together, support one another, and grow together, something powerful happens, Stronger Men Build ***Stronger Communities***. ***My mission*** is to build a brotherhood where men grow, serve, lead, and rise together and in the process mentor and onboard the Youth all over the World.



Dr. Robert W. Chiuri
Chairman & CEO of Global Standards
Resources & Institute (USA)

Dr. Chiuri is Chairman & CEO of Global Standards Resources & Institute (USA), an organization involved in certifications, manufacturing quality audits and management consulting having worked for many international firms in various senior leadership capacities. Dr. Chiuri is a certified global standards lead auditor, for various accredited audit schemes including Quality Management Systems (QMS), Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS), International Organization of Standardization (ISO), Global Food Safety Initiative GFSI's SQF, PrimusGFS and FSSC among others. Dr. Chiuri completed a doctorate in Business Administration and Global Management through the School of Advanced Studies University of Phoenix, Arizona USA in 2015.

Dr. Chiuri has completed several peer-reviewed research studies that are various stages of journal publication including an empirical study on the “correlation between food safety auditing and business competitiveness of small and medium enterprises” in 2019. Dr. Chiuri also has an Executive Masters Degree in International Business from St. Louis University and a Masters in Business Administration- Entrepreneurship Development from University of Nairobi, Kenya.



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