

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE KECOSO PUBLICATION.

It is with profound pride and joy that I welcome you to the 44th edition of the Kenya Communications Sports Organization (KECOSO) Games. My warmest congratulations to the KECOSO Governing Council and the entire organizing team. Your hard work, often putting in late hours has once again made this incredible annual fete happen. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and truly commendable.

As a staunch and active member of KECOSO since its inception in 1978, Kenya Ports Authority remains committed to elevating standards of these games. Our resolve is grounded on the effective participation of our sportsmen and women including veterans of international repute who proudly call KPA their second home.

The Authority is once again honored to be part of this weeklong celebration of sportsmanship to be staged in Embu County from 23rd to 30th August 2025. It will be a week of electrifying moments as the KECOSO family, which draws membership from the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Ministry of Information, Communication & the Digital Economy and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports converge to exploit knowledge sharing and promoting teamwork.

Beyond competing in various sporting disciplines, participants are expected to treat the games as a platform to nurture talents, network, benchmark and share personal work experiences with a view to enhance individual productivity and growth.

Indeed, the KECOSO games have stood the test of time serving as a formidable springboard for the success of numerous celebrated athletes in the country today.

As a corporation we take pride in our contribution to the development of sports culture in the country. Through our elaborate Corporate Social Investment Program "Tunahusika" we are on record as a state agency

that has successfully sponsored soccer tournaments in various maritime counties. The generous gesture has resulted in tapping of talents amongst our youth and most importantly keeping them productively engaged.

Our dedication to sports is further demonstrated by the achievement of our basketball and volleyball teams, which have consistently excelled at the national, regional and international championships. The teams have featured prominently as top performers with some of the players turning up for the national teams.

The Bandari Football Club, the only club from the Coast region in the national Premier League, has continued flying our corporate flag while facing the future in confidence.

Port performance

In terms of our core business, I am glad to note that the journey towards port transformation is yielding impressive results. The Port of Mombasa has sustained growth through strategic investments in capacity expansion, infrastructure and equipment, and improved business processes.

Last year the Port experienced a remarkable 14 per cent increase in cargo throughput, hitting 40.99 million metric tons compared to 35.98 million metric tons in 2023. Container traffic also soared by 24 per cent, with 2.005 million TEUs recorded in 2024, up from 1.623 million TEUs in 2023.

The positive momentum has been sustained into 2025. As of June 2025, the Port of Mombasa already posted promising results in both cargo throughput and container traffic. During the period January to June 2025 the Port of Mombasa handled 21.33 million metric tons, an increase from 19.74 million Metric tons during the corresponding period in 2024, representing a growth of 1.6 million metric tons or 8.1%.

In container traffic, the port processed 1,012,949 TEUs compared to 948,983 TEUs in the same timeframe last year, marking an increase of

63,966 TEUs or 6.7%. Notably, both imports and exports saw significant growth, with imports up by 48,793 TEUs (13.4%) and exports rising by 50,572 TEUs (14.4%).

The primary contributors to this success were liquid bulk, dry bulk, and loose cargo, which increased by 766,763 tons (16.2%), 418,910 tons (11.6%), and 371,514 tons (44.7%), respectively. As we strive to remain the leading Port and reliable trade facilitator in the region, our commitment is to endeavour to effectively support the supply chain and provide efficient and satisfactory services to our customers.

Lastly, as we embark on this exciting sports event, I encourage all the participants to uphold the spirit of fair play and celebrate the unity that it presents. Let the 44th edition of KECOSO games become a success by embracing sporting spirit from the beginning to the end.

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