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*Training Session of Amani Club Patrons at Nakuru Girls High School on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025*



*Student participating during the Public Speaking Competition during the Amani Club Debate Championships at Alliance High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025*

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this edition of Cohesion Today a space where we celebrate your dedication, share our collective progress, and reflect on the journey toward a more peaceful and united Kenya. As you explore these stories of impact, innovation, and teamwork, we invite you to indulge in the spirit of service that drives our mission. Whether you are in the field, at headquarters, or partnering from afar, your role is vital to the work we do.

As we reflect on our shared efforts, we warmly invite you colleagues, and champions of cohesion to share your experiences. Whether it's a breakthrough moment, a challenge overcome, or a lesson learned in the pursuit of unity, your story matters. Let's continue to inspire one another, learn from each other, and advance peace together one story at a time.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



## FROM THE CEO



At NCIC, our vision of a peaceful, united Kenya is not just a guiding principle it's a daily reality shaped by your dedication. Over the past few months, your work has brought this vision to life in remarkable ways. On June 18th, during the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, we partnered with Nairobi County to engage communities in Mathare, Dagoretti, and Kibera. Through spoken word, music, and open dialogue, you helped amplify the message that hate speech online or offline undermines the unity we strive to build.

Your efforts in organizing the 2025 Amani Clubs Debate Championship at Alliance High School were equally impactful. Students from across the country debated in English, Kiswahili, French, and German, engaging with national issues and building leadership skills. Your coordination with partners like the Ministry of Education and NCTC made this event a national success.

In Marsabit, the Transgenerational Conversations Townhall Forum brought elders, youth, and religious leaders together to discuss governance, inclusion, and security. Broadcast live with support from KBC, UNDP, and others, this forum showcased NCIC's role in fostering inclusive, solution-driven dialogue.

We also partnered with NCTC to train security officers in identifying early signs of extremism and hate speech strengthening the bridge between communities and security actors.

From cultural festivals in Machakos to peace forums in Nyanza and university collaborations in Western Kenya your work continues to inspire. You are building peace in everyday interactions and shaping a Kenya that is more cohesive, resilient, and united.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment. Let's keep the momentum.

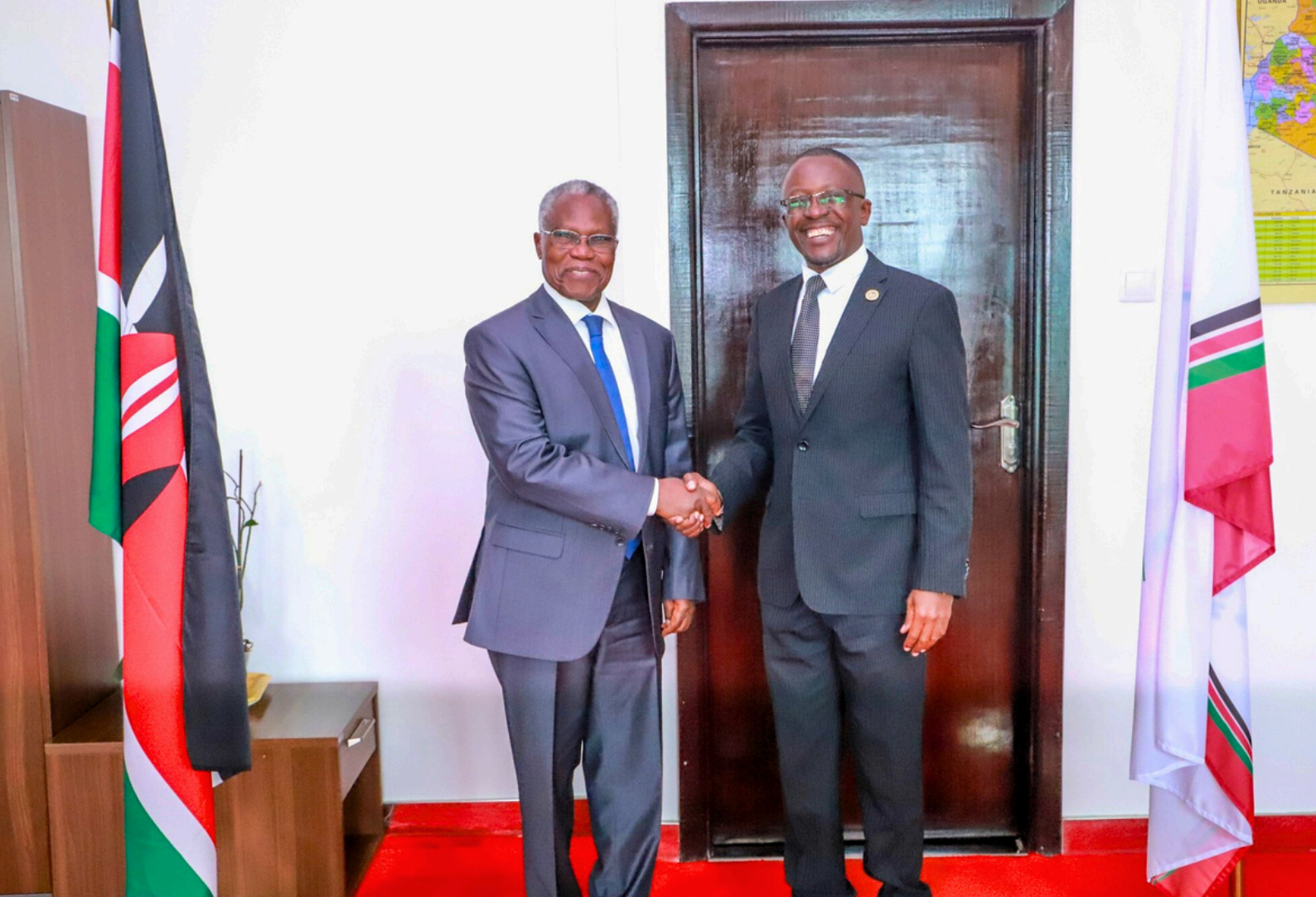
*Dr. Daniel Mutegi Giti*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# Ongoing Initiatives







*The NCIC Chairperson, Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, CBS, received a courtesy call at NCIC offices Britam towers from the Special Presidential Advisor on Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Livelihoods, Mr. Jaoko Oburu Odinga on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

## **NCIC PARTNERS WITH THE AND OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR**

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), through the office of its Chairman, Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia CBS, received a courtesy call from the Special Presidential Advisor on Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Livelihoods, Mr. Jaoko Oburu Odinga, accompanied by his team. The meeting took place on 11th June 2025 at the Commission's headquarters in Nairobi.

Discussions centered on strategies to uplift marginalized communities through innovative approaches, including the use of sports to engage and inspire the youth, as well as exploring opportunities within the digital economy to foster inclusive growth. Both parties highlighted the critical role of empowering young people as a pathway toward building cohesive and resilient communities.

As part of the engagement, they also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the CEO Dr. Daniel Mutegi Giti. The MoU provides a framework for collaboration in several areas, including joint community engagements, sports for peace initiatives and leveraging NCIC's Amani Club peace gardens as platforms to promote dialogue, unity and social harmony.

The partnership reflects a joint commitment to advancing economic empowerment while simultaneously strengthening peace and cohesion across the country.

# NCIC LEADS GROUNDBREAKING PEACE FORUMS IN KAKUMA TO STRENGTHEN HOST-REFUGEE COHESION



*Commissioner Hon. Abdulaziz Farah addressing partners in Kakuma, Turkana County on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2025*

In a landmark effort to promote peaceful coexistence and social integration, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) hosted a week-long series of consultative forums from May 27th to 31st, 2025, in Kakuma, Turkana County. The initiative brought together political leaders, humanitarian agencies, host communities, and refugee representatives to address long-standing challenges and chart a path toward sustainable peace.

Held across five days, each forum focused on a specific constituency or stakeholder group, allowing for targeted discussions and inclusive participation. Political leaders including Members of County Assembly (MCAs) and Ward Administrators joined representatives from organizations such as UNHCR, RCK, World Vision, DRS, Don Bosco, Peace Wind Japan, and Windle International. The forums also welcomed youth, women, elders, and leaders from both host and refugee communities.

The event kicked off with a courtesy visit by NCIC Commissioner Hon. Abdul Aziz Ali Farah to UNHCR Kakuma Sub-office Head Mr. Nanduri Sateesh, reaffirming NCIC's commitment to collaboration with humanitarian partners. Throughout the week, discussions tackled critical issues such as unequal access to resources, marginalization, land disputes, and lack of representation barriers that have historically strained relations between host and refugee populations.

One of the critical sessions was the meeting with the hosting community, where residents voiced their concerns and learned about NCIC's upcoming two-year integration programme. Similarly, the final day's dialogue with refugee representatives provided firsthand insights into the root causes of conflict and the challenges of maintaining peace in Kakuma.

Commissioner Farah emphasized that peace is not only a constitutional imperative but also a cornerstone of sustainable development. "We must walk together in this journey of peacebuilding," he urged, calling for shared responsibility and stronger partnerships.

The forums yielded several key outcomes: enhanced understanding between stakeholders, renewed commitment to social integration, and the foundation for future programs tailored to the unique needs of Kakuma's diverse population. NCIC's Deputy Director of Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Mr Liban Guyo reinforced the Commission's mandate to eliminate ethnic discrimination and hate speech, and to foster unity.

This initiative marks a significant step toward building one Kenya where diversity is embraced, voices are heard, and communities thrive together in peace.



*Head of planning and resource mobilization Mr. Richard Nderitu addressing the host community on NCIC current initiative aimed at fostering social integration between Refugees and the host community in Kakuma, Turkana County on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025*



# NCIC AMANI CLUBS' DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) successfully hosted the 2025 Amani Clubs Debate Championship from January 1st to 4th at Alliance High School in Nairobi. The event brought together learners from primary schools, junior secondary schools (JSS), and high schools across the country, united by a shared goal: to promote peace, national cohesion, and responsible citizenship among Kenya's youth.

Throughout the four-day championship, students engaged in thought-provoking debates conducted in English, Kiswahili, French, and German. These multilingual discussions tackled key national issues, allowing participants to demonstrate their analytical skills and engage with diverse perspectives. In his opening remarks, NCIC CEO Dr. Daniel Mutegi Giti encouraged students to use the platform to reflect on their role in peacebuilding. "As we gather today, let us reflect on the profound responsibility we all share in cultivating peace. To the students competing in this championship, I urge you to seize this opportunity to articulate your perspectives, engage with diverse viewpoints, and learn from one another," he stated.

The event was supported by various partners, including the Ministry of Education (MOE), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), National Crime Research Centre (NCRC), Teachers Service Commission (TSC), Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), and Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB). These institutions played a vital role in enriching the experience for students through interactive sessions and expert-led workshops.

KCB facilitated a session on financial literacy, while experts from DCI, NCTC, and NCRC conducted critical awareness sessions on crime prevention, counterterrorism, and national security. These engagements helped students understand their potential contributions to creating safer, more cohesive communities.

The championship concluded with an awards ceremony, where participants and winners were recognized with trophies, badges, and certificates. As the event drew to a close, it left behind a powerful message: Kenya's future rests in the hands of young minds committed to peace, dialogue, and unity.



*NCIC CEO Dr Daniel Mutegi Giti addressing students at the opening ceremony of the Amani Club Debate Championships at Alliance High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025*



*Public Outreach and Engagement Department Deputy Director Mr. Kilian Nyambu addressing the students at the opening ceremony of the Amani Club Debate Championships at Alliance High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025*



*Students debating each other during the Amani Club Championships at Alliance High School on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025*



*Students engaging with each other during the debate held at Alliance High school on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025*

# Fostering Social Cohesion Through Academic Partnerships



*NCIC Vice Chairperson Commissioner Hon. Dorcas Kedogo and Prof. Solomon Igosangwa Shibairo Vice Chancellor of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology with a team from NCIC at his office on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

On Monday, 30th June 2025, NCIC Vice Chairperson Commissioner Hon. Dorcas Kedogo paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Solomon Shibairo, Vice Chancellor of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), at his office. The meeting highlighted the critical role universities play in human resource development and the generation of new knowledge. During their discussions, the two leaders explored avenues for collaboration aimed at enhancing peace and cohesion within the community.

Following the meeting, the NCIC team convened with Dr. Ombachi Kipkorir, Chair of the Emergency Management Studies (EMS) department at MMUST, at the School of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance. Recognized as one of the university's most robust departments, EMS focuses extensively on peace and conflict management. The Commission committed to partnering with the department to strengthen peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts across the region.

The engagements were also attended by Dr. Eglia Tsuma (PhD), Registrar of Administration, and Mr. Victor Ijaika Bulemi, the NCIC Upper Rift Principal Program Officer. The collaborative efforts aim to foster sustainable peace and stability through academic and practical initiatives.



# Marsabit County: Transgenerational Conversations

Marsabit County hosted the inaugural Transgenerational Conversations Townhall Forum on Thursday, July 24, 2025 an initiative spearheaded by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



*Moderator and Panellists at the Transgenerational Conversations at Marsabit County on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025*

The forum aired through Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) conveyed the youth, elders, religious leaders, and community stakeholders for a candid exchange of ideas aimed at strengthening governance, accountability, and social cohesion in Kenya. Marsabit, a region often marked by cycles of conflict driven by political competition, ethnic tensions, and resource disputes, served as a symbolic and strategic location for this dialogue.

Addressing the participants, Deputy County Commissioner Mr. David Saruni underscored the importance of such engagements, particularly in a county with a predominantly youthful population. The townhall addressed pressing issues including youth unemployment, insecurity, and inter-community tensions.



*NCIC Deputy Director Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Mr. Liban Guyo and Principal Corporate Communication Rosemary Were during a courtesy call at the Marsabit Deputy County Commissioner Mr. David Saruni on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

NCIC Commissioner Dr. dANVAS Makori pointed to last year's Gen-Z-led protests over the finance bill as a reflection of youth exclusion in policymaking. "It is important that we have people-led conversations as we conduct this live show the audience has a lot to table," he said.

Stephen Roba shared his efforts to establish a youth employment welfare centre in collaboration with the county government, while Farida Mohamed highlighted that over 60% of Marsabit's population comprises unemployed youth under 25 a factor fuelling ethnic divisions and clan-based incitement. She urged young people to explore digital opportunities beyond traditional employment. Sheikh Mohamed Kuli reminded parents of their role in shaping future leaders, saying, "Let us remember to set a good example for these children."

Hate speech is not  
freedom of  
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weapon that divides,  
wounds, and  
destroys the soul of  
our nation.  
Let us choose words  
that heal, unite, and  
build a Kenya where  
every voice uplifts  
peace.



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# SECURITY STAKEHOLDERS RALLY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN KENYA

On Thursday, June 19th, 2025, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) actively participated in a high-level regional security meeting held at the Mumias Cultural Centre in Kakamega County. The forum, convened by Western Regional Commissioner Mr. Samson Macharia, brought together security committees from Bungoma, Vihiga, Kakamega, and Busia counties to address pressing peace and security concerns in the region.

Leading the NCIC delegation was Vice Chairperson Commissioner Hon. Dorcas Kedogo, who reaffirmed the Commission's unwavering commitment to fostering peace and stability through collaborative efforts. In her remarks, Commissioner Kedogo emphasized the critical role of partnerships between government agencies, community leaders, and civil society in preventing conflict and promoting social cohesion.

NCIC presented an overview of its mandate and highlighted potential areas for partnership, including community dialogue initiatives, conflict resolution programs, and early warning systems. These strategies, the Commission noted, are essential for building resilient communities and ensuring long-term regional stability.

Stakeholders at the meeting echoed the need for sustained cooperation and proactive engagement to safeguard peace a cornerstone for sustainable development in Western Kenya.



*Security Personnel during a regional security meeting held at the Mumias Cultural Centre in Kakamega County*



# From Words to Action: NCIC Observes Global Day Against Hate Speech



*NCIC team and Dagoretti South Deputy County Commissioner Mr. Jared Ratemo during a courtesy call at his office on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.*

NCIC Commissioner Hon. Abdulaziz Farah underscored the pivotal role of youth and community leaders in shaping constructive dialogue, both online and offline. He called for greater empowerment of local voices to lead the charge against divisive narratives and foster unity at the grassroots level.

As a result of the event, there was a marked increase in public awareness on the dangers of hate speech, alongside the empowerment of youth and community leaders as agents of peace. The initiative also fostered stronger collaboration between communities and government institutions. Additionally, it highlighted the critical need to invest in digital literacy, equipping individuals with the tools to better navigate and respond to online hate.

Through this initiative, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to building a more cohesive Kenya one conversation, one community, and one voice at a time.

On June 18th, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), in collaboration with the Nairobi County Government, commemorated the International Day for Countering Hate Speech with a series of critical events held across Mathare, Dagoretti, and Kibera. This annual observance served as a reminder of the need to confront hate speech and promote a culture of tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

The day's activities were designed to engage and inspire. Panel discussions brought together various voices to explore the roots and consequences of hate speech, particularly within informal settlements. Artistic performances including spoken word and music added emotional depth to the message, while NCIC staff delivered presentations that unpacked the drivers, manifestations, and impact of hate speech in these communities.



*Members of the public during the International Day of Countering Hate Speech held across Mathare, Dagoretti and Kibera on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025*



# Sowing Seeds of Unity

On Saturday, 14th June 2025, the Central Rift Region took a significant step toward strengthening peacebuilding in schools by hosting a training workshop for Amani Club patrons at Nakuru Girls High School. Led by Principal Program Officer Mr. David Gichaga the session aimed to deepen the capacity of educators to nurture a culture of dialogue, tolerance, and social cohesion among students.

The workshop convened patrons from across the region, offering a dynamic platform for learning, exchange, and collaboration. Mr. Gichaga provided a comprehensive overview of the Amani Clubs initiative, accentuating its transformative role in shaping peaceful school environments. He underscored that Amani Clubs are not just extracurricular activities they are brooders for future peace ambassadors who champion constructive dialogue and mutual respect.

A key highlight of the workshop was the introduction of the Transgenerational Conversations Framework, which encourages inclusive dialogue among students, parents, and teachers. “By empowering our youth with the right tools and mindset, we are building a generation that values dialogue over division,” Mr. Gichaga remarked, reinforcing the importance of intergenerational engagement in conflict resolution and civic responsibility.

The training reaffirmed the region’s commitment to structured, impactful programming that equips educators with practical strategies to guide students in peacebuilding. Participants left the workshop not only informed but inspired ready to cultivate environments where young people can thrive as agents of unity and change. This initiative reflects a broader vision of embedding peace education within Kenya’s learning institutions, ensuring that the values of empathy, inclusion, and collaboration are instilled early and carried forward into society.



*Principal Programs Officer Central Rift Region Mr. David Gichaga conducting training session with Amani Club Patrons on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025*



*Patrons of Amani Club taking part in a training workshop at Nakuru Girls School on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

# **Celebrating Unity Through Culture and Talent**

On June 14th, 2025, the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) participated in the 3rd Annual Cultural and Talent Festival held at Machakos School. Themed @The Mash-Up Festival, the event convened students and teachers from within and beyond Machakos County, transforming the school grounds into a vibrant celebration of Kenya's rich cultural diversity and youthful creativity.

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NCIC views such engagements as essential in shaping Kenya's future leaders young people who understand the value of dialogue, diversity, and peaceful coexistence. The Mash-Up Festival was more than a showcase of talent; it was a testament to the transformative power of youth-led cultural expression in building a united Kenya

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*Mr. Kilian Nyambu, Deputy Director ( POED ), poses for a photo together with other NCIC staff at the Administration Block of Machakos School during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cultural and Talent Festival 2025 held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025*



*Mr. Kilian Nyambu, Deputy Director ( POED ), poses for a photo together with other NCIC staff during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cultural and Talent Festival 2025 on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025*



# NCIC Partners with Schools to Cultivate Peace and Unity Among Youth

On Sunday, 15th June 2025, NCIC, in partnership with Kisumu County Amani Clubs, participated in the Kisumu County Debating for Peace Championship held at Otieno Oyoo Secondary School. Themed "Building Bridges, Not Barriers," the event gathered students passionate about promoting peace and understanding through debating and public speaking.

Prominent guests included Mr. Kennedy Kunani, the National Amani Clubs Secretary; Mr. Joshua Ngeso from Grassroots Development Initiative; Pastor Isidore Sure of the Kisumu Interfaith Network Kenya; as well as NCIC regional officers Ms. Lorraine Ong'idi and Mr. Castro Baraza from Nyanza.

The event was attended by over 500 students from primary, JSS, and secondary schools, who showcased their talent, passion, and dedication to peaceful conflict mitigation.

During the event, Mr. Castro Baraza, the NCIC Nyanza Regional Coordinator, commended the commission's efforts to revamp Amani Clubs across schools nationwide. He emphasized their vital role in fostering a culture of peace by providing students with safe spaces to learn, reflect on peace, conflict resolution, and unity. He expressed confidence that, with the support of dedicated Amani Club patrons, schools will continue to promote peaceful interactions among students and staff.



Students and moderator at the Debating for Peace Championship at Otieno Oyoo Secondary School on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025



NCIC Nyanza Coordinator Mr. Castro Baraza awarding certificate to a student at the Debating for Peace Championship at Otieno Oyoo Secondary School on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Students during the Debating for Peace Championship at Otieno Oyoo Secondary School on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025



*Youth during the International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking held in the coast region on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025*

# NCIC Leads Community Effort on Drug Abuse Prevention Day

On June 26, 2025, the NCIC Coast Region Office led by Principal Officer Mohamed Hamisi and Senior Program Officer Hanifa Mohamud partnered with local peace stakeholders to commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The event brought together community leaders, youth representatives, and civil society actors in a united stand against the growing threat of substance abuse.

Guided by the global theme “The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention,” the initiative emphasized the urgent need for collaborative, community-driven approaches to tackle the root causes of drug abuse and its link to social instability. Participants highlighted how drug abuse not only undermines individual potential but also fuels violence, crime, and disintegration of social bonds threatening peace and cohesion in the region.

Mr. Mohamed Hamisi underscored the significance of early intervention and inclusive engagement: “Prevention starts at home, in schools, and in our neighborhoods. But it takes all of us to build a society where young people feel supported and valued enough to choose a drug-free life.” His remarks echoed a broader call for unity in addressing the drivers of conflict, including poverty, unemployment, and lack of access to education.

The event served as a platform to reaffirm NCIC’s commitment to fostering peaceful communities through strategic partnerships and evidence-based prevention programs. By linking drug abuse prevention to peacebuilding, the Coast Region Office demonstrated how cross-sector collaboration can create resilient, inclusive societies where youth thrive and communities flourish.



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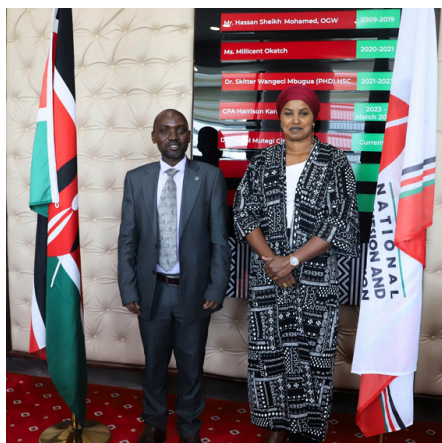
Commissioner Dr. Danvas Makori speaking on the International Day of Countering Hate Speech he was speaking at Radio 47 on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



NCIC Commissioner Abdulaziz Farah speaking on Countering hate Speech in the Digital Age on KBC English Service radio on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



CEO Dr. Daniel Mutege Giti, with Jaako Oburu Odinga at the signing of an MoU with the office of the Special Presidential Advisor on Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods, at the Commission's headquarters in Upper hill Nairobi on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025



(R) NCIC CEO Dr Daniel Mutege Giti (L) Ms. Fatuma Sanbur, Africa Regional Manager for Interviews Network during a Courtesy Visit at NCIC headquarters on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025



NCIC Deputy Director Human Resource and Administration Ms. Caroline Gateru with members of the security forces during a training conducted by the National Counter Terrorism centre in July Machakos County



(R) Deputy Director Public Outreach and Education Department (POED), Mr. Kilian Nyambu, with Madam Bridget Wambua, the County Director of Education for Tharaka Nithi during a courtesy call at her officers on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Principal Programs Officer Upper Rift region Victor Ijaika engaging residents from Turkana South and Pokot Central Sub-counties on sensitization forum aimed at equipping the community peace actors with critical skills for managing conflict and promoting lasting peace along Turkana - Pokot border on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



NCIC delegation led by Director of Investigations and Compliance James Wanyande sensitized teachers and education stakeholders in Rumuruti, Laikipia East Subcounty on fostering peaceful learning environment, peacebuilding and prevention of violent extremism in learning institutions on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



The multi-sectoral forum led by NCIC, on development of guidelines on monitoring hate speech and radical ideologies on social media with partners on attendance. on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.



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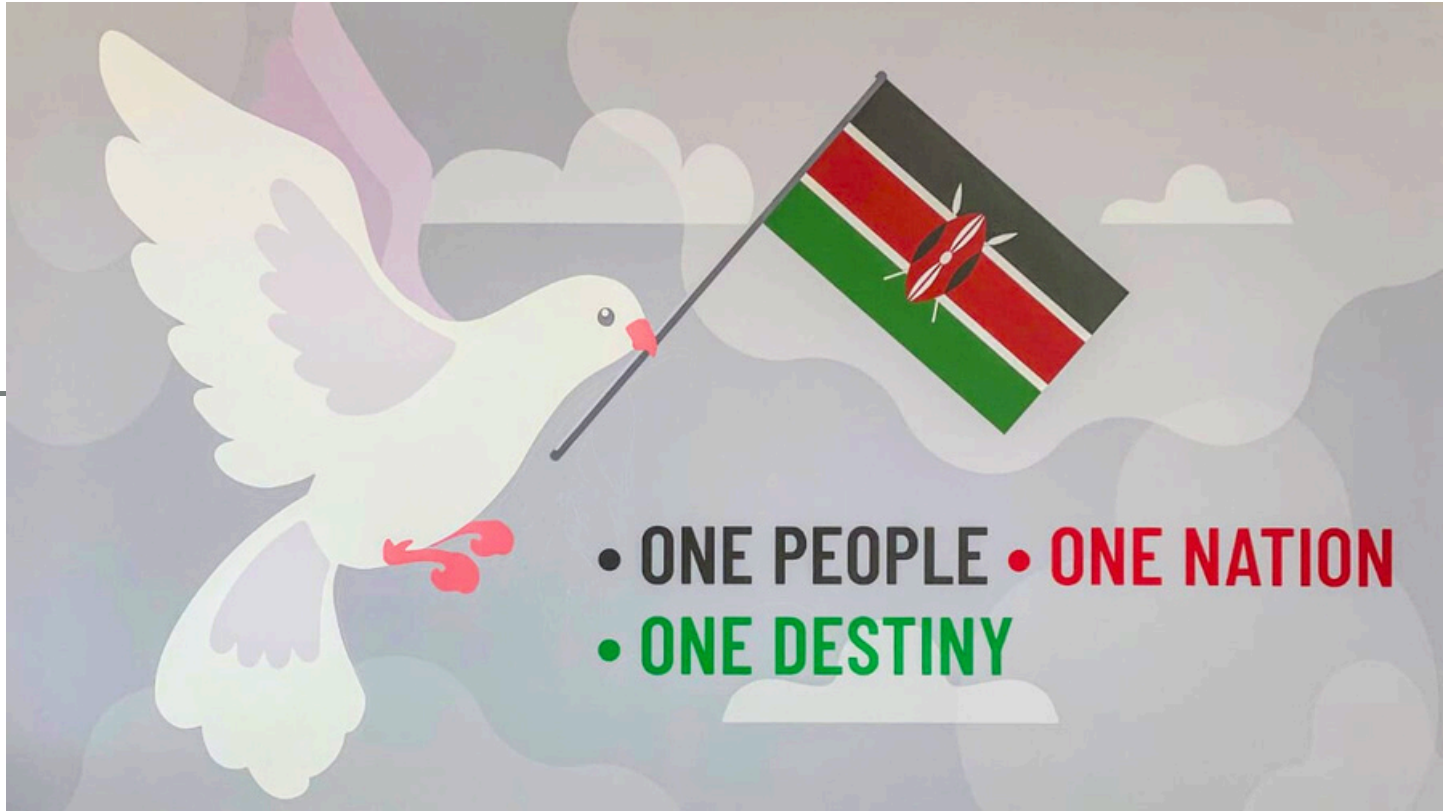
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