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AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IN MODIKA TO BEGIN SOON



Plans to construct the proposed Modika International Airport are in the offing.

The County Government has given its approval and support to the development of the project which seeks to create the first ultra-modern civilian airport in the county.

This follows a meeting between H.E Governor Nathif Jama and officials from the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) and the State Department of Land and Physical Planning.

The delegation was led by Ms Veronica Ndunge - Director Physical Planning at the State Ministry of Lands and Mr. Samwel Kiai - Head of Planning and Chief Architect at KAA.

The meeting purpose was to secure land for the airport through a part development plan.

The planning is meant to control development and conduct zoning on what facilities will be allowed to be setup in areas near the airport.

The Governor who was joined by the County Secretary Mohamud Mursal and the CECM Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development Hon. Mohamed Hussein also raised concerns on the safety and security of the current Garissa Airstrip.

The Governor challenged KAA to look into rehabilitating the airstrip's rundown runway, erect a proper check-in terminal with proper security measures and other amenities as well as doing bush clearing and proper fencing of the facility to ensure security and limit encroachment.

"The County government will work closely with the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) to put in place some of these facilities in order to grow air transport in Garissa," he said.



Governor Nathif said that the facility on completion will see increased trade and transportation of locally produced goods such as horticultural produce, beef and other animal products as well as boost tourism and hospitality in the county.
He added that the airport along with the ongoing Lapsset project would be game-changer for the county by opening up its interior regions as well as connecting it to local and international markets.

The construction will be facilitated by the National Government and will be carried out in phases before the facility becomes a fully operational international airport.

According to the Governor, the County Government will support the project by allocating money in the next financial year to undertake the spatial planning of Modika Township.

GOVERNOR NATHIF MEETS NEW GAWASCO BOARD MEMBERS, CALLS FOR PROFESSIONALISM

His Excellency Governor Nathif Jama today met with newly appointed Garissa Water and Sewerage Company (Gawasco) Board members led by their Chairman Mohamed Dahir Weyrah.
Governor Nathif congratulated them on their appointment, and charged them to be diligent and meet the set targets in all areas.
He urged the board members to display patriotism and professionalism during their three-year tenure.
He also urged them to adopt the right technology and be prudent in spending to ensure effective performance of Gawasco.
In his response, the Chairman, Mr Dahir, appreciated the governor for the opportunity given to him and other members of the board to oversee Gawasco and its affairs.
He promised that the new board would live up to its expectations, be accountable and earn the confidence of Garissa residents.
Other members of the board are Naima Abdinassir, Ismail Daud, Osman Mohamed Barkatle, Halima Abukar Farah and Jane Akoth Okalo.
Present during the meeting were the County Secretary Mohamud Mursal, CECM Water, Environment, Climate change and Natural Resources Hon. Ahmed Mohamed Ibrahim and Gawasco CEO Mohamed Dolal.





INKOMOKO'S BOSSES PAYS COURTESY CALL TO GOVERNOR NATHIF

H.E Governor Nathif Jama today received Inkomoko Regional Director Ms Olive Ashimwe and Kenya Managing Director Ms Makena Mworia who paid him a courtesy call on their working visit to the county.

Inkomoko is an advisory firm and impact investor that helps entrepreneurs in Rwanda, Kenya and Ethiopia to successfully grow their businesses to create thriving communities.

In Garissa, they have so far offered funded some 300 small entrepreneurs with interest free loans as well as trained another 400-business people.

Welcoming the guests, the Governor reaffirmed the county government's commitment to empowering the small and medium enterprises in the county.

He promised to partner with such entities in order to increase funding for small scale businesses.

The trio, who were joined by County Secretary Mohamud Mursal, CECM Culture, Gender, Youth & Sports Hon. Hawa Abdi and CECM Trade, Investments & Enterprise Development Hon. Mohamed Suleiman also spoke about potential future collaborations to support youth and women groups in the county.



SHEIKH MUSTAFA ISMAIL PAYS COURTESY CALL TO GOVERNOR NATHIF



His Excellency Governor Nathif Jama today hosted prominent Muslim cleric Sheikh Mustafa Haji Ismail who is in Garissa on Dawaah mission. Sheikh Mustapha Ismail is a religious scholar who has contributed hugely in Daawa. He has traveled across the world and joined the global preaching scholars.
He is among the few Islamic scholars who have had the benefit of both classical Islamic training (the madrasah study circle) and the modern secular model.
"Sheikh Mustafa has played a huge role in providing guidance to the Muslim umaah and it is a great privilege to host him in my office today," the Governor said.
Going forward, Governor Nathif said his administration will continue to support the work being done by religious scholars since they play a great role in shaping the moral fabric of our society.



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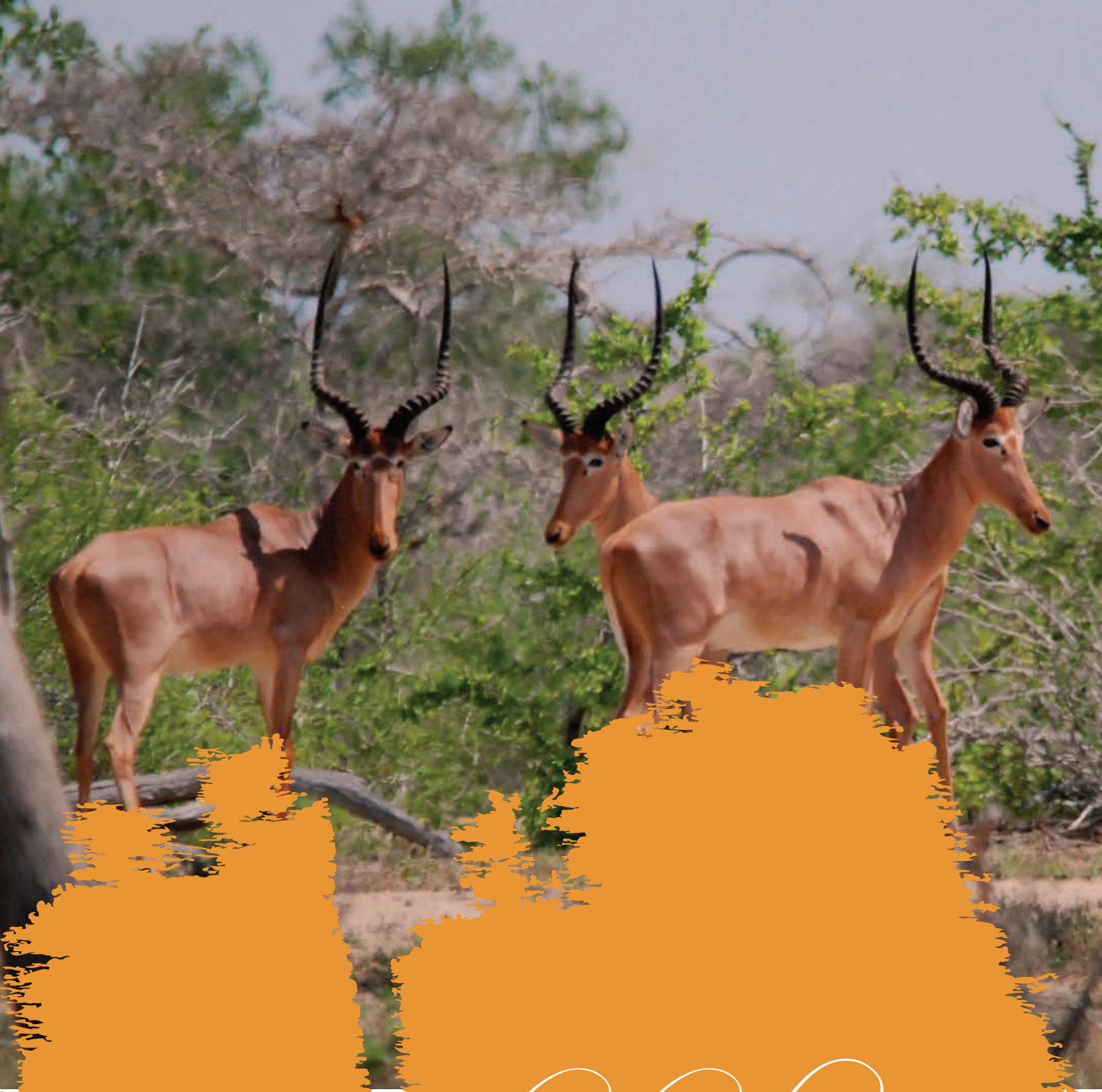












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