



# **THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL**

**REMARKS BY**

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**DURING THE RELEASE OF  
THE 2025 KCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

## **1.0 SALUTATIONS**

- 1.1** The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, **Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba;**
- 1.2** The Principal Secretary, State Department for Basic Education, **Amb. Prof. Julius Bitok;**
- 1.3** Chair of the governing Council, KNEC, **Prof. Julius Nyabundi;**
- 1.4** The CEO, Teachers Service Commission, **Ms. Eveleen Mitei;**
- 1.5** Members of the KNEC Council present;
- 1.6** Officials from the Ministry of Education;
- 1.7** Our Host, Chief Principal, Chebisaas AIC Boys High School **Mr. Albert Kosgei;**
- 1.8** Members of the press;

**Good morning.**

**2.0** On behalf of the Kenya National Examinations Council, I wish to thank you all for being part of this important occasion in the KNEC calendar, when we release the 2025 KCSE examination results, a process that we have faithfully undertaken for the last **37 years**.

## **I Conduct of the 2025 KCSE examination**

**3.0** A total of **993,226** candidates sat the 2025 KCSE examination in **10,765** secondary education level institutions across the country. Out of these, **492,019** were male, while **501,214** of the candidates were female.

**4.0** The candidates were tested in **30** subjects, using a total of **74** papers, with the examination being administered in **24** days, from **21<sup>st</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025**. For ease of administration, KNEC used **633** Distribution Centres (containers) that are installed countrywide, for daily distribution of materials in the field.

**5.0** Allow me at this point, to recognise with appreciation, the **107,447** contracted professionals who facilitated field administration of the KCSE examination through their various roles. These included MoE and TSC officers; Security officers; Centre Managers; supervisors; invigilators; and drivers.

**6.0** The Council also engaged **30,980** examiners for marking of the KCSE examination between 17<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 in **40** marking centres. My sincere appreciation to all those who supported the process in various capacities.

**7.0** KNEC also wishes to recognise the **support** accorded by other Ministries, Departments and Agencies within the Government throughout the process, which culminated in the successful conduct of the examination.

## II Registration for the 2026 National assessments and examination

**8.0** Ladies and gentlemen, KNEC has already began the **2026 assessments/examination cycle**. To this end, I wish to inform all institutions presenting candidates for the 2026 KPSEA, KJSEA and KCSE examination that registration portals will be activated in **February, 2026** as to be guided by the relevant circulars to be issued.

**9.0** Heads of institutions are therefore requested to utilise the month of **January** to **identify** all the eligible candidates and **gather all the requisite information** and **documentation** in readiness for

uploading their candidates' registration data **accurately** and in adherence to the set **timeframes**.

**10.0** After registration, KNEC will provide an **SMS platform** for parents/guardians wishing to confirm their learners' registration status, besides the existing provisions in place. I urge all those responsible to take personal accountability for candidates' registration, to avoid having their learners locked out.

### **III Arrangements for Assessment in Senior School**

**11.0** Ladies and gentlemen, allow me at this point to give some focus on the arrangements in place for assessment of learners in Senior

School. KNEC will be issuing a **circular** to provide the requisite guidance on Competency Based Assessment of the learners who are joining Grade 10 as they start off their last phase of Basic Education, in Senior School by **15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**.

**12.0** To guide the process, the Council developed the **Competency Based Assessment Framework** (CBAF) for Senior School level, which is accessible on the KNEC website for all stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the **purpose**, the **mode**, the types of **tools** to be used, and the mode of **reporting** designed for learners in Senior School.

**13.0** KNEC established **235** Senior School *Hubs* in all the 47 counties, as I had mentioned during release of 2025 KJSEA results. These are purposively sampled existing secondary schools, **five** from each county, representative of public, private, rural, urban and Special schools. The purpose of the hubs is to provide for closer interaction between KNEC and the Senior School learning community countrywide. The hubs will provide support to schools within their counties in the implementation of Competency Based Assessment.

**14.0** Further, KNEC, through its Educational Assessment Resource (EARC) established an **online self-paced training portal** for Senior School teachers. The aim is to enable the teachers to

acquire the requisite skills for Competency Based Assessment. Currently, access to the portal is free. Senior School teachers are therefore encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

**15.0** From **26<sup>th</sup> January, 2026** KNEC, once learners have settled down in Grade 10, KNEC will, in liaison with the Ministry of Education, provide all Heads of Senior Schools with an online portal to **confirm the data** on their Grade 10 learners, including the pathways they will have chosen.

**16.0** Thereafter, KNEC will commence administration of the 2026 **Grade 10 School Based Assessments (SBAs)**, which will be a blend of

projects, practicals and written tests. It is important to note that for Grade 10 learners following the **Arts and Sports Science pathway**, their Fine Arts coursework will begin as they start learning in January, 2026. KNEC is already in active engagement with Fine Art teachers countrywide.

**17.0** All other projects and practicals will be administered between May and July, 2026, while the written test will be administered in October 2026.

**18.0** The **cumulative data** gathered from the formative assessments in Grades 10, 11 and 12, will form part of reporting at the end of Senior School as learners are issued with their Kenya Certificate of Basic Education (KCBE) results.

**19.0** I therefore urge teachers, learners, parents and all relevant players to ensure that all learners sit their School Based Assessments as expected and that all the scores are uploaded onto the KNEC database, to avoid disadvantaging learners at the end of the cycle. This applies also to administration and uploading of SBA scores for Primary and Junior School levels.

- 20.0** KNEC will pilot the Senior School summative assessment to be done in 2027 when the 2026 Grade 10 learners are in Grade 11, in 2027.
- 21.0** It is therefore evident that KNEC is committed to inculcating digital literacy among the Kenyan citizenry, which is key for thriving in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, through institutionalising E-Assessment. I appeal to all stakeholders to support this initiative by playing their various roles, towards the envisaged digital economy.

## **VI Conclusion**

**22.0** Finally, I wish to inform all schools that presented learners for KPSEA and KILEA in 2025 that the performance reports are ready, and will be accessible from their schools from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Details on accessing will be shared through a circular hereafter.

**23.0** With those remarks, I now invite the KNEC Chairman, Prof. Julius Nyabundi, to make his remarks, and wish all the 2025 KCSE examination candidates success in their next phase of life.

**God bless you all, God bless Kenya.**

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