



Press Release

BOYCOTT CALLS UNDERMINE PEACE, STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Nairobi, Kenya- March 23, 2023: We recognize that the right to assemble, picket and peacefully demonstrate is firmly entrenched in the Constitution of Kenya and the role these activities play in advocating for change.

We recognize that picketing is an important tool for people to voice their concerns and grievances, and we believe in the fundamental right to peaceful assembly and peaceful protests.

Demonstrations where property and lives are lost, such as what we witnessed on Monday 20th 2023, do not have any winner and we all stand to lose. Such actions undermine the future of the country, cause economic damage and cause apprehension and fear. Such actions also undermine the future generation due to disruptions in learning institutions.

As we navigate through challenging times, both locally and globally, it is important for all sectors to focus on growing the economy and improving livelihoods for all Kenyans.

Kenya is well-positioned to benefit from the global economic recovery, and the threats and interruption of law and order are a risk to sustained economic development.

KEPSA members are particularly distressed by the unjustified attack on economic drivers such as media, telecommunication and banking institutions that have been cited for consumer boycotts. Private sector players such as KCB Bank, Safaricom and the Star, directly and indirectly, employ thousands of politically neutral Kenyans from all walks of life, who must remain shielded from political distress. By a considerable measure, these organisations are also a barometer of our economic stability, and an attack on them is an affront to our national economic aspirations.

Consequently, KEPSA as the apex body of the private sector bringing together the listed below associations and many companies including those targeted for recent boycotts, wishes to politely implore the political leaders to not include businesses in any disputes. The business community remains committed to partnering with all sectors to increase jobs and revenue for the country.

Businesses operate within the confines of the law, are regulated by respected industry regulators and create jobs and revenues. We urge all parties to avoid any actions that may undermine the peace and stability of our country.

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Signed:
Kenya Private Sector Alliance

LIST OF KEPSA BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

1	African Women in Agribusiness Network - Kenya Chapter
2	Agricultural Employers' Association
3	Agriculture Sector Network
4	Agriculture Society of Kenya
5	Agrochemicals Association of Kenya
6	American Chamber of Commerce (K) Limited
7	Aqua cultural Association of Kenya
8	Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya
9	Association of Fire Protection Industry
10	Association of Gaming Operators Kenya
11	Association of Insurance Brokers of Kenya
12	Association of Kenya Feed Manufacturers
13	Association of Kenya Insurers
14	Association of Practitioners in Advertising
15	Association of Public Relations and Communication Management
16	Association of Small and Medium Energy Contractors
17	Association of Women in Extractives in Kenya
18	Automobile Association of Kenya
19	British Chambers of Commerce Kenya
20	Business Ireland Kenya Association
21	Car Importers Association of Kenya
22	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Kenya Branch)
23	Chipukizi VOD Cooperative Limited
24	Clean Cookstoves Association of Kenya
25	Creative Society of Kenya
26	Dairy Goat Association of Kenya

27	Delegation of German Industry & Commerce in Kenya
28	Digital Lenders Association
29	Domain Registrars Association of Kenya
30	E.A Net For Gender & Entre Dev. Trust
31	East Africa Petroleum Transporters Association
32	East African Private Equity & Venture Capital Association
33	East African Tea Trade Association
34	East African Venture Capital Association
35	Eastern Africa Grain Council
36	Electricity Sector Association of Kenya
37	Electronic Cargo Tracking Systems Providers Association of Kenya (EPAK)
38	Environment Institute of Kenya
39	European Business Council
40	Event Managers Association of Kenya
41	Federation of Kenya Employers
42	Federation of Public Transport Sector
43	Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations
44	Film & Exhibitions Distribution of Kenya
45	French Society of Kenya
46	Funditech Service Cooperative Society Ltd
47	Geothermal Association of Kenya
48	Global Innovation Society of Kenya
49	Institute of Surveyors of Kenya
50	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya
51	Institute of Certified Secretaries
52	Institute of Public Relations of Kenya
53	Institution of Engineering Technologists and Technicians
54	Institution of Engineers of Kenya
55	Institution of Surveyors of Kenya
56	Inter-County Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals Association
57	International Relations Society of Kenya
58	Japan External Trade Organization
59	Kenya Agribusiness and Agroindustry Alliance
60	Kenya Association of Air Operators
61	Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers
62	Kenya Association of International Schools

63	Kenya Association of Manufacturers
64	Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry
65	Kenya Association of Tour Operators
66	Kenya Association of Travel Agents
67	Kenya Association of Women Business Owners
68	Kenya Association of Women in Tourism
69	Kenya Auto Bazaar Association
70	Kenya Bankers Association
71	Kenya Biogas Stakeholders Network
72	Kenya Chamber of Mines
73	Kenya Flower Council
74	Kenya Forex & Remittance Association
75	Kenya Green Building Society
76	Kenya Healthcare Federation
77	Kenya Horticultural Crops Growers Association
78	Kenya Institute of Planners
79	Kenya Institute of Supplies Management
80	Kenya International Freight & Warehousing Association
81	Kenya IT & Outsourcing Services
82	Kenya Millet and Sorghum Growers Association
83	Kenya Miners Marketing Cooperative Society
84	Kenya Motor Industry Association
85	Kenya Motor Repairers Association
86	Kenya National Association of Private Colleges
87	Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry
88	Kenya National Farmers' Federation
89	Kenya National Pig Farmers Association
90	Kenya National Potato Farmers Association
91	Kenya Oil & Gas Association
92	Kenya Poultry Farmers Association
93	Kenya Private Schools Association
94	Kenya Property Developers Association
95	Kenya Publishers Association
96	Kenya Renewable Energy Association
97	Kenya Security Industry Association
98	Kenya Ships Agents Association

99	Kenya Small Scale Cereal Growers Association
100	Kenya Tea Growers Association
101	Kenya Tobacco Farmers Association
102	Kenya Tourism Federation
103	Kenya Transporters Association of Kenya
104	Kenya Water Industry Association
105	Kenya Women Teachers Association
106	Laikipia Farmers Association 2014
107	Law Society of Kenya
108	Leasing Association of Kenya
109	Liwa Programme Trust
110	Marketing & Social Research Association
111	Marketing Society of Kenya
112	Matatu Owners Association
113	Meat & Livestock Exporters Industry Council
114	Media Owners Association of Kenya
115	Medical Technology Industry Association of Kenya (MEDAK)
116	Micro & Small Enterprises Federation
117	Motorcycle Assemblers Association of Kenya
118	Music Association Alliance of Kenya
119	National Association of Private Universities of Kenya
120	National Potato Council of Kenya
121	National Society For Women Entrepreneurs Kenya
122	Oil & Gas Contractors Association of Kenya
123	Online Professional Workers Association of Kenya
124	Organization of Women in International Trade
125	Outdoor Advertising Association
126	Petroleum Institute of East Africa
127	Petroleum Outlets Association of Kenya
128	Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya
129	Private Sector Youth Federation
130	Producers' Guild of Kenya
131	Protective Security Industry Association
132	Public relations society of Kenya
133	Pyrethrum Growers Association
134	Responsible Alcohol Drinks Companies Association

135	Retail Trade Association of Kenya
136	Roads & Civil Engineering Contractors Association
137	Safaricom Dealers Association
138	Seed Trade Association of Kenya
139	Shippers Council of Eastern Africa
140	Shopping Centres Association of Kenya
141	SME Founders Association
142	Social Enterprise Society of Kenya
143	Society of Crop Agribusiness Advisors of Kenya
144	Technology Service Providers Association of Kenya
145	TEEP Kenya Chapter
146	The Architectural Association of Kenya
147	The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
148	The Automobile Association of Kenya
149	The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (K)
150	The Co-operative Alliance of Kenya
151	The Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry
152	The Kenya Flower Council
153	The Law Society of Kenya
154	The SME Support Centre Limited
155	Town & County Planners Association of Kenya
156	Trade Link Association of Kenya
157	United Business Association
158	Water Service Providers Association
159	Wide Vision Investors and Business Association
160	Women in Business Community Network
161	Young Leaders Association

ABOUT KEPSA

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) is the apex body of the private sector in Kenya. KEPSA brings together business associations, trade associations, corporates, multinational companies, SMEs and start-ups from all sectors of the economy under one umbrella to enable them to speak with one voice when engaging Government and other stakeholders on cross-cutting policy issues affecting private sector development, supporting businesses on training, opportunities to network for business, financial linkages, mentoring, access to markets, value chains and access

to investment opportunities. The membership categories have been developed to meet the size of all businesses.

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