



# Press Release

## KEPSA MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN CONDEMN ATTACK ON BUSINESS PREMISES

**Nairobi, Kenya 28th March 2023...**The private sector in Kenya through its umbrella body, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), has voiced its concerns again about the ongoing political demonstrations that have turned violent describing them as a setback to the country's economic growth agenda.

We acknowledge the significance of picketing as a means for individuals to express their concerns and complaints, and we uphold the essential right to peaceful assembly and protests. However, the growing destruction of properties and especially targeting businesses for boycotts last week and destruction this week negatively affect economic and social stability, which the private sector requires to foster growth.

The weaponisation of the country's economic drivers is occasioning unnecessary losses to the tune of about Kshs. 3 billion daily. For a struggling economy, hard hit by the effects of a prolonged drought, general elections, and economic slowdown last year and compounded by general global economic challenges, Kenya can ill afford the political activities currently at play.

KEPSA noted that its members provide services to individuals from all backgrounds, regardless of their political affiliations, and must be protected from any political machinations. By a considerable measure, these organisations are also a barometer of our economic stability, and an attack on them is an affront to Kenya's national economic aspirations.

As a private sector, we remain committed to the prosperity and development of our country, and we will continue to support initiatives that promote peace and stability. We believe that by working together, we can build a better Kenya for all its citizens. We firmly denounce the politicisation of private sector enterprises and their constant use as shields in the political battlefield, Capital both local and foreign is shy and it will flee where there is no security. We must protect jobs and revenue generated by all businesses for the sake of Kenya's progress. Kenya has been a beacon of hope and peace in the region, continental and globally and the only African country to the United Nations headquarters among many other International

organizations that contribute to jobs and revenue for the country and gives Kenya a global status. This we can lose in a moment too.

KEPSA, therefore, wishes to implore politicians to review their political stand and consider pursuing alternative dispute resolution measures outlined in our constitution as well as protect the rights of businesses to operate without fear of political retribution or violence. We also call upon law enforcement officials to uphold impartiality and ensure the equal protection of all citizens. The KEPSA associations listed here represent over a million corporates of all sizes from SMEs to multinationals.

**Signed:**

**KEPSA Members**

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### **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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