



# UVUMBUI NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the First Issue of the Uvumbuzi Newsletter!

**This will be the official KeNIA newsletter. It is through this newsletter that you will be receiving updates from the Innovation Agency including what we have done, and what we are up to.**

**Expect to get timely updates on our ongoing programmes such as the Leaders in Innovation Fellowship and the National Innovation Awards. We will also be announcing new partnerships and programs through this edition.**

*Brace yourself for a more engaging agency!*



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The Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) is a State Corporation mandated to develop and manage the National Innovation System. We are here to enable innovation for socio-economic development



## Word From The CEO

In September 2020, I joined Kenya National Innovation Agency as the first substantive CEO. For a number of years, I have worked in academic, research and consulting circles, collaborating with various partners from institutions of higher learning, government agencies, private sector, development partners, civil society and media to contribute to a stronger innovation and startup ecosystem in the country.

Driving the innovation agenda in whichever capacity has been an exciting agenda for me over the years. It's with great excitement and enthusiasm that I look forward to working with as many partners as possible to strengthen the innovation system in Kenya.

In my view and as guided by KeNIA's strategic plan, our priority areas will be manifested in two pillars. The first being the strengthening of the national commercialization infrastructure and the second is the growth of the national startup ecosystem. These aspects will shape what our energies will be directed to in the coming several years.

I must observe that for us to succeed and make a significant impact, we are going to need big and strategic thinking, significant collaboration and synergy, and good data management coupled with a robust and effective communication agenda.

In coming weeks and months, I will be breaking down specific goals and targets, in a manner that stakeholders can relate and plug in. I am very eager to attract strategic partners in all fronts that will get Kenya's commercialization and startup movements to the next level.

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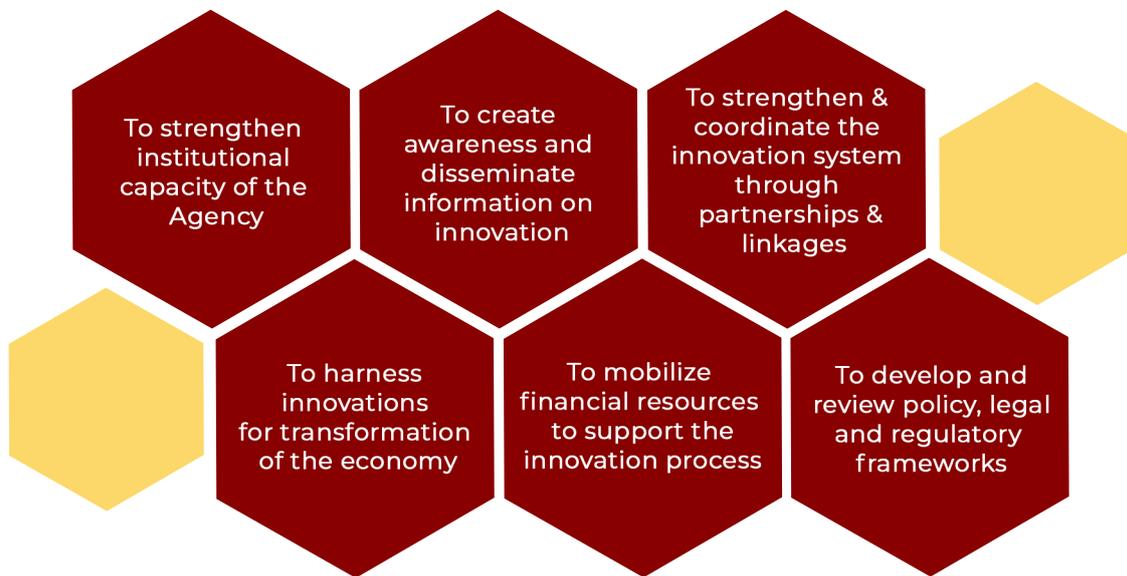
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## Our Strategic Objectives

There are six priority areas that the Agency will focus on within the current strategic plan. They are summarized as follows;



## Our Mandate

The agency has a mandate to develop and manage the National Innovation System, which translates to the mission statement: "To develop and manage a dynamic national innovation system that facilitates taking ideas to the market".

## How Will We Measure Our Success?

KeNIA's measure of success would be the extent to which innovation efforts enable social economic development.

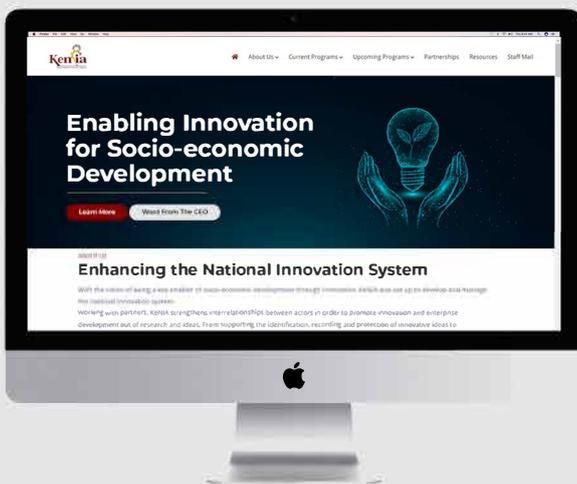
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## Breakfast Meeting

KeNIA will hold a breakfast meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. The forum will include a highlight on an ambitious roadmap to support commercialization and startups ecosystem. Dr. Tonny Omwansa will also be officially unveiled as the new CEO of the Agency.

This session will be broadcasted LIVE on our YouTube channel 'Kenya National Innovation Agency' and you can follow through via this stream;  
[https://youtu.be/6fBB-\\_TAHLM](https://youtu.be/6fBB-_TAHLM)



## Check Out Our New Website!

We're happy to announce the new look and feel of the Agency's website. Iteration one is now LIVE and we will continue to enhance it in a live environment.

Check it out at <https://innovationagency.go.ke/>

## Partner With Us

In the past, KeNIA has worked closely with different partners to strategically deliver on different facets that build up to address our core mandate.

In this spirit, we're inviting partnerships on our different initiatives

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