

Hotels get star ratings from tourism authority

UASIN GISHU

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The Tourism Regulation Authority (TRA) has conducted the first classification of hotels in 13 years.

Hotel and restaurant classification has been a challenge for regulation agencies due to resistance from investors in the sector.

TRA Director General Kipkorir Lagat said efforts to classify hotels in the past decade had failed due to resistance and unwillingness by hoteliers and other stakeholders.

"It was wonderful for the North Rift to pioneer this vital procedure. An in-depth engagement with investors in the hospitality industry, creating awareness and building capacity for the stakeholders prior to the categorisation ensured we attained this milestone," said Mr Lagat.

He said classified facilities that have been gazetted will benefit from free advertising and publicity on the Kenya Tourism Board (KITB) website.

They will also enjoy duty-free importation of 11 hotel items, including linen, to enable them to maintain and even upgrade their standards.

The East African Community and will enable us to assure clients of value for their money. Some facilities have been overcharging clients and providing services they don't deliver," added Lagat.

- HOW HOTELS WERE RATED**
- Out of 126 facilities that initially sought free classification, 11 hotels got a two-star rating
 - Four stars: Boma Inn Hotel in Eldoret
 - Three stars: Samich Resort and Kerio View Lodge in Elgeyo Marakwet, and The Noble Conference Centre and Hotel Horizon in Uasin Gishu
 - Two stars: Comfy Hotel, Kenmosa Tourist Hotel, Poa Place Resort, Starbucks, Cicada, Hotel Winstar and The Pearl Hotel

Samich Resort and Kerio View Lodge in Elgeyo Marakwet, and The Noble Conference Centre and Hotel Horizon in Uasin Gishu got three-star rating although the latter closed down several months ago following a financial crisis.

CERTIFICATE AND PLAQUE

Comfy Hotel, Kenmosa Tourist Hotel, Poa Place Resort, Starbucks Hotel, Cicada, Hotel Winstar and The Pearl Hotel, all in Uasin Gishu, got a two-star rating and were awarded a certificate and a plaque showing their categories.

"We are currently classifying the facilities voluntarily but it will soon be a compulsory exercise and those that fail to utilise the free service will have to pay Sh50,000 to be rated," said Lagat.

He said poor sanitation and lack of qualified, high-calibre staff as the main challenge for many hotels, a situation that had caused resistance to vetting and rating from some renowned hotels.

Lagat noted that the North Rift region, which lies within the Western Kenya Tourism Circuit, is well-placed to develop the industry further through its diverse opportunities.



Residents of Chemolingot town in Tiaty sub-county, Baringo County, yesterday staged a protest against water shortages in the area. They accused the county government of failing to address the matter after several boreholes dried up. Over 5,000 pastoral families have been severely affected, with three schools at risk of closing down. (PHOTO: JOSEPH KIPSANG/STANDARD)

What we need is water!

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

NOTIFICATION ON APPROVAL HEARING OF THE PERSON NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE (NACADA) BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Pursuant to section 6(1)(a) of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, (CAP 121B), H.E. the President, has nominated Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Julius Ayub Githiri for appointment to serve as the Chairperson of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA).

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and section 6 (4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011 and Standing Order 45(3), the general public is hereby notified that the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security shall conduct the vetting of Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Julius Ayub Githiri for appointment to serve as the Chairperson of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) on Friday 28th October, 2016 in the Mini Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings at 10.00 am.

The nominee should bring the originals of his identity card, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials. In addition, the nominee should bring letters/ certificate of clearance/compliance from the following:-

1. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
2. Kenya Revenue Authority Tax compliance certificate
3. Higher Education Loans Board
4. Criminal Investigation Department
5. Any of the Credit Reference Bureaus

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SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

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Following the receipt of the nomination from H.E. the President, the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security is mandated to vet, consider the suitability of the nominee for the appointment and submit its report to the House for approval.

Pursuant to Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Committee now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations by written statement on oath (affidavit), that they may have on the suitability or otherwise of the said nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA). The representations may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to clerk@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before Thursday 27th October, 2016 at 5.00 pm.

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