

# Team warns against delaying Sh4.9b project

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A parliamentary committee has asked the contractor of the Sh4.92 billion Ronald Ngala Utalii College to ensure it does not stall.

The college will serve as the second national tourism training college to complement the Kenya Utalii College.

It will offer more specialised training in fields such as cruise tourism and leisure. It will also introduce refresher courses that target players who are already in the industry but may not have had any formal training.

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee (PIC) said it was determined to ensure taxpayers get value for their money in the various public investments and projects underway across the country.

The college project, which is fully funded by the taxpayer, once complete is expected to be a model college

for tourism and hospitality. It will also include a hotel complete with full trappings of a five star resort for practical training as well as revenue generating venture.

The construction is undertaken by the Tourism Fund TF, the successor of the Catering Tourism and Development Levy Trustees (CTDLT).

## **SITE VISIT**

During a site visit to the college under construction in Vipingo, Kilifi County, on Saturday PIC chairman Adan Keynan said: "We want to stamp out wasteful variation in costs and stalling of projects in the construction industry through properly contextualised feasibility studies".

TF board members were led by newly appointed chairman Henry Kosgey.

Mr Keynan insisted as a watchdog committee, PIC was keen to ensure value for money is at the centre when planning for major projects to avoid spiralling costs and stalling of projects due to poor planning.