



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 13TH BATCH MASTER'S DEGREE AND INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM OF THE AFRICAN BUSINESS EDUCATION INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH (ABE
INITIATIVE) AND THE SDGs GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – JFY 2025**

The Ministry of Education wishes to inform the public of the launch of the 13th Batch of the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) and the SDGs Global Leadership Program – JFY 2025, as communicated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

1. African Business Education Initiative (ABE Initiative):
 - i) Open to both public and private sector applicants.
 - ii) Provides opportunities for Master's degree studies and internships in Japan.
 - iii) Preference will be given to nominees whose studies align with Kenya's National Development Plan, particularly those from the private sector with experience in economic activities who can foster partnerships with Japanese companies.
2. SDGs Global Leadership Program:
 - i) Open to government officials only.
 - ii) Provides opportunities for Master's and Doctoral studies.
 - iii) Targets young and middle-level officials keen to contribute to policy formulation and implementation in tackling sustainable development issues.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of 1st April 2026.
- Hold a bachelor's degree with relevant working experience.
- Required documents include: Application Form, Career Plan after Graduation, Research Plan, and Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, etc., where required by the host university).

Program Duration:

- 2–3 years from September 2026, depending on the chosen graduate course and internship period.

Application Deadline:

- 9th October 2025

How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to request the list of universities and application guidelines by writing to: [**ky-abe-mip@jica.go.jp**](mailto:ky-abe-mip@jica.go.jp)

For additional information, applicants may also contact the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) at [**africa@jice.org**](mailto:africa@jice.org) or access the application portal via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/vwFfMysBqk>.