



# THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

## SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 (5) and (6) of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, Cap 511, the **Selection Panel** invited applications for suitably qualified persons for nomination for appointment to the position of **Chairperson** (1 Position) of the **National Research Fund Board of Trustees**. The advertisement was placed on **10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, and closed on **10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 5.00 p.m. [EAT]**.

A total of **thirty-six (36)** applications were received by the closing date. Out of these, **eight (8)** were misaligned/unsolicited applications and were categorised as follows: **three (3)** applicants applied for unadvertised positions, **three (3) applicants** did not state the position they applied for, and **two (2)** applicants did not apply for any job vacancy. These **eight (8)** were therefore not considered for long-listing, leaving **twenty-eight (28)** applications for Chairperson that were eligible to proceed to long-listing.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act, Cap 411C, and the applicant's consent granted at the point of application, the Selection Panel hereby publishes the long-list and short list of applicants as follows:

### (A) List of Applicants (Long List)

The following applicants submitted their applications within the prescribed deadline and were recorded during the long-list exercise. Long-listing is an administrative process involving the opening of sealed applications and the recording of applicant details:

Name	County	PWD	Gender
1. Vasey N Mwaja	Meru	No	Male
2. Ezekiel Kibet Tanui	Nandi	No	Male
3. Fatuma Hirsi Mohamed	Wajir	No	Female
4. Justus Inonda Mwanje	Kakamega	No	Male
5. Evans Kituzi Avedi	Vihiga	No	Male
6. Wafula Okumu	Bungoma	No	Male
7. Mary Goretti Wosyanju	Bungoma	No	Female
8. Vincent Agala Chokaa	Vihiga	No	Male
9. Winnie Chepchumba Bungei	Uasin Gishu	No	Female
10. Akali James Agembe	Not Provided	No	Male
11. Oyuga Rael Matini	Vihiga	No	Female
12. Thomas Kiprono Serrem	Nandi	No	Male
13. David Kariuki	Not Provided	No	Male
14. Millicent Weru	Nairobi	No	Female

Name	County	PWD	Gender
15. Dennis Mwangi Nyaruai	Not Provided	No	Male
16. Jairus Ouma	Not Provided	No	Male
17. Moses Kipkemoi Kiyeng	Nairobi	No	Male
18. Douglas Ouso Nyokwoyo	Nyamira	No	Male
19. Moses Oduma Obiayo Obara	Not Provided	No	Male
20. Okeyo Eric Otieno	Homabay	No	Male
21. Esibate Levy Obayo	Not Provided	No	Male
22. Jonathan Plimo Ng'oriarita	West Pokot	No	Male
23. Oliver Ochar Dibogo	Migori	No	Male
24. Augustine Tioko Logiron	Turkana	No	Male
25. Winnie J Chebon	Baringo	No	Female
26. Osew Michael Ngachra	Not Provided	No	Male
27. Lydia Mburia	Makueni	No	Female
28. Adongo Kennedy	Not Provided	No	Male

### (B) SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Following the criteria-based short-listing exercise, the Selection Panel shortlisted the following candidates for the position of Chairperson of the National Research Fund Board of Trustees:

CHAIRPERSON						
Interview Date: Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026						
Name	Nationality	County	Gender	PWD Status	Time	
1. Vassey N Mwaja	Kenyan	Meru	Male	No	9.00 a.m.	
2. Ezekiel Kibet Tanui	Kenyan	Nandi	Male	No	10.00 a.m.	
3. Fatuma Hirsi Mohamed	Kenyan	Wajir	Female	No	11.00 a.m.	
4. Justus Inonda Mwanje	Kenyan	Kakamega	Male	No	12.00 p.m.	
5. Evans Kituzi Avedi	Kenyan	Vihiga	Male	No	2.00 p.m.	
6. Wafula Okumu	Kenyan	Bungoma	Male	No	3.00 p.m.	
7. Mary Goretti Wosyanju	Kenyan	Bungoma	Female	No	4.00 p.m.	
CHAIRPERSON: Interview Date: Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026						
8. Vincent Agala Chokaa	Kenyan	Vihiga	Male	No	9.00 a.m.	
9. Thomas Kiprono Serrem	Kenyan	Nandi	Male	No	10.00 a.m.	

### INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS:

The Selection Panel informs the shortlisted candidates that the interviews will be conducted on the dates indicated above. Candidates should be at the venue at least thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled time. Shortlisted candidates should bring originals of the following documents during the interview:

- National Identity Card or Passport;
- Academic and professional certificates and transcripts;
- Any other supporting documents and testimonials;
- Letter of recognition of qualifications from Commission for University Education (CUE) for any degree obtained from foreign universities; and
- An affidavit to verify names appearing differently in submitted documents, where applicable.

The successful candidate shall be required to provide valid and current clearances from the following bodies:

- Kenya Revenue Authority
- Higher Educations Loans Board
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
- Any of the registered Credit Reference Bureaus
- Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Certificate of Good Conduct)

### DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

This publication is made in accordance with the Data Protection Act, Cap. 411C. By submitting their applications, all applicants granted consent for their names to be published on the National Research Fund website and at least two (2) newspapers of wide national circulation.

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CHAIRPERSON  
NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECTION PANEL

