

PRESS RELEASE

AMOS WANGORA EXITS KENTRADE AFTER SIX YEARS AT THE HELM OF THE AGENCY

NAIROBI, Kenya, Tuesday October 4 - The Board of Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) has announced the exit of Amos Wangora as the Chief Executive Officer following the end of his tenure.

Wangora who was appointed on October 1, 2016 has been instrumental in driving the Agency to achieve significant milestones that include, transitioning from the Kenya TradeNet System to the Trade Facilitation Platform, launch of the InfoTradeKE portal, the implementation of the Maritime Single Window System and most recently the Business Intelligence Tool.

During his tenure, The National Electronic Single Window System (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2021) was enacted by Parliament and became law following presidential assent on June 21, 2022. This effectively repealed the Legal Notice No.6 of 2011 and thereby ensured that the functions and powers of the Agency are entrenched in an Act of Parliament.

Following Wangora's exit the Board of Directors appointed David Ngarama as the Acting Chief Executive Officer effective October 1, 2022. Speaking during the handover ceremony that was held at the Agency headquarters in Upper hill, the KenTrade Chairman Mugambi Imanyara expressed his confidence that Ngarama would continue steering the Agency in delivering excellent services to our customers and stakeholders. "The Board of Directors are confident that David Ngarama will carry on our vision of transforming trade facilitation while keeping the Agency focused on meeting customers' expectations" he said.

Ngarama is currently the Director Trade Facilitation at the Agency. Prior to his appointment as a Director Trade Facilitation, he served as the Director Strategy, Compliance and Business Development. Ngarama joined KenTrade as the Manager Strategy and Planning before his promotion as the Director, Trade Facilitation.

He has over 23 years' experience in public sector operations and has worked as a Senior Economist at the Ministry of Planning, Finance, International Trade and Industry. In addition, he has wide exposure in regional trade and integration matters and has represented Kenya in many trade negotiations within and outside the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) Region and EAC. Between March 2017 and March 2022, he served as the Chairman of the Technical Committee of the African Alliance for Electronic Commerce (AAEC), a group that brings together 19 countries implementing the Single Window in Africa. He is the current chair of the Information and Transparency Working Group, one of the thematic groups under the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTC) framework in Kenya.

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About Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade)

Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) is an award-winning State corporation under The National Treasury and Planning whose key mandate is to facilitate international and cross border trade in Kenya by managing the Kenya TradeNet System which is credited by the World Bank for enhancing customs clearance, increasing competitiveness, and reducing the cost of doing business in Kenya.

The Kenya TradeNet System, now upgraded to Trade Facilitation Platform, is the online platform that serves as a single-entry point for parties involved in international trade and transport logistics to lodge documents electronically, for processing, approvals and to make payments electronically for fees and levies due to the Partner Government agencies, on goods imported or exported in Kenya. KenTrade has also implemented the Information for Trade in Kenya (InfoTradeKenya) portal, a web – based platform that the Government uses to publish trade regulatory information from Government Offices, Ministries and Agencies that regulate trade.

The Agency is also implementing other trade facilitation and value-added services such as the Optional Premium Services and i-Screen Kenya, all aimed at enhancing the ease of doing business to make Kenya more globally competitive.

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