



TVET State Department engages Crown Paints to build the country's next generation of skilled construction professionals.

27th July 2026..... The State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Crown Paints Kenya have forged a strategic partnership to strengthen industry-academia collaboration by equipping young Kenyans with market relevant skills, expanding pathways to employment, and fostering innovation to support Kenya's industrial and economic transformation.

Under the collaboration, the paint firm will provide specialized practical training to TVET trainees in paint technologies and application techniques, equipping them with industry relevant skills to meet the growing demands of the country's construction sector.

The pilot phase will equip 640 TVET students from eight institutions across Kenya with industry-relevant practical skills during its first year. Participants will receive joint certification from the State Department for TVET and Crown Paints, alongside continuous professional development through the company's Team Kubwa programme.

The partnership will also incorporate a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework to assess, certify and professionalise more than 180,000 painters across the country, enhancing their competitiveness and creating greater access to employment and business opportunities, including those arising under the Government's Affordable Housing Programme.

Beyond skills development, the partnership will also promote quality workmanship and industry best practices in TVET institutions, many of which are undertaking Government funded infrastructure projects across the country.

Crown Paints Group Chief Operations Officer, Richard Muturi who represented the paint firm said the partnership reflects the firm's commitment to building a skilled and industry ready workforce by equipping TVET trainees with practical skills and exposure to globally benchmarked products and application techniques that support the growth of Kenya's construction sector.

"This association reflects our commitment to building Kenya's future workforce. By combining industry expertise with practical training, we are equipping TVET trainees with the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to thrive in the construction sector while helping raise the standards of quality and professionalism across the industry", explained Muturi.



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The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Dr Esther Thaara Muoria, hailed the collaboration as a significant step towards strengthening industry linkages that are essential in delivering competency based, future ready training for Kenya's next generation of skilled professionals.

"This strategic partnership is essential in equipping young Kenyans with practical, industry relevant skills that enhance employability, drive innovation and help build a globally competitive workforce," said Dr. Muoria.

The Principal Secretary said such engagements underscores the ministry's commitment to competency-based training by equipping learners with practical, industry relevant skills and exposure to global best practices, thereby enhancing employability, empowering young Kenyans and advancing national development.

The initiative will initially focus on practical skills training, joint certification and student engagement programmes, with plans to scale it to TVET institutions nationwide following the pilot phase.

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