



The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) promotes and facilitates the development of orderly, fair, and efficient capital markets in Kenya. The CMA is a regulatory body charged with the prime responsibility of supervising, licensing, and monitoring the activities of market intermediaries, including the stock exchange and the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC) and all the other persons licensed under the Capital Markets Act. It plays a critical role in the economy by facilitating mobilization and allocation of capital resources to finance long-term productive investments.



## **MISSION**

The trusted regulator of an inclusive Capital Markets.



## VISION

To regulate and promote the development of an orderly, fair, and efficient capital and commodities markets that safeguard stakeholder Interests.



## **VALUES**

To fulfill its mandate, pursue the Vision and accomplish its Mission the CMA will be guided by its core values of:



#### **Customer focus**

We are dedicated to providing exceptional service and value to our customers, and we strive to exceed their expectations in every interaction.



#### **Teamwork and Trustworthiness**

We encourage open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making among our employees and partners.



## Accountability and Integrity

We are committed to acting with honesty, fairness, transparency, ethically and above board in all of our operations.



#### Agility and Continuous learning

We are committed to adapting quickly to changing circumstances, embracing new ideas and technologies, and continuously developing our skills and knowledge.



#### Professionalism

We are committed to upholding the highest standards of behaviour, ethics, and expertise in all of our interactions.



### Leadership

We are committed to leading by example, setting high standards, and inspiring others to achieve their full potential.



#### **Innovativeness**

We are dedicated to providing exceptional service and value to our customers, and we strive to exceed their expectations in every interaction.

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The Cabinet Secretary

The National Treasury and Economic Planning

Nairobi

Dear Hon. Cabinet Secretary,

I have the honor of submitting the Annual Report of the Capital Markets Authority for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2024. The Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions and requirements of section 36 (2) of the Capital Markets Act, Cap 485A.

Respectfully yours,

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Chairman

Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed



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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

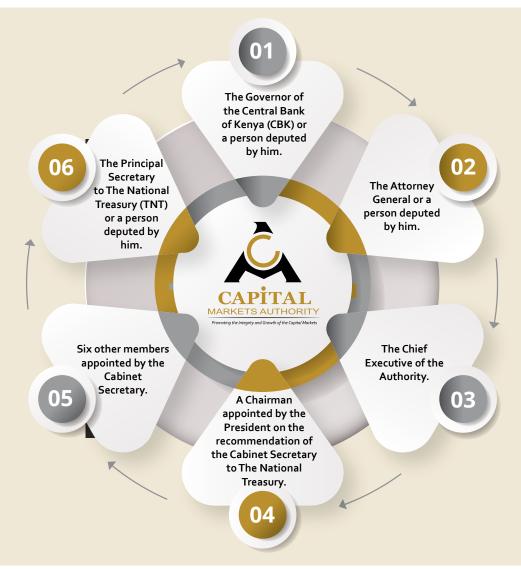
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
СВК	Central Bank of Kenya
CMA	Capital Markets Authority
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning- software
GOK	Government of Kenya
ICPAK	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
L&D	Learning and Development
TNT	The National Treasury
NSSF	National Social Security Fund
ОСОВ	Office of the Controller of Budget
OAG	Office of the Auditor General
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act of 2007
PFM	Public Finance Management
PPE	Property Plant and Equipment
PSASB	Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
SAGAs	Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies
SC	State Corporations
FSDK	Financial Sector Deepening Kenya
ITM	Information Technology Management
CISSP	Certified Information Systems Security Professional

## **KEY ENTITY INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT**

## a) Background information

The Capital Markets Authority (the Authority) is a body corporate established under the Capital Markets Authority Act, 1989. The Act was amended in 2000 and renamed as Capital Markets Act. CMA is domiciled in Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya.

The Authority is composed of a Board constituted as follows:



The chairman and the six members are persons who have experience and expertise in legal, financial, banking, accounting, economics or insurance matters, serve for a period of three years and are eligible for re-appointment for another three years.

## b) Principal Activities

The Authority promotes and facilitates the development of orderly, fair, and efficient capital markets in Kenya. CMA is a regulatory body charged with the prime responsibility of supervising, licensing, and monitoring the activities of market intermediaries, including the stock exchange and the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC) and all the other persons licensed under the Capital Markets Act. It plays a critical role in the economy by facilitating mobilization and allocation of capital resources to finance long-term productive investments.

## i. Onsite Inspections

In discharging the responsibility of supervising, licensing, and monitoring the activities of market intermediaries, the market supervision function undertakes onsite inspections periodically.

In the financial year 2023/2024, inspections were conducted during two periods: August 2023 to September 2023 and March to May 2024. The table below summarizes the number of firms inspected during these periods.

	Period	Number
1	August 2023 to September 2023	14
2	March 2024 to May 2024	14
	Total	28

In addition, a joint AML/CFT inspection, conducted in collaboration with the Financial Reporting Center, was carried out in August 2023 targeting identified high-risk market intermediaries. This inspection was in response to the requirements of the Eastern and Southern African Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) Mutual Evaluation Report 2022. The data collected, covering the year 2022, was assessed using the AML/CFT risk profiling tool developed in partnership with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 2015 as part of a Technical Assistance initiative. The firms were rated by considering their structural risk factors and business risk factors which include inherent risks (customer risk, delivery channel risk, product/service risk, geographic risks) and risk mitigants/controls to come up with an overall/residual risk score.

The structural risks were given a weight of 20% and the business risks were given a weight of 80% which includes a weight of 70% for inherent risks and 30% for risk mitigants.

The formulae for the overall risk assessment is as follows;

Residual Risk = 20% of structural risk + 80% Business risks (Inherent risk of 70% + Risk mitigants of 30%).

The risk assessment score was used to rate the licensees from Very high risk to Very low risk according to the following ranges:

OVERALL RISK SCORE (RESIDUAL RISK)	RATING
4.01	Very High
3.01	High
2.01	Medium
1.01	Low
1.01	Very Low

61 firms were profiled out of a total of 88 licensed entities. The licensees profiled included 8 Stockbrokers, 13 Investment Banks, 24 Fund Managers, 9 Investment Advisers, 6 Non-Dealing Online Forex Exchange Brokers and 1 Online Foreign Exchange Money Manager. This culminated in recommending standalone AML/CFT onsite inspections on 14 identified high-risk market intermediaries and the remaining 47 licensees rated as medium/ low risk subjected to offsite monitoring. The 14 high risk market intermediaries include 3 Fund Managers, 5 Investment Banks, 2 Stockbrokers, 1 Investment Advisor and 3 Non-Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Brokers as below:

From the AML/CFT risk assessments conducted, in terms of license categories, it was observed that Non-Dealing Online Forex Exchange Brokers had the highest average risk score followed by Investment Banks, Stockbrokers, Fund Managers, Non-Dealing Online Forex Exchange Money Managers and Investment Advisers in that order. The table below illustrates the rankings and average risk scores:

	LICENSE CATEGORY	AVERAGE RISK SCORE	RANKING
1.	Non-Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Brokers	3.39	1
2.	Investment Banks	2.90	2
3.	Stockbrokers	2.87	3
4.	Fund Managers	2.64	4
5.	Online Foreign Exchange Money Manager	2.45	5
6.	Investment Advisers	2.11	6

The key vulnerabilities for each licensed category were also identified as per the table below:

	License Category	Key Vulnerabilities
1.	Non-Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Brokers	<ul> <li>Non face to face clients</li> <li>Ease of entry and exit</li> <li>Lapses in KYC/ Customer Due Diligence procedures which increases the risk of facilitating illicit activities.</li> <li>Anonymity provided through online forex transactions can be attractive for money laundering</li> <li>Large number of trades transacted</li> <li>Inadequate suspicious transactions and activities systems</li> <li>Engaging with customers from high-risk jurisdictions</li> <li>Use of third-party intermediaries, such as payment processors, to facilitate transactions.</li> <li>Online and mobile account opening and trading</li> <li>Insufficient training of staff on AML/CFT matters</li> <li>Low number of STRs and SARs reported to the Financial Reporting Centre</li> <li>Overall AML/CFT risk controls and mitigants are deficient</li> </ul>
2.	Investment Banks	<ul> <li>Use of Nominee accounts</li> <li>Dealing with many foreign customers</li> <li>Foreign customers mostly onboarded and transacting through omnibus accounts</li> <li>KYC lapses</li> <li>Use of agents</li> <li>Use of online and mobile platforms transactions</li> <li>Third-party risks through relationships with third parties such as correspondent banks or other financial institutions</li> <li>High number of PEP's transactions</li> <li>High number of customers from high-risk jurisdictions</li> <li>High value transactions</li> <li>Low number of STRs and SARs reported to the Financial Reporting Centre</li> <li>Overall risk controls and mitigants are deficient</li> </ul>

	License Category	Key Vulnerabilities
3.	Stockbrokers	<ul> <li>Use of Nominee accounts</li> <li>Dealing with many foreign customers</li> <li>Foreign customers mostly onboarded and transacting through omnibus accounts</li> <li>KYC lapses</li> <li>Use of agents</li> <li>Use of online and mobile platforms transactions</li> <li>Third-party risks through relationships with third parties such as correspondent banks or other financial institutions</li> <li>High number of PEP's transactions</li> <li>High number of customers from high-risk jurisdictions</li> <li>High number of transactions delivered at the custodian</li> <li>High value transactions</li> <li>Low number of STRs and SARs reported to the Financial Reporting Centre</li> <li>Overall risk controls and mitigants are deficient</li> </ul>
4.	Fund Managers	<ul> <li>Large assets under management</li> <li>High number of PEP's transactions</li> <li>Inadequate suspicious transactions and activities systems</li> <li>High number of transactions delivered by brokers</li> <li>Customers with links to high-risk countries</li> <li>Wealthy and powerful clients, particularly those who insist on strong confidentiality</li> <li>High value transactions</li> <li>Low number of STRs and SARs reported to the Financial Reporting Centre</li> <li>Overall risk controls and mitigants are deficient</li> </ul>
5.	Online Foreign Exchange Money Manager	<ul> <li>Insufficient monitoring of suspicious transactions</li> <li>Lack of independent testing of AML/CFT programme</li> <li>Online and mobile platform transactions</li> <li>Low number of STRs and SARs reported to the Financial Reporting Centre</li> </ul>
6.	Investment Advisers	Reliance on offshore third parties, foreign customers, and providing offshore solutions

## **REGULATORY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN**

	License Category	No. of onsite inspections conducted; high risk	No. of offsite monitoring conducted; medium/low risk
1.	Non-Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Brokers	3	3
2.	Investment Banks	3	3
3.	Stockbrokers	3	3
4.	Fund Managers	3	3
5.	Online Foreign Exchange Money Manager	3	3
1.	Investment Advisers	3	3
	Total	14	47

# ii. List of license applications processed in the financial year 2023/2024 is provided below:

Month	S/N	Entity	Type of License	License Number
September 2023	1.	KCCE Marketing Agency Limited	Coffee Broker	189
	2.	MKM Capital Limited	Fund Manager	188
	3.	Investcent Partners Limited	Investment Bank	187
November 2023	4.	Arvocap Asset Managers	Fund Manager	191
	5.	Myxeno Investment Management Limited	Fund Manager	190
	6.	Kingdom Securities	Authorised Securities Dealers	192
	7-	Meru South Coffee Marketing Company Limited	Coffee Broker	Conditional
	8.	Baringo Kawa Brokerage Company	Coffee Broker	Conditional
	9.	Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage Company Limited	Coffee Broker	Conditional
December 2023	10.	ALA Capital Limited	REIT Manager	195
	11.	Prime Limited	Investment Adviser	194
	12.	FP Markets	Non-Dealing Foreign Exchange Broker	193
January 30, 2024	13.	NCBA Bank Kenya Plc	REIT Trustee	197
	14.	VCG Asset Management	Fund Manager	196
	15.	EABX Plc	OTC Exchange	198
April 25, 2024	16.	GTXN Investments Limited	Fund Manager	200
	17.	Tim Walsh Advisory Services	Investment Adviser	201
	18.	Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage Company	Coffee Broker	202
	19.	Baringo Kawa Brokerage Company Limited	Coffee Broker	Extension of conditional license
	20.	Coffee Estates Bourgeoisie Brokers Agency Limited-CEBBAL	Coffee Broker	Conditional License
	21.	IC Markets KE Limited	Non-Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Broker	199
	22.	Empire Fx	Dealing Online Foreign Exchange Broker	203

## iii. The licenses revoked during the year is provided below:

Date	Entity	Type of License	License Number
April 25, 2024	25, 2024 Stanlib Kenya Limited		043
Stanlib Kenya Limited	REIT Manager	082	187

# iv. The list of Authorized Equity Transactions in the financial year 2023/2024 is provided below:

Issuer	Transaction Type, Description and Value	Authorization Date
AA Kenya Limited	Approval for Short Form Prospectus for Restricted Offer of 7,762,881 shares at an offer price of KES 25.80 to the members of AA KENYA Holding Company Limited and an additional 3,681,999 shares at a par value of Kes 8.00 to the employees of AA Kenya Plc.	September 22, 2023
Nairobi Securities Exchange	Application To Issue 182,140 additional Shares to the Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Share Ownership Plan	June 10,2024
Kenya Re Corporation Limited	Application for approval of bonus issue of kes. 6,999,492,000 by Kenya Re corporation limited in the proportion of one (1) ordinary share for everyone (1) share fully paid up of par value (kes 2.50) held in the capital of the company	June 24,2024

## v. List of Circulars issued by CMA in the financial year 2023/2024

Date	Circular No.	Title
21st September 2023	Circular No. 3/2023	Online Foreign Exchange (FX) Dealers
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Circular No. 4/2023	World Investor Week
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Circular No. 5/2023	Anti Money Laundering Counter Financing of Terrorism (AMLCFT) Independent Review
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Circular No. 6/2023	National Risk Assessment (NRA) Findings
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Circular No. 7/2023	Nairobi Securities Exchange and CMA Circular
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Circular No.1/2024	Public Notice- Payment Of CMA Regulatory And Trading Fees Through E-Citizen
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Circular No.2/2024	Coffee Trading Procedures At The Nairobi Coffee Exchange
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Circular No.3/2024	Conditions of Re-Offering Coffee for Auction
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Circular No. 4/2024	Coffee Trading at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Circular No. 5/2024	Intermediaries' virtual open day
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Circular No. 6/2024	Public Offers Listing and Disclosures (POLD) Collective Investment Schemes (CIS)

## c) Key Management

CMA's day-to-day management is under the following key organs:

- Board of Directors (BOD).
- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- Directors and Senior Management.
- Various Management Committees.

## d) Fiduciary Management

The key management personnel who held office during the period and who had direct fiduciary responsibility were:

	Designation	Name
1.	Chief Executive Officer	Wyckliffe Shamiah
2.	Director Corporate Services	Edwin Nyaga Njamura
3.	Director, Policy and Market Development	Luke Ezekiel Ombara
4.	Director Market Operations	Daniel Ngenga Warutere
5.	Director Internal Audit	Esther J. Maiyo
6.	Corporation Secretary and Director Legal Affairs	Hellen Ombati
7.	Director Technology, Research and Knowledge Management	Solomon Kirwa
8.	Acting Senior Manager, Approvals, Analysis, and Issuer Governance	Victor Otieno
9.	Senior Manager, Education, Certification and Awareness	Samuel Kamunyu Njoroge
10.	Senior Manager, People and Culture	Andrew Muthabuku
11.	Acting Senior Manager, ICT	Douglas Mwaniki
12.	Senior Manager, Accounting and Finance	John Njoroge
13.	Senior Manager, Commodities	Matthew Mukisu
14.	Senior Manager, Strategy Risks and Projects	James Kivuva
15.	Senior Manager, Market Supervision	Evelyne Loko Mbithi
16.	Senior Manager, Policy and Regulatory Framework	Jairus Muaka
17.	Senior Manager Research and Analytics	Wilberforce Ongondo
18.	Head, Capital Markets Fraud Investigation Unit	Michael Wiso
19.	Senior Manager Investigations and Enforcement	Esther Syombua Manthi
20.	Senior Manager Market Supervision	Evelyn Mbithi
21.	Senior Manager Market Deepening	Justus Nyameiyo Agoti
22.	Principal Supply Chain Management Officer	Jeremiah Yego



## e) Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements

#### **Board Committees**

Subject to fundamental, strategic, policy and formal matters reserved for its decision, pursuant to Section 14 of the Capital Markets Act, the Board works through a number of committees which operate within defined Terms of Reference (ToRs). Other committees are formed on an ad-hoc basis as need arises. During the period under review, the Board constituted the following committees:

#### The Finance and Planning Committee

This committee consists of four members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Mr. Moses Meshack Kiprono. This committee has oversight on all financial issues including budgets, financial reporting process and controls and procurement. The committee met six times during the year.

#### The Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee

This committee consists of five members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Mr. Gibson Kimani Maina. It has oversight responsibility of reviewing, assessing adequacy and monitoring of internal controls, risk management and corporate governance processes; examining internal and external audit reports and recommendations; overseeing financial reporting and reviewing the accounting principles, policies and practices adopted in the preparation of financial statements. The committee met five times during the year.

#### The Human Resource and Communication Committee

This committee consists of five members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The Committee was chaired by Prof. Michael Bowen. It is responsible for human resource matters including recruitment, management succession and the corporate communication function. The committee met four times during the year.

#### The Technical and Policy Committee

The committee consists of five members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini. It is responsible for considering technical and policy matters of the Authority, including reviewing the Authority's strategy and continuous oversight of the review of the capital market legal and regulatory frameworks. The committee met six times during the year.





## SITTING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

- Mr. Chrisologus Makokha - Representing the Inspectorate of State Corporations
- 2 Mr. Nicholas K. Ng'arua - Member
- (3) Mr. Ugas S. Mohamed
- Chairman
- 4 Ms. Christine Kanini
- Alt to the Hon. Attorney General
- 5 Ms. Natasha Awuor Aduwo Member

## STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

6 Prof. Michael Bowen

- Member

7 Ms. Hellen Ombati

- Corporation Secretary and Director Legal Affairs

8 Mr. Gibson Kimani Maina

- Member

9 Mr. David Luusa

- Alt to the Governor, CBK

10 Mr. Musa Kathanje

- Alt to the Cabinet Sectretary National Treasury and Planning

11 Mr. Wyckliffe M. Shamiah

- Chief Executive Officer

12 Mr. Meshack Moses Kiprono - Member

13 Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini - Member

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ BOARD MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION
Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed	Chairman of the Board
Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndungʻu	Member: Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury
	& Economic Planning
Mr. Musa Kathanje	Alternate to Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury
Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi E.G.H	Member: Attorney General
Ms. Christine Kanini	Alternate to Hon. Attorney General
Dr. Kamau Thugge	Member: Governor, Central Bank of Kenya
Mr. David Luusa	Alternate to Governor, Central Bank of Kenya
Mr. Meshack Moses Kiprono	Member
Mr. Gibson Kimani Maina	Member
Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini	Member
Ms. Natasha Awuor Aduwo	Member
Prof. Michael Bowen	Member
Mr. Nicholas Kamuya Ngarua	Member
Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah	Chief Executive Officer

## **CORPORATION SECRETARY**

NAME	POSITION
Ms. Hellen Ombati	Corporation Secretary and Director Legal Affairs

The Board of the Authority (The Board) is responsible and accountable to the Government of Kenya (GoK), through The National Treasury, in ensuring that the Authority complies with the law and the highest standards of corporate governance.

- There are eleven members of the Board all of whom, save for the Chief Executive Officer, are non-executive directors.
- The members possess a broad range of skills and competencies, including legal, finance, banking, economics and management.
- During the period under review, the Board met seven times.

## **COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD**

#### During the period under review, the Board was composed as follows:



Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed

**Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed** was appointed the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Capital Markets Authority, for a period of three years, with effect from the 24 February 2023.

Mr. Mohamed has 27 years' experience in strategic management, leadership and as a development specialist. He has worked with Fortune 500, blue chip companies in the USA such as Microsoft, Verizon Communications at various levels of management. He has worked in the Information, Communication and Technology sector at executive, engineering, senior project management, and consultant levels. He is a humanitarian and social justice advocate for the underprivileged. He is a founding member and chairman of board of global non-profit based in the USA. He is currently in private business practice, as

well as serving as a board director and trustee of several private businesses, non-profits, and endowments.

Mr. Mohamed is a holder of a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems from the University of Phoenix, and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Dallas, Texas. He holds high level certifications from Microsoft, HP storage SAN systems, ITL, Compaq, VMware cloud computing, Virtualization, and a PMP.

He previously served as a board member at the ICT Authority for 3 years and as a Board of Governor and Council Member at Kenya Technical Training College (KTTC) for 6 years.

Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u was the Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury & Economic Planning during the period. He was appointed Cabinet Secretary by President William Samoei Ruto on September 27, 2022. Prior to the current appointment, Prof. Ndung'u was serving as the Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), a Pan African premier capacity building network of researchers, trainers, students, universities, policy makers and international resource persons. He is an associate professor of economics at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and a former Governor, Central Bank of Kenya.

Prof. Ndung'u has been a member of the Global Advisory Council of the World Economic Forum, Visiting Fellow of Practice at Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, Director of Training at AERC, Programme specialist at International Development Research Centre(IDRC) and Team Leader in Macro-modelling at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research



Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (Cabinet Secretary, The National (Treasury & Economic Planning)

and Analysis. He holds a PhD in economics from University of Gothenburg, Sweden. He is a Member of Brookings Africa Growth Initiative, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, that coordinates financial inclusion policies in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and Senior Advisor for the UNCDF-based Better Than Cash Alliance.



Mr. Musa Kathanje (Alternate to the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning)

Mr. Musa Kathanje (OGW) serves on the Board of Capital Markets Authority Board as the Alternate to the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning since 17th July 2020. He is the Director of Macro and Fiscal Affairs Department at the National Treasury a post he has held since November 2016. He joined the National Treasury in June 2013 on secondment from the Central Bank of Kenya where he had grown through the ranks for over 17 years.

Mr. Kathanje oversees the formulation and analysis of macroeconomic and fiscal policies to support the national budget process at the National Treasury. He has over 28 years of experience in macroeconomic and fiscal policy formulation as well as regional economic integration gained. He has extensive professional training from among others, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI) and the IMF East Afritac.

Key areas of training include macroeconomic policy and forecasting, monetary policy management, fiscal policy formulation and econometrics. Mr. Kathanje serves as Kenya's Focal Point for the Human Capital Project of the World Bank.

He holds among others, a two-year certificate in macroeconomic modeling under the United Nations/African Research Network for Development Policy Analysis from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Mr. Kathanje holds Masters and Bachelor degrees (first class honors in Economics) from the University of Nairobi and is currently finalizing a PhD program in Business Administration (Finance) from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Additionally, he has a CPA Part I certificate.

Mr. Kathanje represents the Principal Secretary, National Treasury in the Monetary Policy Committee of the CBK and has previously served as an Alternate to the Principal Secretary, National Treasury in the following Boards: Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat; Kenya Revenue Authority; Konza Technopolis and the Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis.

During the period, Hon. Justin B. N. Muturi E.G.H was the Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya and served as a Director on the Board of Directors of the Capital Markets Authority. Hon. Justin B.N Muturi previously served as the Speaker of The National Assembly and Chair, the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC). He has served in several capacities in the Republic of Kenya including Chairman of the Centre for Multiparty Democracy, Member of the National Assembly, Siakago Constituency, Embu County and the Judiciary where he served for 15 years as Principal Magistrate at the Nairobi Law Courts and Chairperson of the Kenya Judges and Magistrates Association.

Hon. Justin B. N. Muturi E.G.H is a member of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), and International Bar Association (IBA).



African Parliamentarians Notwork

Hon. Justin B. N. Muturi E.G.H has been the President of the Board of the African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC), and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Africa Region).

**Ms.** Christine Kanini is a Deputy Chief State Counsel at the Office of the Attorney General in the Government Transactions Division. She serves on the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an alternate to the Hon. Attorney General.

She previously served in the National Irrigation Board and Kenya Academy of Sports as an alternate to the Attorney General.

Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Christine Kanini served as a Legal Associate at the law firm of A.B. Patel & Patel Advocates and Mburu Kariuki & Company Advocates. Ms. Christine Kanini has over 12 years' experience and knowledge in commercial and financial transactions.

She has also experience in Public Procurement, Public Finance, Public Private

Partnerships and Land laws. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in
international law and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Nairobi.



Alternate to Hon. Attorney General: Ms. Christine Kanini



Dr. Kamau Thugge (Governor, the Central Bank of Kenya)

**Dr. Kamau Thugge C.B.S.,** is the tenth Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), and has been in office since June 19, 2023. Dr. Thugge joined CBK after a long and distinguished career in the international and Kenyan public service. He worked in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in both policymaking and non-policymaking departments. These include the Policy Review and Development Department and the Trade Policy Division. In these roles, Dr. Thugge helped to design the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC) as well as other policy initiatives. He also worked on various Article IV missions. Dr. Thugge also served as Mission Chief to Botswana and Lesotho in the wake of the global financial crisis.

Dr. Thugge has held various senior roles in Kenya, including as the Head of the Fiscal and Monetary Affairs Department at The National Treasury, as Economic Secretary and as Senior Economic Advisor. Dr. Thugge also served as Principal Secretary at The National Treasury, and lately as Senior Advisor to the President

and Head of Fiscal and Budget Affairs. Dr. Thugge helped to design and implement various laws including the Public Finance Management Act, the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) Act, the Independent Officers (Appointment) Act, the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, and many more. In these roles, he also served on various boards including that of the Central Bank of Kenya, the Monetary Policy Advisory Committee (and later the Monetary Policy Committee), the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and the Capital Markets Authority.

The Governor holds a bachelor's degree from the Colorado College, and Master's and PhD Degrees in Economics from Johns Hopkins University in the United States.

**Mr David Luusa** joined the Central Bank of Kenya in April 2020 and was appointed Director, Financial Markets Department (FMD). He serves on the Board of The Capital Markets Authority as an alternate to the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya.

Prior to joining the Bank, David served at Standard Chartered Bank as a member of the Executive Committee and Head of Financial Markets in the East Africa region. He has extensive banking experience across different markets in Africa and Europe holding senior leadership responsibility within financial markets. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Economic Science from the University of Aberdeen and serves on the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Kenya.



Alternate to Governor, Central Bank of Kenya: Mr. David Luusa



**Mr. Meshack Moses Kiprono** was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 24th February 2023.

Mr. Kiprono is an investment and banking professional with over 14 years of experience in the capital markets. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Commerce, banking and finance from Makerere University. Throughout his career, he has developed a deep understanding of financial instruments and investment vehicles, as well as the regulatory environment that governs them. He has a track record of success in managing complex financial transactions.

Mr. Kiprono is highly skilled in financial analysis and risk management and has a keen eye for identifying emerging trends in the market. He has expertise in equity and fixed income securities, structured products, and alternative investments.

**Mr. Gibson Kimani Maina** was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 24 February 2023.

Mr. Maina holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi and is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. He is currently serving as a Partner at Kilukumi & Company Advocates which specializes in commercial transactions and corporate governance. He has developed extensive knowledge in commercial transactions and a deep understanding of the legal and regulatory environment. He brings valuable legal expertise and unique perspective which helps to navigate complex legal and regulatory challenges leading to informed strategic decision and mitigation of legal risks.





Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini

**Ms.** Elena Natalia Pellegrini was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 24 February 2023.

Ms. Pellegrini's career in financial markets spans over 15 years, her primary focus is on client and relationship management, working to develop strategies and enhance client offerings in the forex, commodities and in capital markets space. She has worked for several financial institutions including Standard Bank of South Africa, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME), and ICBC Standard Bank in the United Kingdom.

Throughout her career, she has developed analytical skills, the ability to understand complex financial markets and has held a specialist role in regulatory reporting, providing solutions to clients that ensured reporting

was in line with the appropriate governing body. Most recently in the capital markets space, working closely with the business to enhance the post-trade services for all Exchange-Traded Derivatives (ETDs), cash equities and fixed income to reduce risk and drive efficiencies across bilateral and triparty post trade interactions.

Ms. Pellegrini holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Middlesex University in London.

Ms. Natasha Awuor Aduwo was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 24 February 2023.

Ms. Aduwo holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi. She is a legal consultant, a Certified Mediator, and a member of Federation of Women Lawyers-Kenya. She is also a board member at Safe Hands Trust, an organization that focuses on children in conflict with the law.

Ms. Aduwo is a purpose-driven legal professional and Mediator with gained skill set and wealth of knowledge on legal matters. She is adept at drafting and reviewing legal contracts and agreements, client management and general office management.



Ms. Natasha Awuor Aduwo

Led by her strong problem-solving and organizational skills, she has established a unique ability to steadfastly manage numerous duties and responsibilities pertinent to a company's growth.



Prof. Michael Bowen

Prof. Michael Bowen was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 24 February 2023.

Prof. Bowen is an Associate Professor of Environmental Economics and is currently the Principal of the Nairobi Campus of Daystar University. Before this, he was the Director of Research at Daystar University between 2015 to 2019 and Deputy Director, Quality Assurance between 2013 to 2015 in the same institution. In the period between 2005 and 2012, he was a senior researcher within the same university. Earlier in his academic career he taught at Kenya Methodist University where he rose to head the Department of Business Administration. Between 2012 and 2014 he was a council member at Daystar University representing the staff. He previously chaired the Board

of IDB Capital, a parastatal under the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Prof. Bowen has supervised more than 100 Masters and PhD students to completion. He has been involved in several funded research and his publications are listed on Google Scholar and Research Gate with 740 citations on former, with the leading paper cited 653 times.

Prof. Bowen has presented papers in international conferences in the USA, Netherlands, Hong Kong, Japan, Dubai, South Africa, UAE, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. He has been an external examiner for National University of Science and Technology (Zimbabwe), Jomo Kenyatta University, Kenya Methodist University, Moi University, Africa Nazarene University, Management University of Africa and University of Eldoret. He has also been an editor and reviewer of several journals. In addition, he has been part of teams in writing several academic programs from Undergraduate to PhD. He holds a PhD in Environmental Economics from Moi University.



Mr. Nicholas Kamuya Ngarua

Mr. Nicholas K .Ngarua was appointed to the Board of the Capital Markets Authority as an independent member for a period of three years, with effect from 26th May 2023.

Mr. Ngarua's areas of practice and key highlights include tax advisory work including but not limited to issuing advisory opinions to clients in relation to tax demands made by the Kenya Revenue Authority and assisting the firm in matters before the Tax Appeals Tribunals. He also deals with general tax consultancy, including issuing advisory opinions on tax optimization for clients, advising on transfer pricing policies, and general taxation liabilities for entities in Kenya.

Mr. Ngarua is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya (LL.B Hons) (Dip. KSL), a Commissioner of Oaths/Notary Public and an Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrator.

Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah, is the Chief Executive Officer of Capital Markets Authority, Kenya. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Shamiah served in various capacities at the Authority, having been Acting Chief Executive, Director Market Operations, Manager-Market Supervision, Assistant Manager- Compliance among others, over a career of more than 26 years.

He represented the Capital Markets Authority on the Council of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) from 2009 to 2020. Regionally, he sits on Financial Stability Board Regional Consultative Committee for Sub-Saharan Africa, Consultative Committee of Association of Securities Markets Regulators in East Africa (EASRA), which he chaired between 2020 and mid-2022. He sat on the International Organizations of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) representing Growth and Emerging Markets Committee Board (2020-2022) and he is a member of AMERC committee of IOSCO.



Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah

He also sits on several other local boards including Retirement Benefits Authority of Kenya (RBA), Insurance Regulatory Authority of Kenya (IRA) and Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board. He is highly appreciated for his efforts towards development of capital markets in the region, having contributed immensely in capacity building programmes in Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Mr. Shamiah is a recognized speaker and facilitator on capital markets regulation both regionally and internationally.

Mr. Shamiah is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (FCPA), a CISI Level II, holds a Masters in Business Administration (Finance Option) from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and Economics from Egerton University. He is an associate member Toronto leadership Centre.

## CORPORATION SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR LEGAL AFFAIRS



CS. Hellen Ombati

(CS). H. K Ombati is the Corporation Secretary and Director Legal Affairs of the Capital Markets Authority.

She is a holder of a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Strategic Management from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Nairobi. She is a Certified Public Secretary (CPS-K) and a member of the Institute of Certified Secretaries of Kenya (ISPCK). CS. Ombati is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a member of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) as well as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators- UK and the Kenya Institute of Supply Management (KISM). She also holds a Diploma in French from Alliance Française, Paris.

She joined the CMA in May 2016 as the Head Legal Affairs and Corporation Secretary. Prior to joining the CMA, she served as the Manager Legal Services & Board Coordination at the Kenya Revenue Authority. CS Ombati has been involved in conveyancing practice, preparation of contracts and legal agreements,

commercial law as well as company secretarial work. She has also participated in civil society where she was engaged in civil litigation and prosecution of criminal cases at FIDA Kenya. She has also worked as a State Counsel at the Attorney General's Chambers.



## **KEY MANAGEMENT TEAM**



FCPA Edwin Nyaga Njamura
Director, Corporate Services
Date joined the Authority
17 July, 2012
Management
EMBA,BCOM,FCPA, BSP,
Certificate in Public
Policy (Harvard Kennedy School)



FCPA Esther J. Maiyo
Director Internal Audit
Date joined the Authority
15 February, 1995
Accountant
MBA, BCOM, CPS (K),
CISA, CPA(K)



Solomon C. Kirwa
Director Technology, Research &
Knowledge Management
Date joined the Authority
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ICT Specialist
CPA, BSC.IT, MSC.IT, MBA





Luke Ezekiel Ombara
Director, Policy & Market
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Date joined the Authority
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Economist
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Daniel Ngenga Warutere
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Post Grad Cert, Capital Markets



Andrew Muthabuku Senior Manager, People and Culture 1 July, 2011 Human Resources & Administration MBA, BA, H-Dip (HRM)



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Douglas Mwaniki
Acting Senior Manager ICT
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Mathew Mukisu
Senior Manager, Commodities
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Jairus Muaka
Senior Manager, Policy &
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Date joined the Authority
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Economist
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Wilberforce Ongondo Senior Manager Research and Analytics Date joined the Authority 11 November, 2008 Researcher BSc, MBA



Jeremiah Yego
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Victor O. Otieno Ag. Senior Manager, Approvals Analysis and Issuer Governance 13 August, 2013 Lawyer MBA (Finance), LLB, Dip in Law, CPA(K), BSC.



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Date joined the Authority
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Lawyer, Certified Financial Analyst
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Senior Management Course (SMC), International Introduction to Securities & Investment (Kenya) (CISI), Certificate in Fintech & Regulatory Innovation



# Evelyn Mbithi Senior Manager Market Supervision Date joined the Authority November 06, 2008 Business & Finance Bcom, MBA finance, Dip in Applied Maths & statistics



Justus Nyameyio Agoti
Senior Manager Market Deepening
Date joined the Authority
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Economist
M.A. (Economics), B.A. (Economics),
H.Dip HRM,
CPA, CMSA



	KEY		
BA	Bachelor of Arts		
всом	Bachelor of Commerce		
BSC	Bachelor of Science		
BSP	Balanced Scorecard Professional		
CFE	Certified Fraud Examiner		
CISA	Certified Information Systems Auditor		
CPA	Certified Public Accountant		
CPS	Certified Public Secretary		
Dip	Diploma		
EMBA	Executive Master of Business Administration		
H. Dip	High Diploma		
HRM	Human Resource Management		
LLB	Bachelor of Law		
LLM	Master of Law		
MA	Master of Arts		
Pg Dip	Post Graduate Diploma		





## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

## Overview of the Global Economy

Recent figures released by World Bank indicate that in 2024, the global economic performance is projected to remain positive, with major world economies avoiding a significant drop. To this end, the world economy is anticipated to grow by about 2.6%. Backing this performance are factors such as better-than-expected performance of the United States economy and an anticipated improved performance in several large and emerging economies that include India, China and some countries in South Asia and the Eastern part of Africa.

## **Emerging Markets**

As regards emerging markets, their growth is expected to remain steady in 2024 at between 3.7% and 4%. Generally, there are expectations that most emerging markets will have inflation moving towards a rate of about 2%. Some exceptions include among others, Argentina, Turkey, Nigeria, Ghana, Pakistan and Egypt where inflation is anticipated to remain elevated.

## Africa and the East African Community (EAC) Region

Africa continues to face significant challenges and multiple shocks, including heightened food and energy prices driven by geopolitical tensions such as the Russia – Ukraine conflict, climate disruptions affecting agriculture and energy production, and political instability in select member countries. Despite these, however, the economic outlook for the continent is more positive, with growth expected to increase to between 3.8 and 4 percent in 2024 highlighting the strong resilience of African economies. This growth is anticipated to be underpinned by improvements in global economic conditions and effective policy reforms.

East Africa's economy is anticipated to grow at about **4.9** percent. This is despite the recently experienced floods and war in some of the member states. This strong performance is largely supported by robust growth in key member countries like Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. The services sector, especially tourism and related industries, continues to be a significant driver of economic activity in the EAC. This is despite the region facing risks ranging from rising commodity prices, and domestic challenges such as infrastructure gaps and political instability. To address this, policymakers will need to implement strategies to mitigate these risks to sustain the growth momentum.

## Domestic Performance and National Outlook

Kenya's GDP is projected to grow at about 5.4 percent (2023 – 5.6 percent), driven by growth in the services industry and household

consumption, amidst some downside risks including inflationary pressure, driven by food and energy price rises. Also, the country's monetary policy is expected to remain tight against global economic uncertainties, tight global financing, impact of recent floods.

## **Strategic Partnerships**

## Strategic Engagements

The Authority continued to engage various strategic partners including Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSDK), SME Foundation Association, capital markets subsidiaries, and MSME Authority, among others. These engagements were aimed at mainstreaming the utilization of market-based financing opportunities to different players with the aim of improving uptake of capital markets products.

## **Green Bond Programme**

On climate the Authority partnered with Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSDK), Augusto & Co, NSE and Ada Consortium and conducted engagements with various County Governments with the aim of evaluating projects which could be bankable to support the green agenda. Among the Counties visited included Vihiga, Kisumu, Nairobi, Embu and Laikipia. As a culmination of the County assessments, the Authority also participated in the launch of the County Green Finance Assessment Report.

## **Engagement on Islamic Finance**

As part of the effort to mainstream Islamic Finance in the country, during the period, the Authority hosted three Islamic Finance workshops for Scholars and Stakeholders bringing together key stakeholders Islamic Finance stakeholders as well as Islamic Finance experts and scholars. The three workshops were conducted with the objective of nurturing better appreciation and comprehension of Islamic finance, its practical implementation, and the role it could play in Kenya's economic progress.

## **Legal and Regulatory Reforms**

The following regulations aimed at supporting improved uptake and deepening of the country's

capital markets were progressed:

- a. Gazettement of Capital Markets (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 2023 to provide for oversight of the domestic registered and foreign licensed credit rating agencies by the Authority to enable them conduct rating activities in Kenya.
- b. Gazettement of Capital Markets (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2023 establish a legal framework for the registration, operation, and regulation of alternative investment funds (AIFs) ensuring they adhere to specific standards of governance, transparency, and investor protection, thereby fostering the growth of the alternative investment sector within the country's capital markets.
- Gazettement of Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023 to strengthen investor protection, ensure market integrity
- d. Gazettement of The Capital Markets (Public offers, Listings and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023 to increase and retain listings at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).
- e. Development of the Capital Markets (Conduct of Business) (Market Intermediaries) Regulations 2023, The Capital Markets (Margin Trading) Regulations 2023, Guidelines on Financial Resource Requirements for Market Intermediaries, and The Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations 2020

#### Other Achievements

#### i. County Initiatives

As part of the Authority's investor education and public awareness effort, the Authority continued to engage the diaspora community, professionals, the youth, the business community, county governments, influencers and staff of various ministries, government agencies and departments across the country. County awareness initiatives were conducted in Murang'a, Busia, Nakuru, Kisumu, Nairobi, Mombasa, Kakamega and Kirinyaga counties with a view to increasing knowledge, attitude and uptake of capital markets products and services among various segments.

## ii. Capital Markets Resource Persons Programme

Given the Authority's commitment to broaden its investor education initiatives with a view to reaching various constituents within the country, the Authority revamped its outsourcing strategy by recruiting and contracting a fresh cohort of resource persons for two years on part-time basis effective September 1, 2023. The revamped programme aims at recruiting a maximum of three (3) resource persons per county in several phases. Phase one involved recruiting and training 36 resource persons in 14 counties (Baringo, Bomet, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kericho, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, Nakuru, Nandi, Narok, Nyamira, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Uasin Gishu and Vihiga) who commenced undertaking awareness initiatives in respective counties in September 2023. The programme has continued to gain momentum, with 53% of the recruited resource persons having conducted 53 awareness initiatives reaching 1,962 participants at the grassroots in 11 counties. The valuable lessons learnt from the pilot phase will inform subsequent recruitment phases for the remaining 33 counties.

#### iii. Innovation

Given last financial year's launch of the retail securities trading App dubbed 'Dosikaa App', the Authority in partnership with the Kenya Association of Stockbrokers and Investment Banks (KASIB), the Nairobi Securities Exchange PLC (NSE) and the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC) has continued to conduct activation initiatives at the grassroots aimed at creating awareness of the App and onboarding potential investors including the Bodaboda operators among other segments.

## iv. Securities Industry Certification Programme (SICP) and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programme

On the Securities Industry Certification Programme (SICP), 640 professionals successfully undertook Level I examination in International Introduction to Securities & Investment (Kenya) and Level II examination in Regulations & Market Practice (Kenya) during the 2023/2024 Financial Year. Among them were 11 CMA staff members who were trained inhouse at the Authority's premises. The programme has shown positive progress since inception in 2015, with a total of 5,014 market practitioners having undertaken either Level I or both Level I and II examinations as of June 30, 2024. The market practitioners continued to log in their annual Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points with the Capital Markets Authority's accredited CPD providers.

#### v. Interaction with minority shareholders

The Authority continued to facilitate engagements with minority shareholders' representatives to deliberate on developments in capital markets, challenges faced by the minority shareholders and determine the way forward.

#### **Appreciation**

On behalf of the Capital Markets Authority, I am grateful for the consistent support from the Government of Kenya in executing our responsibilities since my appointment to this position by His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H. President of the Republic of Kenya in 2023. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the National Treasury and Economic Planning, the entire capital markets sector, and our fellow Financial Services Regulators for their significant contribution, which have been crucial in helping us achieve our goals during this period.

I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable efforts of my colleagues on the CMA Board, as well as the Chief Executive Officer, Management, and Staff of the Authority. Their continued commitment and teamwork were and will continue to be instrumental as we advance our mission of enhancing capital formation and fostering a culture of savings in our country.

Chairman

Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## **Market Performance**

## **Primary Market**

During the 2023/24 financial year, a total of thirty-seven (37) Treasury bonds were issued. These included fifteen (15) re-opened bonds, sixteen (16) tap sales and six (6) new issues. In this period, the government aimed to raise KShs.626.00 billion. The Bids received amounted to KShs.1,015.78 billion, with the government accepting offers worth KShs.789.01 billion, indicating an aggregate acceptance rate of 126.85%. As regards the corporate bond market, the total outstanding amount on issue was KShs.27.18 billion, a 4.71% decrease from Kshs.28.38 billion as at September 2023.

Also, despite there being a drought of equity issuances, the Authority together with other industry stakeholders continued to engage potential issuers with a view to building a pipeline of issues. To this end a number of companies have expressed interest in listing in the future.

In terms of the country's commodities markets facilitation, the Authority continued to spearhead reforms in the coffee sector while building on the ground laid in the previous year. On this, the Authority's focus was on ensuring that the coffee market operates under a regulated framework,

enhancing transparency, and promoting fair trade practices. To this end, the Authority successfully licensed two (2) more additional number of coffee brokers, bringing the total to 14 licensed brokers. 2023/24 also saw significant regulatory advancements aimed at improving market development and strengthening market integrity and investor protection. To this end, the successfully spearheaded the gazettement of Capital Markets (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 2023; Capital Markets (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2023; Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023 and The Capital Markets (Public offers, Listings and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023.

Further, in line with its new strategic direction, the Authority developed Margin Trading Regulations, reviewed the Guidelines on Financial Resource Requirements for Market Intermediaries, and amended the Commodity Markets Regulations. The regulatory review is aimed at enhancing responsiveness to changing dynamics, market developments, technological advancements, improving market liquidity and addressing emerging stakeholder expectations.

## Secondary Market

As of June 2024, the country's equity market capitalization was Shs. 1.71 trillion (June 2023-Shs. 1.67 trillion), a 2.66 percent increase. This significant

growth reflects a positive sentiment in the equity market and investor confidence as well as favourable market conditions compared to what was recorded in 2022/23. Also, the shares traded, and NSE 20 share index also increased by 23.35 per cent - and 5.18 per cent respectively (2022/23 -2.35 percent) to close the year at 1,656.50 points (2021/23 - 1574.92 points). In terms of equity turnover, the country's 2023/24 figure stood at Shs.76.48 billion (Shs. 99.4 billion – 2022/23), a 23.06 percent decrease against the equity turnover levels recorded in the previous financial year.

As regards the secondary bond market, during the financial year, the country's bond market turnover increased significantly to Shs.1,115.74 billion (2022/23— Shs. 665.15 billion) - a 67.74 percent increase. This was the highest bond turnover ever achieved!

In terms of foreign equity portfolio, investors made purchases worth Shs.41,950 million and foreign sales worth Shs.47,077 million, resulting in a cumulative net equity outflow worth Shs.5,127 million.

## **Major Market Developments**

Below is a highlight of some of the key market developments during the financial year.

- i) During the year, the Authority hosted the Capital Markets Industry Leaders Forum which brought together key industry leaders to dialogue on the state of Kenya's capital markets and strategies for the future. The forum was a good platform in which stakeholders took stock of the country's capital markets' performance and proposed ways to manage pain points, received feedback on key areas of regulatory focus on AML/CFT matters and provided a concrete way forward on the initiatives that need to be implemented, to improve the industry's performance.
- ii) The Authority initiated several initiatives aimed at leveraging technology to enhance customer experience. These included:
  - a) CMA app enhancements, incorporating new features aimed at attracting a broader range of investors, intermediaries, and other users, further solidifying its role in advancing financial inclusion through innovative technology.

- **b)** Supporting innovation of start-ups through the regulatory sandbox that provides a platform to test and exit into the mass market upon successful testing.
- **iii)** To encourage and facilitate the uptake of capital markets products and services, the Authority undertook several stakeholder engagements including:
  - a) The Credit Rating Workshop -20th September 2023 and 23rd April 2024.
  - **b)** The trustees' Forum hosted by Enwealth-26th August 2023.
  - c) The County Green Bond validations in Makueni, Kisumu, Embu, Nairobi and Wajir for the basis of assessing bankable green projects that could be used to issue green bonds to address ESG challenges.
  - d) The 4th Annual National Capital Markets SME forum -20th September 2023.
  - e) The NSE REIT roundtable- 31st August 2023 and the REITs conference — 30th October 2023 & 2nd November 2023
  - f) The Islamic Finance CEOs engagement forum 5th September 2023.
  - g) The 3rd Meeting of the Africa Network of National Regulators on Credit Rating Agencies, 26th March 2024.
  - h) The ISSB President's workshop on the adoption of the IFRS1 & IFRS2 standards in the Kenyan market 18th March 2024.
  - i) The inaugural Absa Institutional Investor Economic Forum organized by Absa Bank Kenya PLC -27th February 2024.
  - j) The Kakamega International Investment Conference 2024 19th & 22nd March 2024.
  - **k)** The Islamic Finance workshops for Scholars and Stakeholders 4th & 5th October 2023 and 30th April 2024.
  - I) The Kenya Association of Manufactures in the 2023 6th & 3rd editions of the Changamka Festival between October 31, 2023 November 3, 2023, and November 30, 2023 December 2, 2023.
  - m)The National Housing Corporation 70th Anniversary at the Bomas of Kenya in Nairobi- 27th May 2024.
  - n) The Water & Sanitation Investors Conference 2024 6th & 8th March 2024.
  - o) The capital markets consultative forum for

- CEOs of key capital markets intermediaries and other key representatives 3rd April
- **p)** The inaugural Capital Markets Deep Dive workshop May 22nd, 2024.
- iv) In so far as Investigations and enforcement for investor protection is concerned, the Authority undertook the following initiatives:
  - a) Investor protection initiatives aimed at boosting investor confidence including capital market investigation and enforcement processes, the online whistle blower portal and reporting via the complaint's portal and email.
  - b) Issuance of investor alerts for the protection of investor interests and use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in resolution of disputes between market stakeholders.

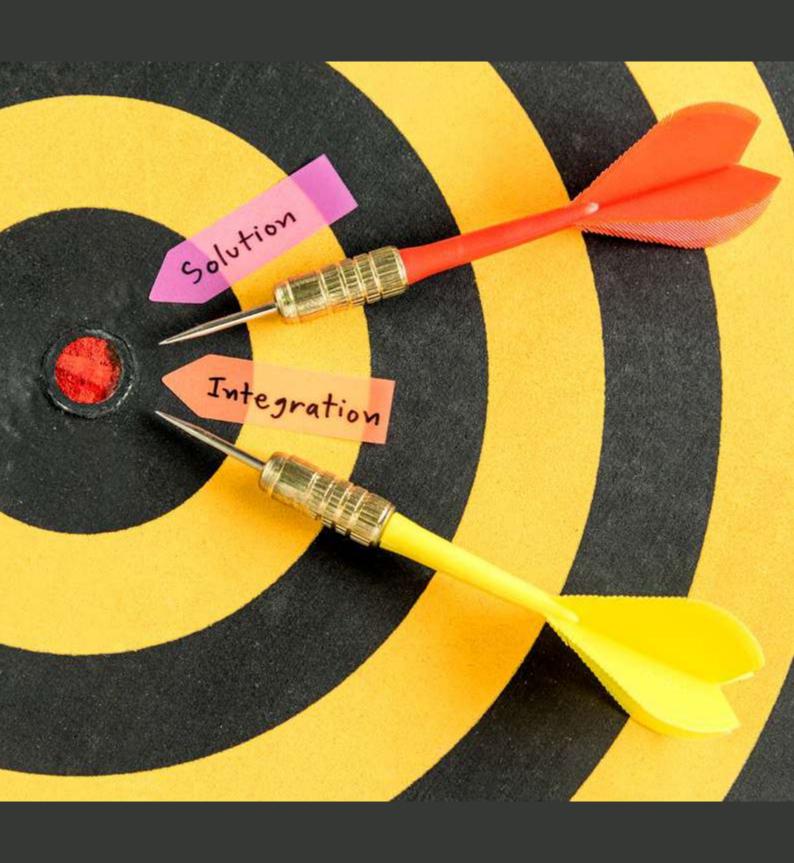
- c) Collaboration with global regulators under the IOSCO MMoU to bolster information sharing and cross border fraud deterrence initiatives.
- d) Engagements with market intermediaries on fraud risk assessment and discussions on promoting cooperation within the industry to address emerging challenges, and
- e) Stakeholder engagements for market fraud deterrence by closely working with other state agencies including financial industry regulators and agencies (CMFIU, DCI and ODPP).

All the above Authority efforts were aimed at not only improving the impact of the execution of the Authority's regulatory mandate but also fostering market development. We hope that the next financial year will bring higher growth to the country's capital market.

I. Financial Highlights		
RESULTS	2024	2023
The results for the year are summarised below:- Notes	Shs 'ooo	Shs 'ooo
Total income for the year 6-9	<u>962,606</u>	<u>872,015</u>
Total operating expenditure for the year	(907,610)	839,565)
Surplus before tax	<u>54,996</u>	32,450
Remission to National Treasury 11(a) Retained Surplus	(140,000) (85,004)	<u>-</u> _32,450

<sup>\*</sup>Details of each line are found under respective notes in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah, FCPA Chief Executive Officer



# STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST PRE-DETERMINED OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2023/24

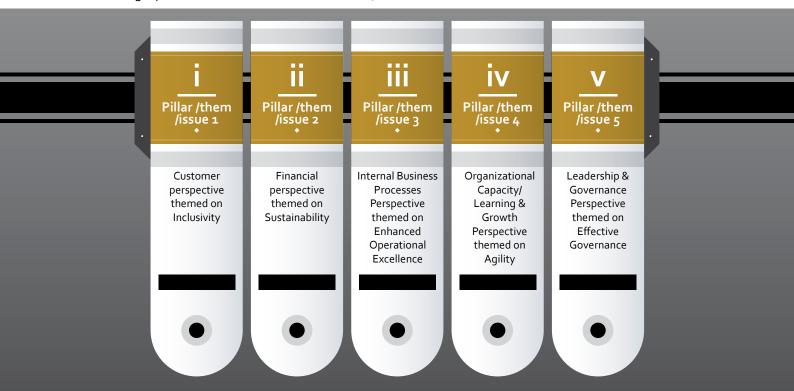
Section 81 Subsection 2 (f) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires the accounting officer to include in the financial statement, a statement of the National Government entity's performance against predetermined objectives.

The CMA Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028 charts the strategic direction within our broad mandate of regulating and developing the capital and commodities markets for the next five years. The Plan design model focused on five key perspectives (Key result areas) namely Customers, Financial Sustainability, Internal Business Processes, Learning & Development/Organization Capacity, and Leadership and Governance. The overriding theme within each perspective is to enhance inclusivity in the markets, maintain institutional sustainability, enhance operational excellence, develop agility in dealing with emerging issues, and strengthen investor protection and governance respectively. The Plan's overall goals include:



CMA develops its annual work plans based on the above five (5) pillars/Themes/Issues. Assessment of the Board's performance against its annual work plan is done every quarter.

These strategic pillars/ themes/ issues are as follows;



The CMA achieved its performance targets set for the FY 2023/24 period for its five strategic pillars, as indicated in the table below:

# Key Result Area 1: Customer Base

see Increased uptake i. Leverage technology of Growth in the 3% and social media to products and and customer experience ii. Partner with market capital markets or iii. Decentralization of market capital markets services.  In Decentralization of market capital markets to both public servants and other key stakeholders to offer training on Capital markets to both public sector employees.  V. Continuous review of issuers engagement with issuers, wi. Continuous engagement with issuers, investors, and intermediaries.  Value of Assets	Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Achievement	Observation
Increased uptake  i. Leverage technology % Growth in the and social media to products and enhance product uptake services.  ii. Partner with market intermediaries to increase customer base.  iii. Dacentralization of market capital market services.  iii. Decentralization of market capital market services.  iv. Partner with the National government, professional institutions, and other key stakeholders to offer training on Capital markets to both public servants and private servants and pri			Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)	,		
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enhance product uptake and customer experience ii. Partner with market intermediaries to increase customer base. iii. Decentralization of capital market services. iv. Partner with the capital market services. iv. Continuous review of tramework to respond to dynamic market needs. iv. Continuous market needs. iv. Continuous engagement with issuers, investors, and intermediaries.  engagement with issuers investors, and intermediaries.  engagement with issuers investors, and intermediaries.  engagement with issuers investors and intermediaries.  engagement with issuers investors and intermediaries.  engagement with issuers investors and intermediaries.	democratize wealth	of capital markets	and social media to				
and customer experience ii. Partner with market iii. Decentralization of capital market services. iv. Partner with the capital market services. iv. Partner with the National government, professional institutions, and other key stakeholders to offer training on Capital markets to both public servants and private sector employees. v. Continuous review of the policy and regulatory framework to respond to dynamic market needs. vi. Continuous engagement with issuers, investors, and intermediaries. value of Assets		products and	enhance product uptake	investors.			Equity and Collective Investment Scheme
Aggregate 5.8 Tn Market Capitalization (Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2 4 issuers % Growth in 3% 2		services.	and customer experience				investors cumulatively increased from 2.7 million
Aggregate 5.8 Tn Market Capitalization (Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2 4 issuers % Growth in 3% 2			ii. Partner with market				in July 2023 to 2.9 million in June 2024, marking
Aggregate 5.8 Tn  Market Capitalization (Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2 4 issuers  % Growth in 3% 2 Value of Assets			intermediaries to increase				a 7% increase.
Market Capitalization (Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2  ssuers % Growth in 3% 2 Value of Assets			customer base.		5.8 Tn	6.6 Tn	The target was achieved.
Capitalization (Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			iii. Decentralization of				
(Kshs. Trillion)  Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			capital market services.	Capitalization			During the review period, the aggregate market
Number of 2 issuers % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			iv. Partner with the	(Kshs. Trillion)			capitalization was approximately KES 6.61
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			National government,				trillion. This comprised KES 4.642 trillion in
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			professional institutions,				Treasury Bonds (TBs), KES 19.227 billion in
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			and other key				Corporate Bonds (CBs) as of June 2024, KES 1.7
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			stakeholders to offer				trillion in equities, and KES 225.415 billion in
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			training on Capital				Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) Assets
Number of 2 issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			markets to both public				Under Management (AUM) as of June 2024.
Number of 2 issuers  W. Growth in 3% Value of Assets			servants and private				
issuers  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			sector employees.		2	4	The target was achieved.
% Growth in 3% Value of Assets			v. Continuous review of	issuers			
mic :h issuers, % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			the policy and regulatory				During the review period, there were four
mic :h issuers,  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			framework to				issuers: Linzi Sukuk (KES 3 billion), Spearhead
h issuers,  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			respond to dynamic				Africa Infrastructure (Special Fund) (KES 15.2
h issuers,  % Growth in 3% Value of Assets			market needs.				billion), Acorn Supplementary REIT (KES 2.7
with issuers,  % Growth in 3%  Value of Assets			vi Continuous				billion), and Satrix ETF (approximately USD 1
% Growth in 3% Value of Assets			engagement with issuers,				billion in fund size).
			investors, and	Growth in	3%	28%	The target was achieved.
			intermediaries.	Value of Assets			
Under				Under			

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)			
		vii. Facilitate ease of	Management			Assets under management increased by KES
		access to capital markets	(AUM)			49.478 billion, rising from KES 176 billion in June
		by issuers.				2023 to KES 225.454 billion as of June 30, 2024,
						reflecting a 28% increase.
Increase annual market	Increased market	i. Support the National	Turnover ratio -	9%	-1.5%	The target was not achieved.
turnover/liquidity	liquidity.	Government agenda	equities			
		through capital markets				The equities turnover ratio on the Nairobi
		products and services.				Securities Exchange (NSE) decreased from 6% in
		ii. Ease access to, and				June 2023 (with an equities turnover (ETO) of
		participation in capital				KES 99.4 billion and a market capitalization of
		markets by investors.				KES 1.67 trillion) to 4.5% in June 2024 (with an
		iii. Enhance market				ETO of KES 76.5 billion and a market
		infrastructure along the				capitalization of KES 1.71 trillion). This
		value chain to ensure a				represents a 1.5 percentage point decrease in
		straight-through process				the equities turnover ratio over year on year.
		from trading to				
		settlement.	Turnover ratio -	9%	7.6%	The target was not achieved.
		iv. Facilitate the	ponds	Increase		As of June 2024, the bond turnover ratio was
		introduction of new		YoY		24.1%, with a bond turnover (BTO) of KES 1.12
		products and services.				trillion against a value of bonds outstanding of
		v. Facilitate market-				KES 4.64 trillion. This represents an increase
		based financing				from the 16.58% ratio in March 2024, when the
		initiatives to support				BTO was KES 665 billion and the value of bonds
		ESG.				outstanding was KES 4 trillion, reflecting a 7.6%
						increase in turnover ratio year on year.
Improve customer	Improved	i. Enhance investor	Customer	78.4%	78.4%	The overall Customer Satisfaction Index was
experience and brand	customer	experience.	satisfaction			78.4% as of FY 2020-2021. The next survey will
visibility	experience.	ii. Enhance investor	index			be undertaken in 2025/2026.
		protection.				

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)			
		iii. Enhance customer				
		relationship				
		management.				
		iv. Demystify capital				
		markets by simplifying				
		messaging.				
		v. Enhance the				
		effectiveness of the				
		regulatory sandbox.				
Improve strategic	strategic Improved strategic	Establish partnerships	Level of	100%	100%	The target was achieved.
Influence and Advocacy Influence and	Influence and	with international and implementation	implementation			Eight MoUs were successfully implemented
	advocacy.	domestic partners to	of MOUs			during the review period, focusing on activities
		advance the Authority's				related to ESG mainstreaming, education,
		agenda.				awareness and certification, and capacity
						building.

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Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Target Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)			
Increase revenue	Improved revenue base	i. Ensure all new products	Revenue	1,181,6	1,181,6 962,606,115.64	The target was not achieved.
		come along with		92,000		
		sufficient fees to		00:		Revenues were adversely impacted by decreased
		cover their cost of				trading activity in the equity market during the
		supervision.				review period.
		ii. Ensure existing products				
		and services generate				
		revenue commensurate				
		to the cost of their				
		supervision.				
		iii. Create vibrancy at the				
		Exchanges				

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Target Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)			
		iv. Diversifying revenue				
		sources.				
Enhance resource	Successful	Leverage relationships	Amount of	5oM	4o Mn	The target was broadly achieved.
mobilization	implementation	with the Government and	externally			In December 2023, FSDK provided a KES 40 million
	of strategic	other development	mobilized funds			grant to the Authority, effective for one year until
	initiatives.	partners to raise funding.	in Kshs			December 2024. This grant will be used to
						strengthen the ESG policy and regulatory
						framework and to support capacity building for
						issuers, investors, and staff on ESG-related matters.
Improve cash flow	Increased return	Increased return on	Rate of return on	2%	1.345%	The target was achieved.
management	on investments.	investments	investments	ROI		The overall ICF portfolio gained 1.345 percentage
				above		points during the review period. It is important to
				91-day		note that ICF investments are primarily long-term,
				T-bill		so portfolio rebalancing to take advantage of short-
				rate		term interest rate fluctuations is not the primary
						investment strategy. Additionally, the average ICF
						portfolio return during the period was 14%, which
						compares favorably with the 91-day average
						Treasury bill rate of 15%.
Optimize Costs	Increased cost	Increased cost savings	% of cost savings	10%	2.12%	The target was partially achieved.
	savings.		per annum			Cost savings on procurement spend were achieved
						through outsourced services, inventory
						management, and software licensing.

Key Result Area 3: Productivity, Performance, and Risk Management

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic Initiatives/Activities	Outcome	Target	Achievement	Observation
			(KPI)			
Improve Performance,	Improved	i. Improve Strategic	Performance	Very	-	The evaluation, scheduled for the next
Productivity, and Risk	organizational	Planning, implementation,	Contract score	Good		financial year by NT&EP, will follow up on
Management	performance and	monitoring, and evaluation.				the Authority's previous score of 2.5765 in
	productivity.	ii. Augment Enterprise Risk				FY 2022-2023, which was rated as "Very
		Management and Business				Good." The Authority is confident in
		Continuity Framework.				meeting the target for the current reporting
		iii. Maintain the Authority's				period.
		<b>Quality Management</b>	Productivity	Poob	-	The target was achieved
		System (QMS) certification	Score			During the review period, the Authority
		under ISO 9001.				achieved a score of 3.382, which the
		iv. Implement effective				Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
		project management				rated as "Very High Productivity."
		practices.				
		v. Effective management of				
		the litigation function.				
		vi. Reduce exposure of the				
		Authority to legal and				
		financial risk.				
Increase the Level of	Increased	i. Digitize and optimize	% level of	%0/	87%	The target was achieved.
Automation	Organizational	operational systems (front-	utilization			An automation survey conducted by the ICT
	efficiency.	end and back-end systems).				Authority in October 2023 rated the CMA's
		ii. Develop an ICT innovation				business process automation level at 87%.
		Centre to support in-house	% level of	%0/	88.85%	The target was achieved.
		software development and	automation			The ICT Authority evaluated the CMA's
		R&D of emerging				overall digital maturity at 88.85%,
		technologies.				categorizing it at Level 5 (Optimizing) on
		iii. Establish and				the ICTA Maturity Reference Model.
		operationalize a knowledge				
		management framework.				

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators			
			(KPI)			
		iv. Upgrade ICT				
		infrastructure (Upgrade				
		hardware and software).				
Comply with ALL	Reduced risk	i. Ensure legal and	% level of	100%	700%	The target was achieved.
applicable policy, legal,	exposure.	compliance audits are	compliance			A legal and compliance audit conducted by
and Regulatory		undertaken.				the Kenya School of Law concluded that the
requirements		ii. Ensure alignment of CMA				Authority was, in all material respects,
		processes with the Data				compliant with the Constitution, the Capital
		Protection Act.				Markets Act, and other relevant statutes
						and regulations affecting its mandate and
						operations.
Optimize supply chain	Enhanced customer	i. Promote strategic	Turnaround	82%	71.95%	The target was broadly achieved.
operational efficiency	satisfaction and cost	sourcing.	time for			The turnaround time for Procurement
	efficiency.	ii. Enhance strategic	delivery of			Requisitions for 2023/2024 was 71.94%.
		relationships with suppliers.	requisitioned			
		iii. Promote competitive	goods and			
		sourcing using appropriate	services			
		methods and negotiations	Savings on	2%	2.12%	The target was partially achieved.
		where applicable.	intermediate			Cost savings on procurement spend were
		iv. Maintain optimal	inputs and			achieved through outsourced services,
		inventory levels.	activity cost			inventory management, and software
		v. Ensure compliance with				licensing.
		the Public Procurement and				
		Asset Disposal Act (PPADA),				
		Regulations, and Safety				
		Requirements.				

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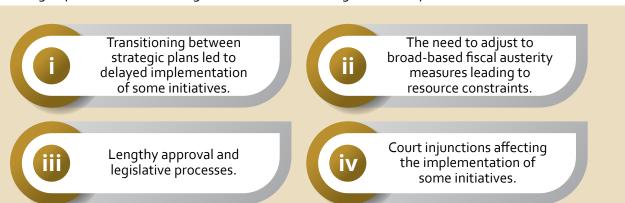
	Outcome	Strategic Initiatives/Activities	Outcome Indicators (KPI)	Target	Achievement	Observation
Enhance human resource capacity	Improved staff productivity, motivation, and. retention.	<ul> <li>i. Implement Competency-based talent acquisition.</li> <li>ii. Implement employee development programs.</li> </ul>	Employment engagement index	75%	-	To be undertaken in 2025/2026
		iii. Maintain a conducive and adaptive work environment. iv. Enhance a high- performance and productivity culture.	Work environment index	75%	-	To be undertaken in 2025/2026
Improve succession management	Increased knowledge transfer.	<ul><li>i. Implement a Coaching and Mentoring Program.</li><li>ii. Implement a succession management policy.</li></ul>	% employees coached and mentored	80%	57%	The target was partially achieved.  This achievement is progressing well, as the target for coaching and mentoring staff is an ongoing initiative. To date, 59 staff members have participated in coaching and mentoring programs, representing 57% of the total staff.
			Level of implementatio n of succession management policy	80%	70%	The target was broadly achieved.
Strengthen compliance with HR laws, regulations, and government directives	Reduced risk exposure.	Comply with all employment/labor-related legislations and government circulars.	% level of compliance	100%	100%	The target was achieved.

Key Result Area 5: Environmental, Social and Governance

Strategic Objective	Outcome	Strategic	Outcome	Target	Target Achievement	Observation
		Initiatives/Activities	Indicators (KPI)			
Promote environmental, Improved	Improved	i. Ensure Board	Level of	100%	%9:26	The target was partially achieved.
social, and governance	adoption of ESG	compliance with the	compliance with			
practices	principles.	Mwongozo Code.	the Mwongozo			
		ii. Mainstream ESG	Code of Conduct			
		factors into CMA's				
		operations.	Level of	1		To be undertaken in the FY 2024/2025.
		-	implementation			
			of the CMA ESG			
			policy.			
Strengthen Internal	Enhanced	Enhancement of internal	Level of	100%	73%	The target was partially achieved.
Control systems	accountability.	controls within the	implementation			Fifty-eight percent of audit recommendations
		Authority.	of audit			have been implemented and closed, while fifteen
			recommendatio			percent are implemented and currently
			ns.			undergoing review.

# **Implementation Challenges**

The following implementation challenges were identified during the review period.



Material matters that are likely to have a significant impact on sustainability which might influence the ability of value creation over the short, medium, and long-term include:

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# Regulatory and Policy Environment:

- Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring compliance with local and international regulatory standards.
- Policy Development: Adapting to and implementing new policies to enhance market stability and integrity.
- Enforcement Actions: Effective enforcement of regulations to prevent malpractices.

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# **Economic Environment:**

- Economic Stability: Impact of macroeconomic factors such as inflation, GDP growth, interest, and exchange rates.
- Market Liquidity: Availability of liquidity in the capital markets.
- Investment Climate: The overall environment for both local and foreign investments.

03

# **Technological Advancements:**

- Digital Transformation: Adoption of new technologies for business processes, surveillance, and regulatory compliance.
- Cybersecurity: Protection against cyber threats and data breaches.
- Fintech Integration: Incorporation of financial technologies to improve market efficiency.

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# **Environmental Factors:**

- Climate Change: Impact of climate change on market stability and investment patterns.
- Sustainable Finance: Promoting green bonds and other sustainable financial instruments.
- Environmental Regulations: Compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

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#### **Social Factors:**

- Stakeholder Engagement: Effective communication and engagement with stakeholders, including investors, issuers, and the public.
- Corporate Governance: Promoting good governance practices among market participants.
- Inclusion and Diversity: Ensuring diversity and inclusion in market operations and governance structures.

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# **Political and Legal Environment:**

- Political Stability: The impact of political stability on investor confidence and market operations.
- Legal Framework: The adequacy and robustness of the legal framework governing the capital markets.
- Market Manipulation and Fraud: Measures to combat market manipulation, money laundering, and fraud in the markets.

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# **Market Dynamics:**

- Market Innovation: Encouraging innovation in financial products and services.
- Competitiveness: Enhancing the competitiveness of Kenya's capital markets on a regional and global scale.
- Market Infrastructure: Developing and maintaining robust market infrastructure, including trading platforms and clearing systems.

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# **Human Capital:**

- Talent Development: Investing in the development of skilled professionals in the capital markets.
- Capacity Building: Enhancing the capacity of the CMA and market participants through continuous training and education.
- Workforce Well-being: Ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of the workforce.

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#### International Relations:

- Global Integration: Integration with global financial markets and adherence to international standards.
- Cross-Border Collaboration: Collaboration with other regulatory bodies and international organizations.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): Attracting and managing foreign investments.

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# **Risk Management:**

- Risk Identification: Identifying and mitigating potential risks to market stability.
- Crisis Management: Preparedness for managing financial crises and market disruptions.
- Resilience Building: Building resilience to withstand economic and market shocks.

# Highlight on the Authority's value creation model

# 1. Inputs

# i. Financial Capital

- Fees and levies from market participants.
- Grants and funding from international organizations.

# ii. Human Capital

- Skilled professionals with expertise in regulatory, legal, financial, and technological domains.
- Continuous professional development and training programs.

# iii. Intellectual Capital

- Regulatory frameworks and guidelines.
- Market research and data analytics capabilities.
- Knowledge management systems.

# iv. Technological Capital

- Advanced IT systems for market surveillance and business operations.
- Cybersecurity infrastructure.

# v. Social and Relationship Capital

- Strong relationships with market participants, government agencies, and international bodies.
- Stakeholder engagement mechanisms.
- Public awareness and investor education programs.

# vi. Natural Capital

- Environmental policies and sustainable practices within the organization.
- Support for green finance initiatives.

# 2. Business Activities

# i. Regulatory Oversight

- Monitoring compliance with capital market regulations.
- Conducting market surveillance and investigations.
- Enforcement of regulatory actions.

# ii. Policy and Framework Development

- Formulating and updating regulations and policies.
- Aligning local regulations with international standards.
- Promoting sustainable finance initiatives.

# iii. Market Development and Innovation

- Facilitating the introduction of new financial products and services.
- Supporting the development of market infrastructure.
- Encouraging fintech integration and digital transformation.

# iv. Investor Protection and Education

- Conducting investor education and awareness campaigns.
- Implementing measures to protect investors' interests.
- Addressing investor complaints and disputes.

# v. Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration

- Engaging with market participants, government bodies, and international organizations.
- Facilitating dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders.
- Promoting corporate governance and ethical practices

# vi. Risk Management and Crisis Response

- Identifying and mitigating systemic risks.
- Developing crisis management protocols.
- Enhancing market resilience and stability.



## 3. Outcomes

# i. Market Integrity and Stability

- Enhanced market transparency and fairness.
- Reduced instances of fraud and malpractices.
- Stable and resilient capital markets.

# ii. Increased Market Participation

- Growth in the number of issuers and investors.
- Enhanced access to capital for businesses.
- Greater inclusion of retail investors.

# iii. Innovation and Competitiveness

• Introduction of innovative financial products.

- Improved market infrastructure and efficiency.
- Increased competitiveness of Kenya's capital markets regionally and globally.

### iv. Sustainable Development

- Growth in green finance and sustainable investments.
- Promotion of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.
- Contribution to national, regional, and global sustainability goals

# 4. Impact on Stakeholders

#### i. Investors

- Increased investor confidence and protection.
- Greater access to diverse investment opportunities.
- Improved returns on investments.

#### ii. Issuers

- Access to capital for growth and expansion.
- Enhanced corporate governance and transparency.
- Support for sustainable business practices.

# iii. Market Intermediaries

- Clear regulatory guidelines and support.
- Opportunities for innovation and business growth.
- Strengthened relationships with the CMA.

# iv. Government and Policy Makers

- Contribution to economic growth and stability.
- Alignment with national development goals.
- Enhanced regulatory environment.

# v. International Community

- Strengthened international collaboration and partnerships.
- Adherence to global standards and best practices.
- Contribution to regional and global financial stability and development.

# vi. General Public

- Increased financial literacy and awareness.
- Opportunities for wealth creation and economic participation.
- Assurance of a well-regulated and stable market environment.



# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**



# **Board Committees**

Subject to fundamental, strategic, policy and formal matters reserved for its decision, pursuant to Section 14 of Capital Markets Act, the Board works through a number of committees which operate within defined Terms of Reference. Other committees are formed on ad-hoc basis as need arise. During the period under review, the Board constituted the following committees:

# The Finance and Planning Committee

This committee consists of four members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Mr. Moses Meshack Kiprono. This committee has oversight on all financial issues including budgets, financial reporting process and controls and procurement. The committee met six times during the year.

# The Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee

This committee has five members, all non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Mr. Gibson Kimani Maina. It has oversight responsibility of reviewing, assessing adequacy and monitoring of internal controls, risk management and corporate governance processes; examining internal

and external audit reports and recommendations; overseeing financial reporting and reviewing the accounting principles, policies and practices adopted in the preparation of financial statements. The committee met four times during the year.

# The Human Resource and Communication Committee

This committee has five members, all non-executive members of the Board. The Committee was chaired by Prof. Michael Bowen. It is responsible for human resource matters including recruitment, management succession and the corporate communication function. The committee met nine times during the year.

# The Technical and Policy Committee

The committee consists of five members all of whom are non-executive members of the Board. The committee was chaired by Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini. It is responsible for considering technical and policy matters of the Authority, including reviewing the Authority's strategy and continuous oversight of the review of the capital market legal and regulatory frameworks. The committee met eight times during the year.



# BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

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Other Board Engagements Meetings;70	65	18	13	20	18
Board Total number of Meetings: 7 held (5 scheduled and 2 special)	2/9	2/9	717	717	2/9
AD Hoc Committee on Uchumi Supermarket Limited Total number of Meetings:	1/1				
Joint Audit and Finance and Planning Committee: 1 held		1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
Human Resources and Corporate Communication Committee (HRCC) Total number of Meetings: 9 held (6 scheduled and 3 special)		6/6		6/6	
Technical and Policy Committee (TPC) Total number of Meetings:8 held (6 scheduled and 2 special)			8/8		8/9
Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee (ACM) Total number of Meetings:		<b>5/</b> /5			4/4
Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) Total number of Meetings: 6 held (5 scheduled and 1		1/1 (Coopted)	9/9	9/9	
Designation	Board Chairperson		Chairperson. Technical and Policy Committee.	Chairperson. Finance & Planning Committee.	Chairperson. Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee
Classification	Chairperson	Independent Member	Independent Member	Independent Member	Independent Member
Board Member	Mr. Ugas Mohamed	Ms. Natasha Aduwo	Ms. Elena Pellegrini	Mr. Meshack Kiprono	Mr. Gibson Maina
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Other Board Engagements Meetings;70	23	17	6	4	14
Board Total number of Meetings: 7 held (5 scheduled and 2 special)	717	717	7/2	2/2	717
AD Hoc Committee on Uchumi Supermarket Limited Total number of Meetings: 1 held		1/1			1/1
Joint Audit and Finance and Planning Committee: 1 held	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
Human Resources and Corporate Communication Committee (HRCC) Total number of Meetings: 9 held (6 scheduled and 3 Special)	6/6				6/6
Technical and Policy Committee (TPC) Total number of Meetings:8 held (6 scheduled and 2 special)		8/8	7/8	7/8	8/8
Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee (ACM) Total number of Meetings:4		4/4	3/4	1/4	
Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) Total number of Meetings:6 (5 scheduled and 1 special)	9/9		9/9		1/1 (Coopted)
Designation	Chairperson. Human Resources and Communications Committee				
Classification	Independent Member	Independent Member	Alternate to the Cabinet Secretary National Treasury	Alternate to the Governor Central Bank of Kenya	Alternate to the Attorney General of Kenya
Board Member	Prof. Michael Bowen	Mr. Nicholas Ng'arua	Mr. Musa Kathanje	Mr. David Luusa	Ms. Christine Kanini
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Other Board Engagements Meetings;70	ω					
Board Total number of Meetings: 7 held (5 scheduled and 2 special)	<i>71</i> 7	2/2	1/1	1/1		1/1
					1/1	
Joint Audit and Finance and Planning Committee: 1 held	1/1					
Human Resources and Corporate Communication Committee (HRCC) Total number of Meetings: 9 held (8 scheduled	6/6					
Technical and Policy Committee (TPC) Total number of Meetings:8 held (5 scheduled and 2 special)	8/5					
Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee (ACM) Total number of Meetings:	2/4					
Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) Total number of Meetings:6 (5 scheduled and 1 special)	9/5					
Designation						
Classification	Representing the Inspector General (State Corporations)	Representative State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC)	Representative State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC)	Representative State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC)	Ad hoc Member	Representative State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC)
Board Member	Mr. Chrisologus Makokha	Ms. Cecilia Mbothu	Mr. Mutinda Muema	Mr. Matthew Tuitoek	Ms. Anne Ericksson	Lawrence Kariuki
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Other Board Engagements Meetings;70		
Board Total number of Meetings: 7 held (5 scheduled and 2 special)		
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Human Resources and Corporate Communication Committee (HRCC) Total number of Meetings: 9 held (6 scheduled and 3 special)		
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Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee (ACM) Total number of Meetings:		
Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) Total number of Meetings: 6 held (5 scheduled		
Designation		
Classification Designation	Ad hoc Member	Ad hoc Member
Board Member	17. Ms. Patricia Kiwanuka	
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\*Mr. Ugas Sheikh Mohamed - Chairperson.

\*Mr. Moses Meshack Kiprono - Chairperson Finance and Planning Committee.

\*Prof. Michael Bowen-Chairperson Human Resource and Communications Committee.

\*Mr. Gibson Kimani- Chairperson Audit Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee.

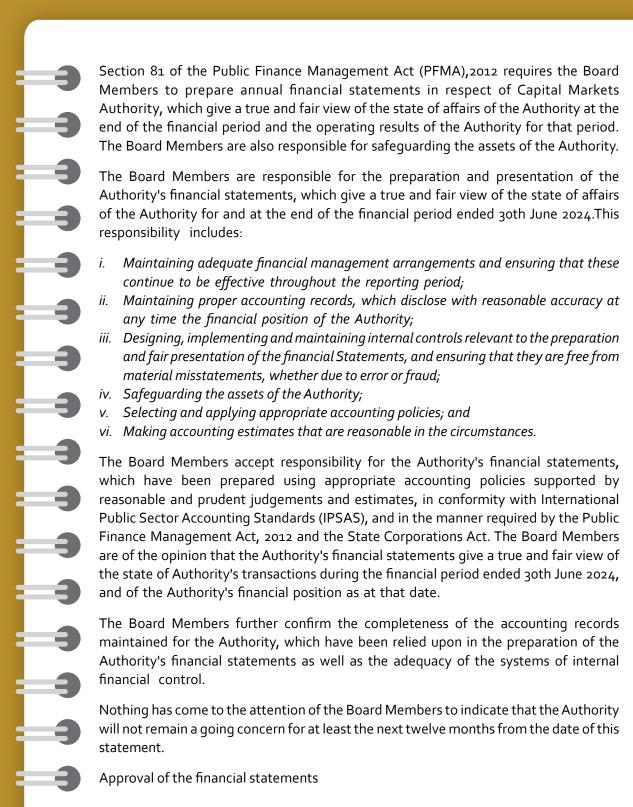
\*Ms. Elena Natalia Pellegrini- Chairperson Technical and Policy Committee Meeting.

\*Mr. Chrisologus Makokha is an alternate to the Inspector General, State Corporations.

\*Mr. Mutinda Muema, Mr. Matthew Tuitoek, Ms. Cecilia Mbothu and Lawrence Kariuki are SCAC officials and attended the board evaluations for

financial year 2023/2024.

\*Other Engagements Meetings included consultations with CMA Management, Workshops and Retreats.



The Authority's financial statements were approved by the Board on...19<sup>TH</sup> September 2024... and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman

Chief Executive Officer

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **SECTION A**

Operational and Financial performance

The Authority promotes and facilitates the development of an ordinary, fair, and efficient Capital Market in Kenya. This mandate has continued to be delivered in the year. The surplus for the year ended June 30, 2024 was Kshs 54.996 million. However, Kshs 140 million was transferred to the National Treasury as part of a budget rationalization exercise cash call, resulting in an overall net deficit of Kshs 85.004 million.

The drop in the realized revenue is mainly attributable to the low market activities affected by the reduced disposable incomes due to the global economic challenges.

The Authority is in a strong cashflow position capable of meeting its obligations as they fall due. The performance at hand has a bearing on the future market activities. It is important to note that any changes affecting investors in the economic, social political environment, have a significant impact on the capital markets industry. The Authority is cognizant in particular of the effects of rising inflation and costs of commodities investor behaviour and the potential impact these have on market activities.

# **SECTION B**

Compliance with statutory requirements

The Authority is in compliance with all statutory obligations including, but not limited, to: remittances of Pay As You Earn (PAYE), National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Value Added Tax (VAT), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Withholding tax within the stipulated deadlines.

The Authority being the Capital Markets regulator in Kenya, is subject to legal proceedings in the normal course of business. While it is not possible to forecast or determine the final results of all pending legal proceedings, the Authority assesses the adequacy of its provisions periodically against case developments and related legal costs. A full provision has been made in the books for estimated legal costs. CMA also has a prequalified list of legal consultants from which services are sourced competitively from time to time.

# **SECTION C**

Major risks identified in the ERM

The Authority has in place an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework based on which Risk Management has been mainstreamed within the Authority to allow for structured risk assessments on a continuous basis.

During the period ended June 30, 2024, the Authority reviewed and enhanced its ERM Framework in line with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, national policy quidelines and international practices such as ISO 31000. Maturity risk assessment for CMA's framework was undertaken identifying gaps and giving proposals for continuous improvement. Management reviewed the existing risks and opportunities registers, and aligned the framework to the strategic plan and developed a new risk opportunity register at a strategic level and a departmental level.

The Board is responsible for the Authority's risk management and at least once every quarter receives reports to enable the review, monitoring, and evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the ERM framework. The risks are ranked in accordance with their probable likelihood and impact, on a scale of 1-5, with the ones scoring above 20 being flagged as major risks.

All members of the Authority share the responsibility of managing risks to ensure the fulfillment of strategic objectives. The Authority follows the Three Lines of Defense Model, which establishes clear accountability and ownership for risk management and separates risk-taking from risk oversight. This model promotes a risk culture that emphasizes awareness, appropriate behaviors, and decision-making based on risk.

# **Risk Management Process**

The Authority's risk management process is a systematic application of policies, procedures, and practices that involves various activities such as communicating and consulting, establishing the context, assessing, treating, monitoring, reviewing, recording, and reporting on risks and opportunities that may have an impact on achievement of strategic objectives. CMA's risk management process complies with the requirements of the PFM Act Section 165, Treasury Circular No 3/2009, and has been designed in-line with the ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management Standard Guidelines. The process is integrated with the CMA Quality Management System based on ISO 9001:2015 standard.

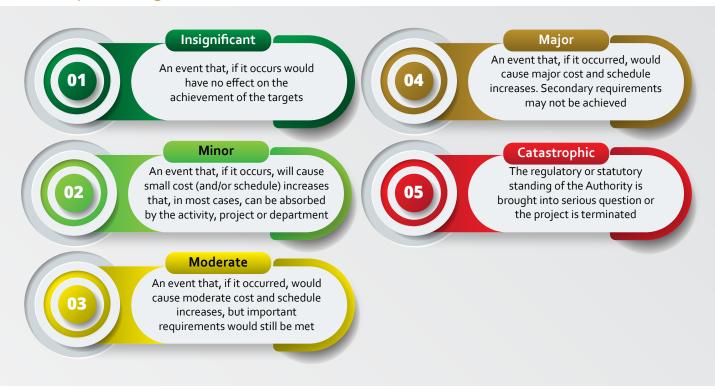
# Risk assessment

Risk assessment is the overall process of risk identification, risk analysis and risk evaluation. Risk assessment should be conducted systematically, iteratively, and collaboratively, drawing on the knowledge and views of stakeholders. It should use the best available information, supplemented by further enquiry as necessary.

- **1. Risk Identification -** The purpose of risk identification is to find, recognize and describe risks that might help or prevent an organization from achieving its objectives.
- 2. Risk Analysis The purpose of risk analysis is to comprehend the nature of risk and its characteristics including, where appropriate, the level of risk. Risk analysis involves a detailed consideration of uncertainties, risk sources, consequences, likelihood, events, scenarios, controls, and their effectiveness.
- 3. **Risk Evaluation** The purpose of risk evaluation is to support decisions. Risk evaluation involves comparing the results of the risk analysis with the established risk criteria to determine where additional action is required.

The Authority has a 5 by 5 risk assessment methodology for the likelihood and impact of its possible risks and opportunities that informs its risk treatment decisions as summarized below:

# **Risk Impact Rating and Score**



# **Risk Impact Rating and Score**

Probability	Description	Risk Score	Opportunity Score	Consideration
Almost Certain	90% or greater chance of the event occurring during the life of the objective	5	5	The risk/ opportunity event has occurred during the last 3-6 months or is certain to occur in the next 3-6 months
Highly Likely	65% to 90% chance of the event occurring during the life of the objective	4	4	There is a history of frequent occurrence. The risk/ opportunity event has occurred during the last 6-12 months or may occur in the next 6-12 months
Likely	35% to 65% chance of the event occurring during the life of the objective	3	3	There is a history of casual occurrence. The risk/ opportunity event has occurred during the last 12-36 months or may occur in the next 12-36 months
Unlikely	10% to 35% chance of the event occurring during the life of the objective	2	2	The risk/ opportunity event occurs from time to time. The event has occurred during the last 36-60 months or may occur in the next 36-60 months
Rare	Less than 10% chance of the event occurring during the life of the objective	1	1	The risk/ opportunity event has not occurred in CMA but has occurred in other similar organizations. The risk event may occur beyond the next 60 months

# **Overall Risk Rating**

Impact	Catastrophic - 5	5	10	15	20	25
, '	Major - 4	4	8	12	16	20
	Moderate - 3	3	6	9	12	15
	Minor - 2	2	4	6	8	10
	Insignificant - 1	1	2	3	4	5
		Rare 1	Unlikely 2	Likely 3	Highly Likely 4	Almost Certain 5
		Likelihood				

# **RISKS**

- Conflict of interest due to cross-ownership along the coffee value chain (linked to the strategic objective of enhancing strategic alliances)
  - The Authority's treatment strategies include engaging with commodities market stakeholders to improve uptake as well as leveraging on the convening power of the Office of the Deputy President to bring all conflicting parties to the negotiating table.
- 2. Sub-optimal staffing (linked to the strategic objective of building and enhancing human resource capacity) The treatment strategy of this risk is engaging temporary staff and through the deployment of Public Service Commission Interns. There are also ongoing efforts to increase the productivity of existing staff and redesignation and deployment of staff.
- 3. Successful cybersecurity attacks arising from system and application vulnerabilities, data breaches, and unauthorized access. (Linked to the strategic objective of enhancing operational efficiency)
  - The Authority's treatment strategies include:
  - a) Conducting quarterly cyber-security awareness sessions on current and emerging threats,
  - b) Maintenance of an effective Firewall and anti-virus programme for web and spam filtering, malware detection and prevention, and robust email hygiene solution,
  - c) Maintaining a successful backup,
  - d) Conducting timely deployment of patches and server updates,
  - e) Maintaining a licensed endpoint detection system (antivirus) and a licensed firewall.
- 4. Less than optimal adoption of technology in market supervision. (Linked to the strategic objectives of growing annual market turnover and enhancing operational efficiency)

  The Authority is addressing this risk through the development of a Regulatory Management Information System (RegMIS) to revamp the RBSS and Licensing Application Module.
- 5. Failure or delay in submission of financial information by some issuers and market intermediaries to the Authority and the investing public leading to a decline in investor confidence. (Linked to the strategic objective of optimizing customer experience and brand visibility)

The Authority is addressing this by:

- a) Undertaking risk-based inspections and analysis of financial returns by issuers and market intermediaries.
- b) Taking enforcement action against non-compliant issuers and market intermediaries.
- c) Grant of extensions to companies not able to submit and publish their audited financial statements provided the request is justifiable.
- d) Grant of exemptions on a case-by-case basis to companies not complying.
- e) Providing continuous sensitizations of companies on areas they need to comply with and on clarification areas.
- 6. Inadequate budget to implement market development initiatives to promote uptake of capital and commodity markets products and services. (Linked to the strategic objective of growing customer base, democratize wealth and enhance liquidity)
  - CMA is addressing this by fully implementing market deepening and stakeholder engagement strategies and programs to promote the uptake of capital and commodities market products as well as continued leveraging technology and viable partnerships.

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

 Leveraging periodic meetings with relevant stakeholders such as Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and financial sector regulators among others to gather all required data for research through signing of Memorandums of Understanding with relevant research partners on conducting joint research and surveys.

The Authority continues to hold engagements with government agencies / Data providers and key research partners during data-sharing meetings such as Monetary Financial Statistics and Balance of Payment workshops. For example, the Authority held FinAccess Survey preparation workshops.

2. Optimize partnerships with stakeholders, leveraging technology and social media, to enhance knowledge, attitude, and practice towards the uptake of capital and commodities market. The Authority is leveraging partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders including learning, research institutions, and policymakers to build knowledge, capacity, and ultimate uptake in the capital and commodities market and various initiatives were held leveraging technology.

#### **SECTION D**

# Material arrears in statutory / financial obligations

The Authority has no statutory arrears and promptly meets all its statutory obligations. The Authority's defined contribution pension scheme is oversighted by a Board of Trustees and is administered by an independent administrator. Remittance of Staff contributions is up to date.

#### **SECTION E**

# Financial probity and serious governance issues

There are no issues of financial improbity reported by Management, any Board Committee or by external auditors. There are no governance issues and conflicts of interest at the Board or top management of the Authority are disclosed accordingly when they arise.



# **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING**

The Authority exists to transform lives. This is our purpose, the driving force behind everything we do. It is what guides us to deliver our strategy, putting the customer first, delivering relevant goods and services, and improving operational excellence.

# 1. Sustainability strategy and profile

As a good corporate citizen, the Authority participated in projects to sustain its social and environmental capital.

# 2. Environmental performance

The Authority's partnership with Kenya Forest Service (KFS) began in FY 2013-2014 through a tree planting exercise undertaken in collaboration with Financial Sector Regulators namely: - Central Bank of Kenya, Insurance Regulatory Authority, Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) and Sacco Society Regulatory Authority SASRA). Through the partnership, the Regulators planted 1,100 trees on 2.5 acres in Kuwinda Grounds, Ngong Forest. Since then, the Authority in an exclusive partnership with KFS has planted 2,200 trees in Ngong Forest with 10 percent of its annual Corporate Social Investment budget earmarked for tree planting.

The Authority also recently collaborated with NETPAD in the tree planting exercise at Kaptagat Forest in Uasin Gishu County and as part of Corporate social Investment, the Authority on 13th November 2023, being the national tree planting day, carried out the national duty through collaboration with Kenya Forest Service (KFS) who had organized the tree planting event at the Bomas Block of the Ngong Forest.

The Authority carried out a tree planting exercise for this financial year 2023/2024 on 19th April 2024, at Ngong Forest in partnership with the Kenya Forest Service. Subsequently, the Authority participated in the final tree

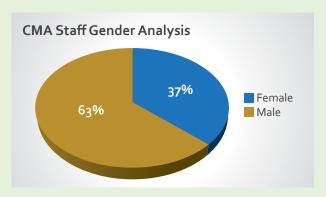
planting exercise for the financial year at the National Tree Planting Day in Machakos on May 10th 2024.

The Authority continues to support the efforts of pursuing sustainable development, environmental conservation and protection through the Kaptagat Integrated Conversation Programme and extended Kshs 300,000/= support towards the 8th edition of the Kaptagat forest annual tree growing event on 13th July 2024.

# 3. Employee welfare

# a) Gender Matters

The Authority has consistently ensured compliance with 'not more than two thirds of either gender rule', with the current ratio of Female to Male standing at 40 percent 60 percent respectively. In addition, the Authority also takes into consideration the face of Kenya when conducting recruitment, selection and promotions for various positions in line with the National Values and Principles of Governance. Gender considerations are also made during appointments to task forces and committees handling special assignments that are key in achieving CMA's mandate.



As at June 30,2024, the ratio of male to female gender was 63%:37%; therefore fulfilling the requirement for not more than 2/3 of either gender.

# **CMA Staff Age Analysis**

The average age for CMA staff is 42 years with the highest percentage of staff being in the age

bracket of 31-40 years. Only 10% of staff are 30 years and below.

# b) Learning Management System

CMA implemented a cloud-based Learning Management and e-learning Management System (LMS) and onboarded e-learning courses. This system provides a single source of coordination and information for its Learning & development activities, as well as an integrated E-Learning platform. This initiative has facilitated the development and delivery of eLearning programs for both talent and competency development at CMA.

The LMS has been active since January 2023. The usage during the period since it became active in January 2023 was at 40%: the e-leaning courses uptake is tracked against the total number of staff.

# c) Leadership and Management SkillsDevelopment

During the year, the Authority sponsored a total of five (5) staff to undertake supervisory, managerial and leadership courses to develop the leadership and managerial capabilities of staff. The courses were offered by Kenya School of Government for periods ranging between two (2) to six (6) weeks.

d) Performance appraisal

System (PMS) known as Annual Capability Review (ACR) with the aim of aligning key performance measures with strategy at all levels of the organization and supporting staff to gradually acquire the relevant capabilities for their roles. It aims at improving efficiency with focus on outcomes and value add initiatives beyond the day-to-day job requirements provided in the staff job descriptions.

# 4. Market place practices

# a) Responsible competition practice.

In carrying out its twin mandate of market development and regulation, the Authority has been ensuring the following market practices are observed:

The Authority ensures that the regulated market players uphold the required regulatory standards through continuous supervision. Supervision entails both offsite and onsite monitoring to ensure observance of good conduct, deployment of safe and secure technological solutions in trading and servicing of clients' orders. Additionally, market players are required to observe good corporate governance practices, maintain the required standards of internal controls as well as meet the stipulated financial requirements.



# b) Responsible supply chain and supplier relations

The FY2023/2024 ended with opportunities awarded to the special registered groups under (AGPO) including; Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities contracts worth a total of KSHs. 29,735,339.12 translating to 44.76 % of the total procurement expenditure accessible by the AGPO registered firms in the financial year.

In regard to the "Buy Kenya, Build Kenya" initiative, the Authority managed to award 86.94 % of the total expenditure for the period to locally registered firms for locally produced goods and services with the amount awarded totaling Kshs. 97,344,070.15 for the year.

Framework Agreements were entered into, following competitive procurement processes for recurrent expenditure which aided in managing costs and improving efficiency for the delivery of goods and services required. The Framework Agreements with the best evaluated suppliers were comprehensive with clearly outlined expectations, deliverables, timelines and payment terms within the locked competitive prices.

Furthermore, the list of registered suppliers for two years due to expire in 2024 remained active and in use for the selection of bidders to be invited for restricted tenders where applicable. The list was however updated biannually in the course of the financial year as and when required and as prescribed under section 44 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations 2020. A sensitization exercise for the registered suppliers was held in Quarter 3 of the FY 2023/2024 to enlighten them on the available procurement opportunities presented by the Authority and the intention to engage them as partners.

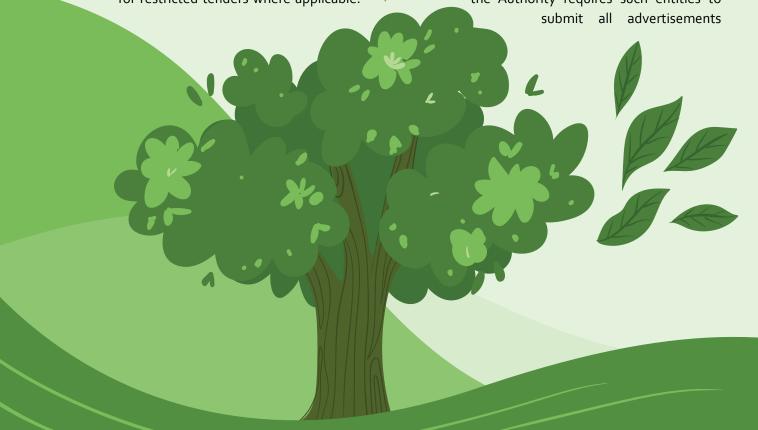
The Supply Chain Department also ensured timely submission of supporting documents to facilitate timely payment of invoices presented for delivered goods and service to avoid disruption of suppliers cash flow and ensure business continuity. Consequently, mutually beneficial business relationships were formed and maintained with competent suppliers.

The Authority maintained and achieved a performance target to pay suppliers for fully delivered goods and services upon verification within 30 days of invoicing.

# c) Responsible marketing and advertisement

The Authority plays the gatekeeping role to ensure that only fit and proper entities/persons/ products operate and are offered in the market.

Once an entity/person/product is approved, the Authority requires such entities to



for their products/services for approval prior to publication.

# d) Product stewardship

The Authority has consistently taken regulatory measures to ensure investors are protected. It's oversight role seeks to promote responsible conduct among key officers of market intermediaries, who are responsible for safeguarding investor's assets. CMA continues to build strategic alliances with key stakeholders both within and outside the country in the execution of its mandate as a regulator. In this regard, the Authority has partnered with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), whose officers are seconded to the Capital Markets Fraud Investigation Unit (CMFIU) to pursue criminal matters in the capital markets.

The Authority is also working closely with the office of the Director of Public Prosecution and benefits from global regulatory cooperation on exchange of information. CMA engaged its peer regulators around the world through the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The Capital Markets Tribunal has also acted on a facilitative organ for dispute resolution with the market before escalation to the High Court if deemed necessary.

# Corporate Social Responsibility / Community Engagements

As a responsible corporate citizen, the Authority seeks to actively contribute to solutions to mitigate environmental and social challenges. In line with the Government's agenda to plant 15 billion trees by 2032, the Board and Management planted 4500 tree seedlings in Ngong Forest, Bomas Block. Through a long-standing partnership with Kenya Forest Service, the latter will continue to support CMA with the maintenance and regular tending of the tree seedlings for three years.

Half year reports

the tree planting efforts were submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry.

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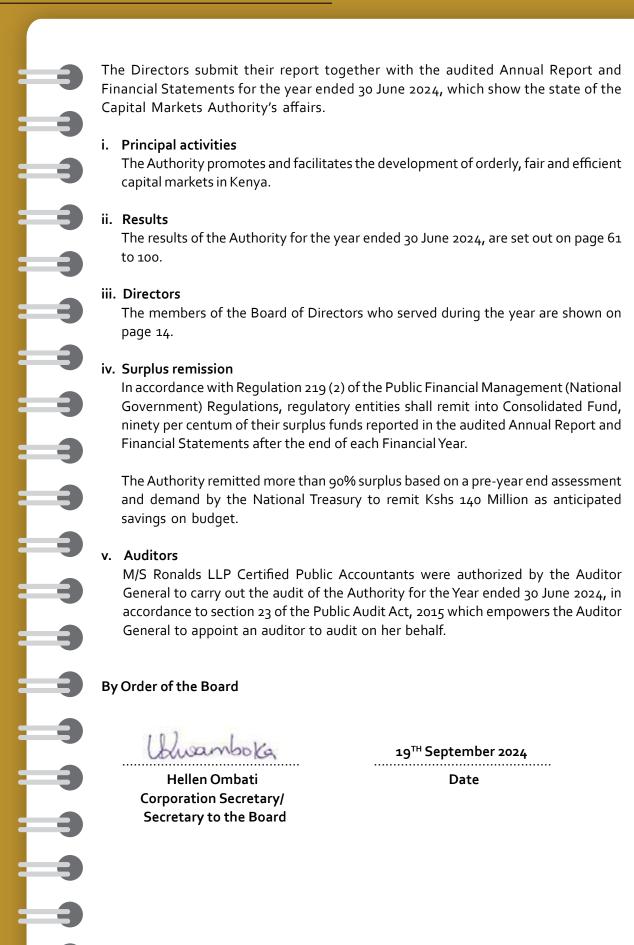
CMA continued to support the FiRe award, a joint initiative of the Authority, the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya, the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), Public Sector Accounting Standards Board, and the Retirement Benefits Authority to promote excellence in financial reporting.



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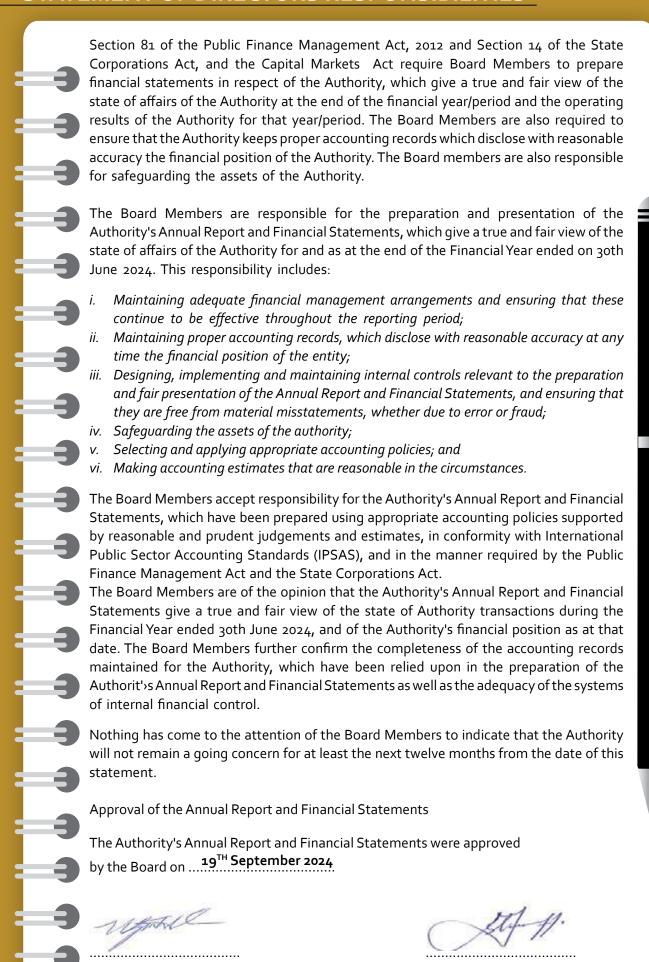


# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS



Chairman

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES



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# REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2024

# **PREAMBLE**

I draw your attention to the contents of my report which is in three parts:

- A. Report on the Financial Statements that considers whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, accounting standards and the relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements;
- B. Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources which considers compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, gazette notices, circulars, guidelines and manuals and whether public resources are applied in a prudent, efficient, economic, transparent and accountable manner to ensure the Government achieves value for money and that such funds are applied for the intended purpose; and,
- C. Report on Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance which considers how the entity has instituted checks and balances to guide internal operations. This responds to the effectiveness of the governance structure, risk management environment and internal controls, developed and implemented by those charged with governance for orderly, efficient and effective operations of the entity.

The three parts of the report are aimed at addressing the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Auditor-General as provided by Article 229 of the Constitution, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Public Audit Act, 2015. The three parts of the report when read together constitute the report of the Auditor-General.

# REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **Opinion**

The accompanying financial statements of Capital Markets Authority set out on pages 61 to 101, which comprise of the statement of financial position as at 30 June, 2024, and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets, statement of cash flows and the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information have been audited on my behalf by M/s Ronalds LLP, auditors appointed under Section 23 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. The auditors have duly reported to me the results of their audit and on the basis of their report, am satisfied that all the information

and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit were obtained.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Capital Markets Authority as at 30 June, 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Accrual Basis) and comply with the Capital Markets Authority Act, Cap.485A of the Laws of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

# **Basis for Opinion**

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). am independent of the Capital Markets Authority Management in accordance with ISSAI 130 on the Code of Ethics. I have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ISSAI and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya, I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

# **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, a description of how the audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

I have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of the report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, the audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of the audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for my audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

Key Audit Matter	How the Audit Addressed the Key Audit Matter
Estimation of Expected Credit Loss Model on	
Financial Assets  IPSAS 41 'Financial Instruments' was adopted by the Authority in the financial year ended 30 June, 2024. The standard requires recognition of loss allowance for expected credit losses on a financial asset recognized as provision for impairment losses in the financial statements.	The following audit procedures were conducted;  • We obtained an understanding of the basis and parameters used to determine the expected credit losses and evaluated if it is in accordance with IPSAS 41 requirements.

# **Key Audit Matter**

The financial assets subjected to expected credit loss model are receivables, staff loans and advances, held to maturity investments and cash at bank as shown in Notes 13, 14, 15 and 17 to the financial statements. The determination of the values in the expected credit loss model requires judgements which has been highlighted in in the following areas;

- Assessment criteria of the risk of default occurring in the financial statements and the determination criteria for significant increase in credit risk. The segmentation of the financial assets into a 12 month or a lifetime probability of default relies on the above assessment and determination criteria.
- The assumptions and parameters used in determining the Probability of Default, Loss Given Default and Exposures at Default for the categories of financial assets in the financial statements.
- The reasonableness and the supportability of the forward-looking information used in the model.

Therefore, there is complexity in determining the level of accuracy and reasonableness of the management estimates with regards to expected credit loss.

# How the Audit Addressed the Key Audit Matter

- On a sample basis, we assessed the segmentation of the financial assets by reviewing the credit performance and the aging analysis to determine compliance with model requirements.
- We performed subsequent tests on significant account balances' receipt after the year end.
- We assessed the appropriateness of the assumptions used in the model by recalculating the Probability of Default, Loss Given Default and Exposure at Default.
- Reviewed the appropriateness of the assumptions used in determining forward-looking information by assessing the internal and publicly available information.

# Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information which comprises of the Chairman's report, Report of the Chief Executive Officer, Statement of Performance against Predetermined Objectives, Corporate Governance Statement, Management Discussion and Analysis, Environmental and Sustainability Reporting, Report of the Directors and Statement of Directors Responsibilities. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance or conclusion thereon.

#### Other Matter

In the audit report of the previous year, an issue on non-compliance with the Data Protection Act. 2019 was raised under Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources. However, Management has not resolved the issue or given an explanation on failure to do so.

#### REPORT ON LAWFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

#### Other Matter

As required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, based on the audit procedures performed, except for the matter described in the Basis for Conclusion on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources section of my report, I confirm that, nothing else has come to my attention to cause me to believe that public resources have not been applied lawfully and in an effective way.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

#### Irregular Engagement of Temporary Staff

Review of the staff establishment and other staff records revealed that during the year under review, the Authority engaged twenty-eight (28) members of staff on short term employment basis. However, the Authority did not demonstrate the emergency situation that needed to be mitigated and/or the specific expertise required. This is contrary to Public Service Commission Circular Ref. PSC/GEN/10/111/(28) dated 5 April, 2019 which provides that short term employment contracts will only be awarded in instances where there is need to mitigate emergency situations and/or where specific expertise is required.

In the circumstances, Management was in breach of the law.

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAI 4000. The standard requires that comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance, in all material respects, with the authorities that govern them. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

#### Conclusion

As required by Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015, based on the audit procedures performed, I confirm that, nothing has come to my attention to cause me to believe that internal controls, risk management and overall governance were not effective.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAI 2315 and ISSAI 2330. The standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether effective processes and systems of internal controls, risk Management and overall governance were operating effectively in all material respects. believe that the audit evidence I have obtained iS sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and for maintaining effective internal controls as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue to sustain its services, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to sustainability of services and using the applicable basis of accounting unless Management is aware of the intention to terminate the Authority or to cease operations.

Management is also responsible for the submission of the financial statements to the Auditor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, Management is also responsible for ensuring that the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the authorities which govern them, and that public resources are applied in an effective way.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process, reviewing the effectiveness of how Management monitors compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, ensuring that effective processes and systems are in place to address key roles and responsibilities in relation to overall governance and risk management, and ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the control environment.

#### Auditor-General's Responsibilities for the Audit

My responsibility is to conduct an audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), Article 229(4) of the Constitution and Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

Further, Article 229(6) of the Constitution requires that I express a conclusion on whether or not in all material respects, the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements comply with the law and other authorities that govern them and that public resources are applied in an effective way.

In addition, I also consider the Authority's control environment in order to give assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

The report is submitted to Parliament in accordance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution and Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

FCPA Nancy Gathungu, CBS AUDITOR-GENERAL

Nairobi

25 September, 2024

#### NOTE:

This is a copy of the Audit Report by the Auditor General on the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. Whereas the financial statements published in this annual report are the same as in the signed accounts, the pagination is slighlty different from that referenced in the auditor's report because of the additional business-related material included in the annual report. The financial statements as presented in this report are pages 78 to 120.



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR **ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

		June 2024	June 2023
	Note	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Capitalization, rights and new issue fees	6	734,546	767,737
Donor fund income	7	11,894	24,250
		746,440	791,987
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Finance income	8	73,354	77,819
Other income/CMA-ICF management fees	8	142,765	109
Total revenue		962,559	869,914
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Expenses		( 00 \	
Employee costs	33	(522,881)	(535,593)
Use of goods and services	35	(303,499)	(183,932)
Remuneration of directors	29	(14,126)	(33,416)
Depreciation and amortization expense	34	(25,655)	(45,901)
Repairs and maintenance	36	(41,449)	(40,724)
Total expenses		(907,610)	(839,565)
Other gains/ (losses)			
(Loss)/Gain on sale of assets	9	47	2,101
Surplus/(Deficit) before tax		54,996	32,450
Taxation	11 b	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		54,996	32,450
Remission to National Treasury	11 a	(140,000)	-
Net surplus for the year		(85,004)	32,450



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2024 (INCLUDING INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND)

ASSETS Note Shs'ooc Current assets Inventories 12 1,892 1,716 Trade and other receivables from non exchange transactions 13 105,303 89,213 Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions 13 20,499 16,721 Staff loans and advances/Guarantee fund 14 47,046 72,088 Held-to-maturity investments 15 174,274 722,139 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,112 1,286,623 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,112 1,286,623 Total Current assets  Non-current assets  Non-current assets  Property and Equipment 19 46,596 46,880 Invastors' compensation fund 14 339,004 325,793 Held-to-maturity investments 15 40,372 77,767 Right of use 1-Lease assets 12 4 133,883 3895,460 Investors' compensation fund's investments 15 40,373 3895,460 Total Current assets  Total Current assets 5 5,221,656 4,348,453 Investors' compensation fund's investments 18 4,661,393 3,895,460  Total assets 2 2 89,990 97,334 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Total assets 2 2 89,990 97,334 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,266,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,266,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,286,633 Investors' compensation fund 18 1,217,113 1,216,114 1,216 1,21				Prior Year
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The financial statements set out on pages 78 to 120 were approved for issue by the Board Members of the Authority on ...19<sup>TH</sup> September 2024... and were signed on its behalf by:

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Date 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

**Director, Corporate Services** 

Date 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

ICPAK Member No: 1849

Chairman of the Board

Date ... 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

# CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY (CMA) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2024

		<b>Prior Year</b>
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Note	3115 000	Shs'ooo
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		1,716
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		722,139
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	523,388	942,689
19	46.596	46,880
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14	_	325,793
15		77,767
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		452,993
	1,083,630	1,395,682
21	263,185	192,267
22	89,990	97,134
18	36,498	60,215
11	-	-
32	-	5,370
22b	23,043	-
27	-	564,900
	412,716	919,885
22b	115,220	-
	115,200	-
		919,885
		475,796
26		27,885
25	144,525	53,641
28	383,283	394,270
	555,694	475,796
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The financial statements set out on pages 78 to 120 were approved for issue by the Board Members of the Authority on  $\dots$  19<sup>TH</sup> September 2024... and were signed on its behalf by:

**Chief Executive Officer** 

**Director, Corporate Services** 

Chairman of the Board

Date 25TH September 2024

Date ... September 2024

ICPAK Member No: 1849

Date 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

# INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND (ICF) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS Current assets	Note	June 2024 Shs'ooo	Prior Year Audited June 2023 Shs'000
Fees receivable	18	97,234	36,698
Cash and cash equivalents	18	27,200	1,029
Investor compensation fund investments held to maturity	18	1,092,678	1,248,896
Total current assets		1,217,112	1,286,623
Non-current assets			
Investments in listed companies Investors' compensation fund's investments held to maturity	18 18	63,525 4,597,868	64,575 3,830,885
Total non-current assets		4,661,393	3,895,460
Total assets		5,878,505	5,182,083
The Fund	18	5,878,505	5,182,083

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Date 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

**Director, Corporate Services** 

Date ...25<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

ICPAK Member No: 1849

Chairman of the Board

Date ..... September 2024



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

N	Notes	Capital Fund Shs'ooo	Capital Fund Shs'ooo	Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Fund Shs'ooo	Total Shs'ooo
As at 1 July 2022		27,886	43,324	372,137	443,347
Surplus for the year		-	32,451	-	32,451
Transfer to Staff mortgage & Car loan fund			(22,133)	22,133	
At 30 June 2023		27,886	53,642	394,270	475,798
At 01 July 2023		27,886	53,642	394,270	475,798
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period		-	54,996	-	54,996
90% surplus to National Treasury/Advance Payment on budget rationalization	<b>11.</b> a	-	(140,000)	-	(140,000)
Transfer from building fund		-	164,900	-	- 164,900
Transfer to Staff mortgage & Car loan fund		-	10,987	(10,987)	-
At June 30, 2024		27,886	144,525	383,283	555,694



# CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY (CMA) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Prior Year
		Audited
N	June 2024	June 2023
Notes	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Cashflows from operating activities		
Cashflows from operating activities Receipts		
CMA equity and bond fee transaction fee levy,	800,639	0
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Capitalisation fees, right issue fees, approval fees, Derivatives fees		
	122.007	
CMA-ICF management fees Licenses fees	122,994	
	32,209	30,361
Market development fees	9,710	8,868
Finance income Other income	14,895	14,201
Total receipts	3,926 <b>984,372</b>	1,227
Payments	904,3/2	857,982
Use of goods and services	129,568	116 075
Employee costs	449,492	116,875
Board expenses	33,695	522,352
Repairs and maintenance	331°95 31275	28,796
Bank charges	312/3 706	2,083
Rent paid	37,922	672
Taxation paid	9,395	32,938
Payment to National Treasury	540,000	10,072
Staff Loans	30,608	182,657
Other payments	80,080	29,395
Transfer of ICF fees	98,168	77,499
Total Payments	1,412,911	74,244 1,077,581
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities 36.a	(428,539)	(219,599)
Tree cash nows from (osea my operacing activities	(4-9/333)	(2+31333)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(22,930)	(6,957)
Purchase of intangible assets	(642)	3,538
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	213	2,095
(Purchase)/sale of Treasury bonds	9,915	32,064
(Purchase)/sale of Treasury bills	578,545	157,880
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	565,101	188,620
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	136,562	(30,979)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year	40,812	71,792
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year 16	177,374	40,812



# INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND (ICF) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities  Notes	June 2024 Shs'ooo	Prior Year Audited June 2023 Shs'000
Receipts		
Investment income	717,902	505,042
Fines, penalties and levies	3,865	10,000
Other income	-	150
Transaction fee income	98,168	74,845
Total receipts	819,934	590,037
Payments		
Bank charges	(18)	(23)
CMA-ICF management fees	(123,494)	(500)
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Total payments	(123,512)	(523)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities 37.b	696,422	589,514
Cook flows from investing a stirities		
Cash flows from investing activities  Purchase of Treasury bonds from the investors'		
Compensation fund	(827,165)	FF 70/
(Purchase)/sale of Treasury bills from the investors'	(==//==5/	55,704
Compensation fund	156,914	(646,699)
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Net cash used in from investing activities	(670,251)	(590,995)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	26,171	(1,481)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year	1,029	2,510
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year 18	27,200	1,029



## STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS

	Original	Adjustments	Final	Actual	Performance	%	
	budget		Annual	Cumulative to	difference	Utilization	
	3		budget	date			
	June 2024	June 2024	_	June 2024	June 2024		
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo		
REVENUE							
Fee income from transaction fee-Equities	291,000	-	291,000	183,545	(107,455)	63%	a)
Fee income from transaction fee-Bonds	26,250	_	26,250	33,474	7,224	128%	•
Application and licensing fees	25,300	_	25,300	37,619	12,319	149%	b)
Market development fees	9,100	_	9,100	9,108	8	100%	c)
Capitalization, rights & IPO's	60,000	-	60,000	4,672	(55,328)	8%	d)
REITS approval Income	22,100	_	22,100	-14,699	(36,799)	-67%	e)
	501,000	_	501,000	480,819	(20,181)	96%	f)
Capitalisation and bond approvals Derivatives fees	26	_	26	400,019	(18)	31%	g)
Fee based income	934,776	-	934,776		(200,230)	<b>79%</b>	9)
	38,401	_	38,401	734,546		191%	h)
Finance income-External investments		_		73,354 142,812	34,953	314%	i)
Other income/ICF management fees	45,507	-	45,507	142,012	97,305	31470	''
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Total income	1,018,684	-	1,018,684	950,712	(67,972)	93%	
EXPENSES	540.763		510.760	522 004	a6 00a	2.506	۵١
Personnel cost	549,763	-	549,763	522,881	26,883	95%	a)
Rent and maintenance	44,000	-	44,000	44,998	(998)	102%	b)
Equipment maintenance and stationery	48,441	-	48,441	41,449	6,992	86%	c)
Telephone courier and postage	6,350	-	6,350	5,292	1,058	83%	d)
Office expenses and utilities	14,719	-	14,719	9,406	5,3 <del>1</del> 3	64%	e)
Publicity and advertising	23,300	-	23,300	18,720	4,580	80%	f)
Medical scheme and insurance expenses	39,000	-	39,000	37,988	1,012	97%	g)
Other insurances	9,195	-	9,195	6,225	2,970	68%	h)
Training and Conferences (Staff training	70,000	-	70,000	67,824	2,176	97%	i)
& development)		-					
Motor vehicle running expenses	6,069	-	6,069	5,886	183	97%	j)
IOSCO membership	5,077	-	5,077	5,065	12	100%	k)
Library books and periodicals	4,748	-	4,748	3,964	784	83%	l)
Board members expenses	30,000	-	30,000	14,126	15,874	47%	m)
Professional & consultancy services	34,880	-	34,880	30,563	4,317	88%	n)
Litigation/Legal expenses	17,700	-	17,700	6,002	11,698	34%	0)
Market Development & Islamic finance	37,390	-	37,390	37,613	(223)	101%	p)
Capital Markets Master Plan (CMMP)	10,640	6,789	3,851	1,650	2,201	43%	q)
Investors' education and awareness programme	21,190	-	21,190	<del>1</del> 7,335	3,855	82%	r)
Tribunal expenses	3,180	6,789	9,969	9,969	-	100%	s)
Capital expenditure	25,740	-	25,740	6,512	19,228	25%	
Commitments in budget not recognized-OPEX		-	-	6,159		0%	
Commitments in budget not recognized-CAPEX		-	-	6,422		0%	
Total expenditure	1,001,383		1,001,383	906,048	107,914	90%	
Budget surplus/(Deficit) for the period	17,301	-	17,301	44,664	27,362	258%	
Remittance to National Treasury	-	-	-	(140,000)	-	-	
Net surplus/(Deficit) for the period				(95,336)			
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# RECONCILIATION BETWEEN SURPLUS AS PER THE BUDGET AND SURPLUS AS PER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A reconciliation between the actual amounts on a comparable basis as presented in the Budget Performance and the actual amounts in the Statement of Financial Performance for the Period Ended June 30, 2024 is presented below.

The financial statements and budget documents are prepared for the same period. There is a basis difference: the budget is prepared on a cash basis and the financial statements on the accrual basis.

Surplus under statement of financial performance Less: Surplus (Deficit) under the statement of budgeted and actual amounts  Difference  Explained by: Surplus under the statement of budget and actual amounts  Explained by: Surplus under the statement of budget and actual amounts  External mobilization/Donor funding (Noncash)  37,059  37,059  37,059  37,059	DESCRIPTION	Original budget	Adjustments	Final Annual budge	Actual Cumulati ve to date	
Surplus under the statement of budget and actual amounts  External mobilization/Donor funding (Noncash)  Depreciation and Amortization expense  Capital expenditure  Remittance to the National Treasury  Commitments in budget not recognized-OPEX  Commitments in budget not recognized-CAPEX  Provision for doubtful debts  Reversal of prior years' provisions for tax  Penalties and interests  Surplus under statement of financial  37,059  37,059  54,360  54,360  52,655)  47% t  25%  (140,000)  6,512  25%  (140,000)  6,159  6,422  (367)  U)  V)  V)  V  (85,004)	performance Less: Surplus (Deficit) under the statement of budgeted and actual amounts	Kshs'ooo	Kshs'ooo	Kshs'ooo	(95,336)	
	Surplus under the statement of budget and actual amounts  External mobilization/Donor funding (Noncash)  Depreciation and Amortization expense  Capital expenditure  Remittance to the National Treasury  Commitments in budget not recognized-OPEX  Commitments in budget not recognized-CAPEX  Provision for doubtful debts  Reversal of prior years' provisions for tax	54,360		54,360	11,893 (25,655) 6,512 (140,000) 6,159 6,422 (367) 5,369	u)
	•				(85,004)	

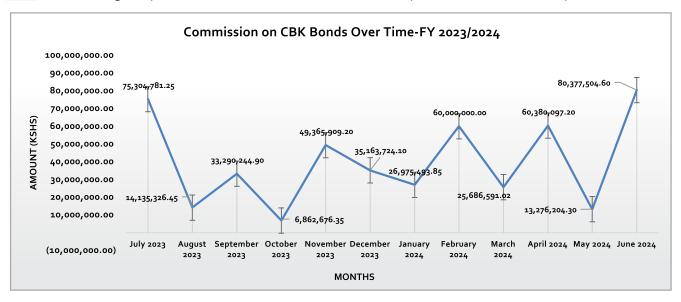
RECONCILIATION BETWEEN BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AS PER	
APPROVED BUDGET	Kshs'ooo
Total budget revenue above	1,018,684
Basis differences: External mobilization/Donor funding (Noncash item)	37,059
Total Revenue in the approved budget	1,055,743
Total expenditure budget above	1,001,383
Basis differences: Depreciation and amortization expense	54,360
: Capital expenditure	(25,740)
Total Expenditure in the approved budget	1,030,003

## STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS (CONTINUED)

Notes on Significant variances between actual and budget. Given the end year tracking should be at 100%

#### **REVENUE**

- a) Transaction Fee income from NSE: The CMA Equities transactions fees performance was at 63%, and fees from bond transactions performance was at 128% of the annual budget. A unique block trade took place in May 2024 where British International investment PLC sold 10.13 Percent of its Shares in I&M Group to East Africa Growth Fund, an investment vehicle established by Africinvest Fund IV LLC, Africinvest Fund IV Netherlands C.V. and Africinvest Fund Financial Inclusion Vehicle LLC.
- b) Application and licensing fees: Performance was at 149% to the budget following the license renewal fees collected in Q3. There was an increase in new licenses (Fund Managers, Coffee Brokers and Online Forex Traders) issued in Q4, including the billing of securities exchange annual license fees during the quarter.
- c) Market development fees: Billing for the market development fees based on the NSE listed companies' capitalization as of 30th November took place in Q2 hence the 100% performance to the annual budget.
- d) Capitalization, rights & IPO's: There was minimal activity that included issuance of an Islamic Secured Residential Lease Based Security (Linzi Sukuk) during the period.
- e) REITs Approval Income: The performance was at -67% of the annual budget. This shortfall is due to the reversal of the authorization and approval fees for a transaction from the previous Financial Year. These fees were reversed because the applicant was unable to transfer assets into the REIT as planned due to the uncertainty on the stamp duty tax deliberations.
  - However, the Authority will issue invoices later based on the actual assets transferred into the REIT.
- f) Approval fees on the GOK (CBK) bonds): The performance was at 96% of the annual target and a shortfall of 4% of the year-end target. This is in line with the borrowing by the government within the domestic market.
  - The following line plot shows the Commission on CBK Treasury Bonds over the last one year.



#### Commission on CBK Bonds Over Time in FY 2023/2024

- In the year 2023/2024, this revenue stream, accounting for 48% of total income, continues to be the primary driver of revenue for the CMA.
- **g) Derivative Fees:** As the Authority remains hopeful of developments within Komex (Kenya national Multicommodity exchange limited), the line has been aligned to the level of market activity.
- h) Interest Income/Finance Income: The Authority's investment income exceeded projections by 91% as interest was earned on the building fund until National Treasury's cash call in May 2024. A total of Kshs 540

- million was remitted to National Treasury, with Kshs 140 million from budget rationalization and Kshs 400 million from government securities investments. This reduction in the investment's portfolio will affect interest income in future years.
- i) Other Income: The revenue reflects earnings from the Capital Markets Appeals Tribunal filings and the CMA-ICF Management Fee charged monthly at 2.0% of ICF fund value.
- j) External mobilization/Donor Funding: 32% of the annual budget spending is generated from deferred income for FSSP-sponsored projects that are capitalized based on their completion level as well as from other development partners such as FSDK.CMA received Kshs 40 million from FSDK for enhancing the capital markets ESG framework, with Kshs 20 million being received in January 2024 for initial project milestones. As of 30th June 2024, Kshs 3,502,252.25 had been utilized for ESG activities, leaving Kshs 16,497,747.75 unspent. This remaining amount is expected to be utilized in the first two quarters of the FY 2024/2025 as the Authority is currently in the process of engaging consultants for ESG assessments.

#### **EXPENSES**

Total expenditure for the period amounted to Kshs 906.174 million, representing an overall budget utilization rate of 90%. This is slightly below the anticipated 100% utilization expected by the end of the Financial Year. Consequently, the overall absorption rate fell short of the period target by 10% but this is aligned to expenditure control efforts at the national level.

- a) Personnel Costs: TThese costs ended the year at 95% of the allocated annual budget, slightly below the budgeted amount. This was due to measures implemented to enhance expenditure rationalization in alignment with the government's fiscal consolidation efforts.
- b) Rent and maintenance: The expenditure was at 102% utilization of the annual budget.
- c) Equipment maintenance and stationery: Budget utilization reached 86% of the annual allocation due to the decrease in maintenance costs during the last quarter of the year. ERP subscription renewals were completed, along with the scheduled preventive maintenance of servers and ICT equipment.
- d) Telephone Courier & Postage: The expenses closed at 83% annual budget utilization. This was due to the adoption of more cost-effective communication methods and a reduction in reliance on traditional mail services.
- e) Office Expenses and Utilities expenses: Utilization was at 64% of the annual budget. This lower-thanexpected utilization is attributed to cost-saving measures and efficiency improvements implemented during the year.
- f) Advertising and Publicity expenses: Utilization under this vote head was 80% of the annual budget. Activities undertaken during the year included online advertisements, sponsorships, tree planting corporate social responsibility initiatives, and soundness report media briefings. However, these activities did not reach the anticipated level due to expenditure rationalization measures implemented during the last quarter of the year.
- **Medical Scheme and Insurance Insurances:** Utilization was at 97% of the annual budget, aligning with the period target and staff needs.
- h) Other Insurances Expenses: Utilization was a 68% of the annual budget and is attributed to effective management of policy renewals and claims processing throughout the year.
- i) Staff Training & Development expenses: The expenditure reached 97% of the annual budget, driven by the implementation of planned learning and development initiatives. Due to government-mandated rationalization, no foreign training was conducted, keeping expenditures within the allocated annual budget.
- j) Motor vehicle running expenses: The expenditure under this allocation reached 97% of the annual budget, which aligns with expected spending levels. Despite the year's fuel price increases, deliberate efforts were made to manage motor vehicle expenses based on specific functional costs, thus keeping administrative vehicle running costs within budget.
- k) IOSCO Membership expenses: Expenditure has reached 100% of the annual budget. This increase in

- spending during Q<sub>4</sub> of the year reflects payments made for IOSCO membership subscriptions and related physical engagements conducted within the quarter.
- l) Library Books and Periodicals: Expenditure on library books and periodicals accounted for 83% of the annual budget allocation.
- m) Board Members Expenses: The actual expenditure constituted 99% of the allocated annual budget. However, the reversals of prior board bonus provisions show the closing balance at 47% of budget.
- n) Professional and consultancy expenses comprised 88% of the budget, aligning with the activities conducted. Apart from ISO certification-related expenses, a consultancy was engaged to review and enhance the Capital Markets Enterprise Risk Management Framework and conduct risk assessment.
- o) Litigation/Legal expenses: were 34% below the annual budget. The Authority had a calmer year in terms of litigation.
- p) Market Development and Islamic Finance costs reached 101% of the annual budget, meeting the full-year target. This was driven by intensified market deepening activities, particularly expenses associated with presenting pending regulations to the National Treasury, Attorney General, and parliamentary committees on delegated legislation.
- q) Capital markets master plan, (CMMP) Costs amounted to 43% of the annual budget.

  This expenditure line was reallocated to cover the approved transition costs of Kshs5 million required to transfer the Capital Markets Tribunal to the Judiciary.
- r) Investor Education expenses' spend was 82% of the annual budget as more county engagement investor awareness campaigns and outreaches through radio, Tv, and social media were undertaken. There were also sponsorships and partnerships undertaken including Sponsorship for the REITS Conference and CMA Kenya Contribution towards the 2024 FinAccess Survey. The Authority has aligned to the requirements of the new Government's agenda for investor awareness.
- **S)** Capital Markets Appeals Tribunal: The Capital Markets Appeal Tribunal costs were at 100% of the annual budget. This is in line with the full transition to Judiciary.
- **t) Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets expenses** were tracked at 47% of annual budget in the period. This was dependent on amounts spent on capital expenditure.
- **Provision for doubtful debts**: Debts were provided as per the new guidelines stipulated by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSAS) Standards.
- v) Prior years' tax settlement: Relates to provisions of previous years' tax penalties now reversed.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. General Information

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and allows the use of estimates and assumptions. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Authority's accounting policies. The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings, which is the functional and reporting currency of the Authority, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (Kshs 'ooo') unless where indicated. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PFM Act, the State Corporations Act and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The accounting policies adopted have been consistently applied to all periods presented.

#### 2. Statement of compliance and basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis and where applicable revalued amounts of certain items of property, plant and equipment, marketable securities and financial instruments may be held at fair value, impaired assets at their estimated recoverable amounts and actuarially determined liabilities at their present value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) allows the use of estimates and assumptions. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Authority's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 5 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared and presented in Kenya Shillings, which is the functional and reporting currency of the Authority.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the PFM Act, the State Corporations Act and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The accounting policies adopted have been consistently applied to all the periods presented.

#### 3. Adoption of new and revised Standards

#### i. New and amended standards and interpretations in issue effective in the year ended 30 June 2024

IPSAS 44: Non- Current	Applicable 1st January 2025
Assets Held for Sale	The Standard requires, assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to
and Discontinued	be measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and the
Operations	depreciation of such assets to cease and:
	Assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to be presented separately
	in the statement of financial position and the results of discontinued operations to
	be presented separately in the statement of financial performance.
	No Impact is expected
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IPSAS 45- Property Plant and Equipment	Applicable 1st January 2025 The standard supersedes IPSAS 17 on Property, Plant and Equipment. IPSAS 45 has additional guidance/ new guidance for heritage assets, infrastructure assets and measurement. Heritage assets were previously excluded from the scope of IPSAS 17 in IPSAS 45, heritage assets that satisfy the definition of PPE shall be recognised as assets if they meet the criteria in the standard. IPSAS 45 has an additional application guidance for infrastructure assets, implementation guidance and illustrative examples. The standard has clarified existing principles e.g. valuation of land over or under the infrastructure assets, under-maintenance of assets and distinguishing significant parts of infrastructure assets.  No Impact is expected
IPSAS 46 Measurement	Applicable 1st January 2025 The objective of this standard is to improve measurement guidance across IPSAS by: i. Providing further detailed guidance on the implementation of commonly used measurement bases and the circumstances under which they should be used. ii. Clarifying transaction costs guidance to enhance consistency across IPSAS; and iii. Amending where appropriate guidance across IPSAS related to measurement at recognition, subsequent measurement and measurement related disclosures. The standard also introduces a public sector specific measurement bases called the current operational value. The Authority will assess the impact of the new standard by the due date.
IPSAS 47- Revenue	Applicable 1st January 2026 This standard supersedes IPSAS 9-Revenue from exchange transactions, IPSAS 11 Construction contracts and IPSAS 23 Revenue from non- exchange transactions. This standard brings all the guidance of accounting for revenue under one standard. The objective of the standard is to establish the principles that an entity shall apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flow arising from revenue transactions. The Authority will assess the impact of the new standard by the due date.
IPSAS 48- Transfer Expenses	Applicable 1st January 2026 The objective of the standard is to establish the principles that a transfer provider shall apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of expenses and cash flow arising from transfer expense transactions.  This is a new standard for public sector entities geared to provide guidance to entities that provide transfers on accounting for such transfers.  The Authority will assess the impact of the new standard by the due date.

#### ii. Early adoption of standards

IPSAS 43: The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has early adopted IPSAS 43, "Leases," which replaces IPSAS 13. This new standard changes how we account for leases by requiring us to recognize most lease agreements on the balance sheet, reflecting both the right to use the leased assets and the obligation to make lease payments.

The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leases. The objective is to ensure that lessees and lessors provide relevant information in a manner that faithfully represents those transactions.

This information gives a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that leases have on the financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

The Authority signed a new lease in July 2023 and therefore in line with its core value of agility, continuous learning and innovativeness decided to early adopt this standard. The impact of this standard is a slight increase in rent expense for the year and recognition of right of use of lease asset and a corresponding liability of lease liability.

The adoption of IPSAS 43 has led to recording lease asset totaling Kshs 133,883,106.97and a lease liability totaling Kshs 138,263,988.21.

#### 4. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### a) Revenue recognition

#### i) Revenue from non -exchange transactions

#### Fees and levies

The Authority recognizes revenues from fees and levies when the event occurs, and the asset recognition criteria are met. To the extent that there is a related condition attached that would give rise to a liability to repay the amount, deferred income is recognized instead of revenue. Other non-exchange revenues are recognized when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset will flow to the Entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably.

#### Donor income

Donor funds are received through Government supported program and other development Agencies. These funds are recognised at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that the Authority will comply with the conditions attached to them and the funds will be received. Donor funds related to purchase of assets are treated as deferred income and allocated to statement of financial performance income over the useful lives of the related assets while grants related to expenses are treated as donor fund income in the income statement.

#### Revenue from exchange transactions

The Authority recognizes revenue from rendering of services by reference to the stage of completion when the outcome of the transaction can be estimated reliably.

Where the contract outcome cannot be measured reliably, revenue is recognized only to the extent that the expenses incurred are recoverable.

#### Interest income

Interest income is accrued as it is earned over the life of investments held.

#### b) Budget information

The original budget for FY2023/2024 was approved by The National Treasury and Economic Planning on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The National Treasury Circular No.2 of 2024 dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 laid out the various policy measures to enhance state corporations' revenue generation and expenditure rationalization in line with government's fiscal consolidation efforts.

The Capital Markets Authority's budget is prepared on a cash basis hence a reconciliation between the actual comparable amounts and the amounts presented has been presented as a separate additional financial statement in the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts.

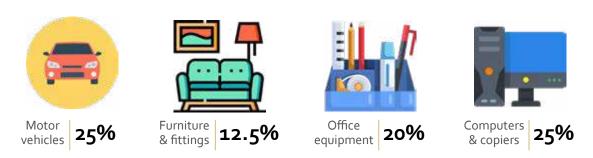
#### c) Taxes/surplus due to The National Treasury

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, The National Treasury issued PFMA Regulation No.34 which under section 219 exempts the Authority from paying taxes. The regulation requires corporations exempted from income tax to remit 90% of surplus to National Treasury.

#### d) Property, plant and equipment

This includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Entity recognizes such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognized in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognized in surplus, or deficit as incurred. Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to write down the cost of each asset to its residual value over its estimated useful life using the following annual rates:



Gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining surplus for the year.

#### e) Leases

#### **Finance leases**

Finance leases are leases that transfer substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item to the Entity. Assets held under a finance lease are capitalized at the commencement of the lease at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. The Entity also recognizes the associated lease liability at the inception of the lease. The liability recognized is measured as the present value of the future minimum lease payments at initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognized as finance costs in surplus or deficit. An asset held under a finance lease is depreciated over the useful life of the asset. However, if there is no reasonable certainty that the Entity will obtain ownership of the asset by the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life. Operating leases are leases that do not transfer substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item to the Authority.

#### **Operating Leases**

The Authority's lease premises occupied expired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and was treated as an operating lease. However, a new lease contract for a period of six years to from 1st July 2023 was initiated to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2029 and in line with IPSAS, 43, this has been recognized in the financial statements with effect from 1st July 2023. By early adopting IPSAS 43 we have recognized a right-of-use assets amounting to Kshs 133,883,106.97 and lease liabilities totaling Kshs 138,263,988.21.

#### f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognized at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a non-exchange transaction is their fair value at the date of the exchange. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and expenditure is reflected in surplus or deficit in the period in which the expenditure is incurred. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to write down the cost of each licence or item of software to its residual value over its estimated useful life of three years.

The useful life of the intangible assets is assessed as finite.

#### Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets within the scope of IPSAS 29 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement are classified as financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or available-for-sale financial assets, as appropriate. The Authority determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Losses arising from impairment are recognized in the surplus or deficit.

#### Held-to-maturity

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities are classified as held to maturity when the Authority has the positive intention and ability to hold it to maturity. After initial measurement, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The losses arising from impairment are recognized in surplus or deficit.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Authority assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or an entity of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that has occurred after

the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include the following indicators:

- i) The debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty.
- ii) Default or delinquency in interest or principal payments.
- iii) The probability that debtors will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization.
- iv) Observable data indicates a measurable decrease in estimated future cash flows (e.g. changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults)

#### i. Financial liabilities

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities within the scope of IPSAS 29 are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit or loans and borrowings, as appropriate. The Authority determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, plus directly attributable transaction costs.

#### g) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Authority has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the Authority expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of financial performance net of any reimbursement.

#### h) Contingent liabilities

The Authority does not recognize a contingent liability, but discloses details of any contingencies in the notes to the Annual Report and Financial Statements, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential is not remote.

#### i) Nature and purposes of reserves

The Authority creates and maintains the following reserves;

- 1) Capital reserves- These signify initial equity capital contributed to start off the CMA by National Treasury.
- 2) General reserves-These are accumulated reserves from operations.
- 3) Building fund-These are approved funds for acquisition of own premises; and
- 4) Staff mortgage and Car Loan Fund which represents backup funds placed with lenders to assure low cost of staff loans in line with government policy to make them more affordable.

#### j) Changes in accounting policies and estimates

The Authority recognizes the effects of changes in accounting policy retrospectively. The effects of changes in accounting policy are applied prospectively if retrospective application is impractical.

#### k) Employee benefits

#### Retirement benefit plans

The Authority provides retirement benefits for its employees. Defined Contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. The contributions to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged against income in the year in which they become payable.

The Authority also contributes to the statutory National Social Security Fund (NSSF), a national defined contribution scheme registered under the National Social Security Act. The Authority's obligation under the scheme is limited to specific contributions legislated from time to time and currently the NSSF Rates Kenya 2024 saw a significant change, introducing a tiered contribution system. The NSSF Act of 2013 mandates a two-tier contribution system for Kenya's National Social Security Fund. Both employers and employees must each contribute 6% of an employee's pensionable earnings to the NSSF.

#### I) Gratuity obligations

The Authority pays service gratuity to staff on contract under their terms of employment. Employee entitlements to gratuity are recognized when they accrue to employees.

A provision for gratuity payable is made in the statement of financial position. The gratuity is not subject to actuarial valuation.

#### m) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially accounted for at the ruling rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Trade creditors or debtors denominated in foreign currency are reported at the statement of financial position reporting date by applying the exchange rate on that date. Exchange differences arising from the settlement of creditors, or from the reporting of creditors at rates different from those at which they were initially recorded during the period, are recognized as income or expenses in the period in which they arise.

#### n) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, short-term deposits on call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank account balances include amounts held at various commercial banks at the end of the financial year.

The Authority manages the Investor Compensation Fund (ICF) and reports the funds held in the bank, call accounts on behalf of ICF as part of cash and cash equivalents.

#### o) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of operations, less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, exchange, or distribution. Inventories are recognized as an expense when deployed for utilization or consumption in the ordinary course of operations of the Authority.

#### p) Related party

The Authority regards a related party as a person or an entity with the ability to exert control individually or jointly, or to exercise significant influence over the Authority, or vice versa. Members of key management are regarded as related parties and comprise of members of the Board, CEO and Directors

#### q) Comparative figures

Where necessary, comparative figures for the previous financial year have been amended or reconfigured to conform to the required changes in presentation.

#### r) Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to the financial year end with a significant impact on the financial year end with a significant impact on the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### 5. Significant judgments and sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the Authority's Annual Report and Financial Statements in conformity with IPSAS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the end of the reporting period. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

#### a) Significant judgements made in applying the Authority's accounting policies

The judgements made by the board members of the Authority in the process of applying the Authority's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the Annual Report and Financial Statements include:

Whether the Authority has the ability to hold 'held-to maturity' investments until they mature. If the Authority were to sell other than an insignificant amount of such investments before maturity, it would be required to classify the entire class as 'available-for-sale' and measure them at fair value.

#### b) Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are described below. The entity based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. However, existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Entity. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur. IPSAS 1.140. Key assumptions made a within the next financial year include:

#### i. Retirement benefit obligations

The pensions contributions into the Defined Contribution (DC) Scheme are expensed as incurred in the year.

#### ii. Impairment losses

Estimates are made in determining the impairment losses on receivables. Such estimates include the determination of the net realizable value or the recoverable amount of the asset.

#### c) Useful lives and residual value

The useful lives and residual values of assets are assessed using the following indicators to inform potential future use and value from disposal:

- i. The condition of the asset based on the assessment of experts employed by the Entity.
- ii. The nature of the asset, its susceptibility and adaptability to changes in technology and processes.
- iii. The nature of the processes in which the asset is deployed.
- iv. Availability of funding to replace the asset.
- v. Changes in the market in relation to the asset

#### d) Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available. Additional disclosure of these estimates of provisions is included in Note 21.

Provisions are measured at the management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

#### 6. Revenue from non - exchange transactions

	734,546	767,737
Derivative fees	8	17
Market development fees	9,108	9,073
Application and licensing fees	22,921	63,545
NSE - transaction fees	217,019	258,526
Approval for listing of Government securities	480,819	425,165
Capitalization, rights and new issue fees	4 <b>,</b> 672	11,411
Fees income		
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
	June 2024	June 2023



## The Authority charges fees on the following basis :

Fee Type	Rate
a) Capitalization / rights issues	0.25% of the value of the issue
b) New issues / IPOs	0.15% of the value of the issue
c) Approval for listing of Government securities	o.o75% of the amount raised
d) Market development fees charged to listed	0.01% subject to a minimum of Kshs 50,000 and a
companies	maximum of Kshs 100,000 per annum.
e) NSE-Transaction Fees-Equity	0.12% of the value of the equities traded
f) NSE-Transaction Fees-Bonds	o.oo15% of the value of bonds traded
g) Derivative fees (CMA Levy fees with respect to	o.o1% of value of contracts traded.
derivatives contracts traded )	
h) License Fees:	
Central Depositories	Kshs 200,000
Credit Rating Agencies	Kshs 200,000
Securities Exchange	1% of the gross earnings
OTC Exchange	Kshs 2,500,000
Derivatives Exchange	Kshs 2,500,000
Investment Banks	Kshs 250,000
Stockbrokers	Kshs 100,000
Online Forex Money Manager	Kshs 100,000
Authorized Securities Dealer	Kshs 200,000
Fund Managers	Kshs 100,000
Investment Advisers	Kshs 50,000
Authorized Depositories	Kshs 100,000
Reit Managers	Kshs 100,000
Reit Trustees	Kshs 200,000
Other Trustees e.g Corporate Trustees-Based on	Kshs 100,000
Existing CIS Regulations	
Authorized Reits	Kshs 150,000
Employee Share Ownership Plans (ESOPs)	Kshs 150,000
Collective Investments Schemes	Kshs 150,000
Forex Brokers	(i) Dealing Broker-Kshs 250,000/=
	(ii) Non-Dealing Broker-Kshs 100,000/=
Derivatives Brokers	Kshs 50,000
Coffee Brokers	Kshs 50,000
Other Application & Licensing fees	Application Fees-Kshs 2,500, CIS-Kshs 10,000

A more detailed description of the basis of charging CMA fees is available at the second schedule of the Capital Markets Act.

#### 7. Donor fund income

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Donor fund income	11,894	24,250

The Authority recognised support worth Kshs 11.894 Million (2023:Shs24.25 Million) in the period from deferred donor funded assets blade servers and Video conferencing equipment and FSDK ESG activities grant. Out of the Kshs 11.894million, Kshs 3.502Million was spent in the ESG related activities in the period

In December 2023, the Authority received a Kshs 40 million grant from the Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSDK) to enhance the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework from a capital market perspective. Kshs 20 million of this grant was received in January 2024 for initial project milestones.

To date, Kshs 3.502 million has been spent, and the remaining funds are expected to be utilized in the first two quarters of FY 2024/2025, as the Authority is currently engaging consultants for ESG assessments.

#### 8. Revenue from exchange transactions - other income

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Interest income	73,354	77,819
Miscellaneous income	142,765	109
	216,119	77,928

#### 9. (Loss)/Gain on sale of assets

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'ooo
Property plant and equipment	47	2,101

#### 10. Surplus

a) Items charged	Notes	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
The following items have been charged in arriving at net surplus for the year			
Depreciation of property and equipment Amortisation of intangible assets Authority board members' emoluments,	18	23,049	30,352
	19	2,606	15,548
allowances and other board related expenses Post employment benefits expense Provision on trade and other receivables	26	14,126	33,416
	10(b)	58,504	58,250
	13(b)	367	250

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	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
10 b. Employee benefits expense	5.1.5 000	51.5 000
The following items are included in employee benefits expense:		
Retirement benefit costs		
Defined contribution scheme	58,504	58,250
	58,504	58,250

The Authority operates an in-house defined contribution (DC) scheme for its employees. The investment of the scheme's assets is managed and administered by independent service providers on behalf of the Trustees.

The Authority makes gratuity provisions for its staff on long term contract between 2 -5 years that is payable upon successful completion of their term.

#### 11 a. Transfer of Surplus to The National Treasury

In accordance with Section 219 (2) of the Public Financial Management Act regulations, regulatory entities shall remit into Consolidated Fund, ninety per centum of its surplus funds reported in the audited financial statements after the end of each financial year. There's no surplus for the period ended 30th June 2024.

The Surplus Remission has been computed as follows:

	Notes	June 2024 Shs'000		June 2023 Shs'000
Total revenue (Note No.6, 7,8 and 9)		962,606		872,016
Operating expenses		(907,610)		(839,565)
Surplus before tax		54,996		32,450
Add back: Depreciation	23,049		30,352	
Amortization	2 <b>,</b> 606	25,655	15,548	45,901
Adjusted surplus		80,652		78,351
Less:				
Transfer from deferred income (1	1 <b>,</b> 894)			(24,250)
Capital expenditure	(6,512)			(14,563)
Transfer to mortgage fund	10,987	(7 <b>,</b> 419)		(22,133)
Net surplus/ (Deficit)		73 <b>,</b> 233		17,406
90%		65,910		15,665
90% surplus due to National Treasury		65,910		15,665
Advance payment on budget rationalization		(140,000)		(35,100)
Overpayment		(74,090)		(19,425)

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, The National Treasury issued PFMA regulation No.34 which under section 219 exempts the Authority from paying taxes. The regulation requires corporations exempted from income tax to remit 90% of surplus to National Treasury.

#### 11 b. Surplus Remission Pavable

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Payable at the beginning of the year Surplus payable for the year	65,910	147,557
Paid during the year	(140,000)	(147,557)
Payable at end of the year	(74,090)	-

#### 12. Inventories

	June 2024 Shs'000	June 2023 Shs'000
Supplies & Accessories for computers, printing, and communication & office and general supplies	1,693	1,552
Hospitality expenses/Kitchen items	199	164
Total inventories at the lower of cost and net realizable value	1,892	1,716

Inventories consist of stationery and computer consumables required for day-to-day use by the Authority.

### 13a. Trade and other receivables from non exchange transactions

Trade receivables Statutory management expenses receivable Less: Provision for impairment losses	June 2024 Shs'ooo 89,835 - (6,496)	June 2023 Shs'000 38,115 - (6,128)
Net trade receivables Other receivables Trade and other receivables from non exchange transactions	83,339 21,963 <b>105,303</b>	31,987 57,226 <b>89,213</b>

## 13b. Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Trade receivables	3,814	1,905
Less: Provision for impairment losses		
Net trade receivables	3,814	1,905
Prepayments	16,686	14,815
Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions	20,499	16,720
Total trade and other receivables from non exchange and exchange transactions	125,802	105,933

The movement on the provision for impairment losses for non exchange transactions is as follows:

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'ooo
At 1st July		
Less: Provisions reversed on debt collection	(883)	(5,600)
Add: Additional provision	1,250	1,183
At 30th June	367	(4,417)

### 14. Staff loans and advances

	Current June 2024 Shs'000	Current June 2023 Shs'000	Non-Current June 2024 Shs'000	Non-Current June 2023Shs'000	Total June 2024 Shs'000	Total June 2023 Shs'000
Car loans Other loans and	6,191	9,078	14,022	23,268	20,213	32,345
advances	2,764	3,612	-	-	2,764	3,612
Staff mortgage back up funds*	38,091	59,400	324,982	302,526	363,073	361,925
	47,046	72,088	339,004	325,793	386,050	397,882

These funds are deposited with the bank to support concessionary interest rate facilities to staff.	
HFC: Mortgage 3000013543 and Mortgage 2000094161	177,275
HFC: Car loans	15,729
KCB : Car loans	4,483
KB Mortgage MM1509100194	185,798
Total	383,286

## 15. Held-to-maturity investments - government securities

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Non-current	3113 000	3113 000
Treasury bonds		
Maturing after four years	25,100	325,100
Unamortised (discount)/premium	-	-
Sub-total (a)	25,100	25,100
Treasury bonds		
Maturing after one year	15,255	55,005
Unamortised		
(discount)/premium	(183)	(2,338)
Sub-total (b)	15,072	52,668
Total Non-current (a+b)	40,172	77,768
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Current		
Treasury bonds		
Maturing within one year	28,300	-
Unamortised (discount)/premium	(620)	-
Sub-total (a)	27,680	-
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Treasury bills	152,350	767 <b>,</b> 700
Unamortised discount	(8,756)	(45,561)
Sub-total (b)	143,594	722 <b>,</b> 139
Total current (a+b)	171,274	722,139
Total	211,446	799,907

The fair value of the held-to-maturity assets -Treasury bonds and Treasury bills at the reporting date were:

Non-current  Held-to-maturity investments	40,172	77,768
Current	1 , ,	7717
Held-to-maturity investments	171,274	723,139

### 16. Cash and Cash Equivalent

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Current account	47,234	21,206
Cash in hand	140	140
On call deposits	130,000	17,000
Gratuity Fund Call Deposit	-	2,466
	177,374	40,812

#### 17a. Banks

				June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'ooo
	Name of the	Bank account	Account		
	Bank	no.	currency		
	NCBA PLC	6580810018	Kshs	36,553	12,034
	HF Bank	3000013543-0	Kshs	10,681	9,172
				47,234	21,206
17b. Cash in hand					
Cash in hand			Kshs	140	140
			Kshs		
17c. Short term deposits					
Fixed/Call deposits				130,000	17,000
Gratuity fund call deposit				-	2,466
				130,000	19,466
Total cash in hand and bank				177,374	40,812

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

June 2024		June 2023
Shs'ooo		Shs'ooo
130,000		19,466
47,374		21,346
27,200		1,029
204,574		41,842
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#### 18. Investors' Compensation Fund

In accordance with Section 18 of Capital Markets Act, Cap 485A, the Authority is required to maintain a fund to be known as the Investors' Compensation Fund for the purpose of granting compensation to investors who may suffer pecuniary loss resulting from the failure of a licensed broker or dealer to meet its contractual obligations. This requirement was implemented in July 1995.

The Fund derives its income from the following sources:

- i. Interest accruing on funds received from subscribers to public issues, between the day of closing the issue and making the refunds.
- ii. o.o1% of the consideration from sale and purchase of shares through the Nairobi Securities Exchange.
- iii. o.oo4% of the consideration from sale and purchase of bonds traded through the Nairobi Securities Exchange
- iv. Interest earned from investment of the funds held in this account.
- v. Financial penalties imposed on operators for non-compliance with Capital Markets Authority Rules and Regulations.

The movement in the fund balance during the year is as shown below:

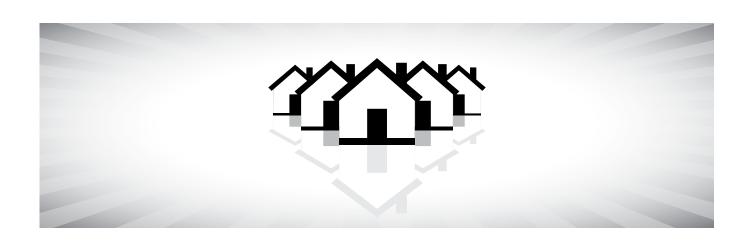
At beginning of the year Nairobi securities exchange transactions fees Interest on investments Financial penalties Withdrawals (Investor claims) Gain /(loss)in investment in NSE Management fees Bank charges	June 2024 Shs'000 5,182,083 104,559 678,590 3,865 - 700 (91,273) (18)	June 2023 Shs'000 4592,569 73,093 560,761 10,000 (9,975) 7,481 (51,824)
At end of the year	5,878,505	5,182,083

The Investors' compensation fund balance is represented by the following assets:

	June 2024	June 2023
Non-current	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Equity investment in the central depository and settlement	12,250	12,250
Equity investment in the NSE	51,275	52,325
Total equity investment (a)	63,525	64,575
Treasury bonds		
Maturing after five years	3,041,350	2,791,150
Unamortised discount(premium)	33,556	3 <sup>1</sup> ,375
Sub-total (b)	3,074,906	2,822,525
Maturing after one year	1,519,055	1,007,705
Unamortised discount	3,906	655
Sub-total ( c)	1,522,961	1,008,360
Sub-total non-current Treasury bonds (b+c)	4,597,868	3,830,885
Total non-current (a+b+c)	4,661,393	3,895,460
Current		
Treasury bonds	82,000	20,000
Unamortised discount	(768)	-
Sub-total (a)	81,232	20,000
Transcome Hills		
Treasury bills Unamortised discount	1,123,400	1,292,450
	(111,954)	(63,554)
Sub-total (b)	1,011,446	1,228,896
Total (a+b)	1,092,678	1,248,896
Fees receivable	07.227	a6 6a9
Bank balance	97,234	36,698
	27,200	1,029
Sub-total ( c)	124,434	37,727
Total current (a+b+c)	1,217,112	1,286,623
Total fund	5,878,505	5,182,083
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## 19. Property and Equipment

Cost	Motor vehicles Shs'ooo	Computer & Copiers Shs'ooo	Office equipment Shs'ooo	Furniture & fittings Shs'ooo	Capital work-in progress Shs'ooo	Total Shs'ooo
As at June 2022	59,142	176,725	21,645	95,085	7,895	360,492
Additions	331	13,726	466	372	289	14,853
Disposals	(7,177)	(11,058)	(368)	(414)	-	(19,017)
Reversal	-	-	-	-	(7,895)	(7,895)
At 30 June 2023	51,965	179,393	21,743	95,043	289	348,433
Additions	-	4,677	410	782	17,349	23,219
Disposals	-	(4,457)	(277)	-	,,,,,,,	(4,734)
Reversal/Transfers					(289)	(289)
At June 30, 2024	51,965	179,614	21,877	95,825	17,349	366,629
Depreciation						
As at June 2022	(34,063)	(146,232)	(20,987)	(88,935)		(290,217)
Depreciation	(8,516)	(19,176)	(335)	(2,326)	-	(30,353)
Accumulated	7,177	11,058	368	414		19,017
depreciation						
reversed on disposal	( · - ·			(0.0.0)		( \
At June 30 2023	(35,402)	(154,350)	(20,954)	(90,847)	-	(301,553)
Depreciation	(6,397)	(14,892)	(347)	(1,412)		(23,049)
Accumulated	-	4,291	277			4,568
depreciation						
reversed on disposal	(44.700)	(46, 054)	(	(92,259)		(220.024)
At June 30, 2024	(41,799)	(164,951)	(21,025)	(92,259)	-	(320,034)
Net carrying amount						
At June 30, 2024	10,166	14,663	852	3,566	17,349	46,596
At June 30 2023	16,563	25,043	789	4,196	289	46,880



## 20. Intangible assets

Software costs	Intangible Assets Shs'ooo
Cost	
At 01 July 2022	
Additions / Reclassification	297,749
Work in progress	(3,538)
Derecognition	(49,907)
Transfers from WIP (Capital-in-Progress Items)	(90,018)
At 01 July 2023	154,286
Additions/ Transfers from WIP	642
Work in progress	' <u>-</u>
Derecognition	(3,771)
At June 30, 2024	151,157
Amortisation	
At 01 July 2022	186,092
Amortisation	15,548
Reclassification	(49,907)
At 01 July 2023	151,733
Amortisation	2,607
Derecognition	(3,771)
At June 30, 2024	150,569
Net book value	
At June 30, 2024	588
At June 30 2023	2,553

## 21. Trade and other payables

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Trade payables	25,745	3,848
Provisions	65,242	74,504
Gratuity obligations	101,302	67,257
Accruals	70 <b>,</b> 896	46 <b>,</b> 657
	263,185	192,267



Included under trade and other payables are the provisions for various services whose movement has been presented below:

·				
At June 30, 2024	10,542	82,099	(27,398)	65,242
Provision reversed	(9,108)	(636)	(40,656)	(50,401)
Provision utilized	-	-	(2,455)	(2,455)
Additional provisions raised	10,542	14,884	15,713	41 <b>,</b> 139
At 01 July 2023	9,108	67,851	-	76,959
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Provisions	Leave benefits	Performance bonus	Others	Total

Accruals	Consultancies Shs'ooo	Other Provisions Shs'ooo	Total Shs'ooo
At 01 July 2023	858	27,350	28,208
Additional accruals	5,537	183,102	188,639
Accruals realized/reversed	(1,320)	(165,116)	(166,436)
At June 30, 2024	5,075	45,336	50,410

#### 22. Povision for Legal liabilities and charges

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
At 01 July 2023	97,134	95,752
Add: Additional provision	7,431	2,832
Less: Provision written back	(14,576)	(1,450)
At June 30, 2024	89,989	97,134

The Authority being the Capital Markets regulator in Kenya, is subject to legal proceedings in the normal course of business. While it is not possible to forecast or determine the final results of all pending legal proceedings, the Authority assesses the adequacy of its provisions periodically against case developments and related legal costs.

#### 22b.Lease Liability/Obligation

The Authority occupies four floors at Embankment Plaza, a total of 24,765 square feet, in the Upper Hill under the open plan office design.

A new lease contract for a period of six years to 30th June 2029 is in place, and in line with IPSAS, 43, this was recognized in the Statement of Financial Position with effect from 1st July 2023.

The adoption of IPSAS 43 has led to recording of a lease liability totaling Kshs 138,263,988.21.

	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Lease Liability/Obligation	138,264	-
	138,264	-
The Lease obligation is broken down as follows:		
Not later than 1 year	23,044	-
Later than 1 year to 6 Years	115,220	-
	138,264	-

#### 23. Deferred income

In line with the Authority's accounting policy, the donor funded income that was deferred for future periods relating to projects being financed by FSSP which include Blade Server and Switches and the Video Conferencing system has since been fully utilized.

CMA received Kshs 40 million from FSDK for enhancing the ESG framework, with Kshs 20 million received in January 2024 for initial project milestones.

As of 30th June 2024, Kshs 3,502,252.25 had been utilized for ESG activities, leaving Kshs 16,497,747.75 unspent. This remaining amount is expected to be utilized in the first two quarters of the FY 2024/2025 as the Authority is currently in the process of engaging consultants for ESG asses sments.

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Opening balance	60,215	32,641
Recognized in the year	-	-
Utilized in the year	(8,392)	(24,250)
Management fee due from ICF	(51,824)	51,824
FSDK ESG development grant extended in the year	40,000	-
Grant Utilized in the year	(3,502)	-
Total	36,497	60,215

#### 24. Right of Use-Lease Asset

The adoption of IPSAS 43 has led to recording lease asset totaling Kshs 133,883,106.97

Right of use-Lease asset	133,883 133,883	-
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
	June 2024	June 2023

#### 25. General fund

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Opening balance	53,642	43,324
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the period/year	(85,004)	32,451
Transfer from/(to) staff mortgage and car loan fund	10,987	(22,133)
Transfer from building fund	164,900	-
At June 30, 2024	144,525	53,642

General fund represents accumulated surpluses over the years.

#### 26. Capital fund

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
At June 30, 2024	27,886	27,886

Capital fund represents the initial contribution by the Government of Kenya towards the establishment of the Capital Markets Authority.

#### 27. Building fund

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Opening balance	564,900	600,000
Appropriation To general fund	(140,000)	(35,100)
Transfer to general fund	(24,900)	
Transfer to National Treasury	(400,000)	-
At June 30, 2024	-	564,900

The building fund represents an appropriation from the general fund towards the purchase/construction of the Authority's future building for approved limit of Ksh6oomillion.

The CMA building fund of Kshs 600 million, was recalled in the last financial year by The National Treasury (TNT), (Kshs35.1million was already remitted in FY2022/2023). The Kshs 564.9 Million balance had been spread over securities and the National Treasury made a cash call in May 2024. Kshs 400 Million was eventually called up by the National Treasury along Kshs 140Million from budget rationalization.

#### 28. Staff Mortgage and Car loan fund

	June 2024	J	une 2023
	Shs'ooo		Shs'ooo
Opening balance	394,270		372,137
Appropriation from general fund (Note 23)	(10,987)		22,133
At June 30, 2024	383,284		394,270

#### 29. Related party transactions

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Board members of the Authority' remuneration		
Honoraria	-	-
Retainer	9,000	8,095
Sitting allowances	9,765	9,458
Training expenses	2,107	11,978
Others (medical, mileage, bonus)	8,544	3,885
Sub-total-Current year	29,416	33,416
Prior years board bonus pay provisions	(15,290)	-
Net Amount	14,126	33,416

ii) Key management compensation	June 2024 Shs'000	June 2023 Shs'000
Gross salaries Pension-NSSF	44,350 156	41,174 13
Gratuity	12,945	9,296
	57,451	50,483

There were 7 members of senior management who served during the year (2023:6)

#### 30. Commitments

#### a. Contracted for but not recognised

Capital expenditure and recurrent expenditures contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Capital expenditure contracted for	6,422	19,998
Recurrent expenditure contracted for	6,159	8,748
	12,581	28,746

b. Item description	Capital	Recurrent	June 2023
	Kshs'ooo	Kshs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Security Incident & Event Management (SIEM) Solution Office 365 and Exchange online protection licenses	6,422		6,422
Renewal		5,470	5,470
Supply of Services:		689	689
Total	6,422	6,159	12,581

#### 31. Contingent liabilities

Because of the sensitive nature of the Authority as a regulator there are a number of legal cases that the Authority is defending in execution of its mandate in public interest. Due to the sensitivity and in line with IPSAS 19(109), detailed disclosure will prejudice seriously the position of the Authority and public interest.

The Authority is not of the view of providing those details in public interest.

#### 32. Prior years' tax settlement provision

These relate to interest and penalties imposed against principal taxes that had already been settled for the period 2007 to 2012, when the Authority was a taxable entity. Although waiver of these penalties had been applied for with KRA, the Authority had ensured 100% compliance with statutory obligations by cleaning up the CMA tax ledgers. The Authority has continuously engaged with KRA and 90% of the original provisions have been resolved, and reversal of the tax demands in I-tax and CMA ledger effected

		<b>Prior Year</b>
		Audited
	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Penalties and interest provision B/F	5,370	45,734
Charge/ (Reversals) for the year	(5,370)	(40,364)
·	-	5,370

#### 33. Employee costs

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Consolidated pay, leave pay and passages	444,826	456,798
Staff uniform expenses	820	237
Staff welfare and other costs	18,731	20,308
Staff retirement benefits	58,504	58 <b>,</b> 250
	522,881	535,593

#### 34. Depreciation and Amortization Expense

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Property, plant and equipment	23,049	30,352
Intangible assets	2,606	15,548
	25,655	45,901

#### 35. Use of Goods and services

	June 2024		June 2023
	Shs'ooo		Shs'ooo
Rent and maintenance	44,998		40,008
Telephone courier & Postage	5,292		5,819
Office expenses and Utilities	9,406		9,625
Publicity and Advertising	18,720		13,288
Medical scheme and insurance expenses	37,988		37,489
Other insurances	6,225		5,927
Training and conferences	67 <b>,</b> 824		31,005
Motor vehicle running expenses	5,886		4,463
1OSCO membership	5,065		4,782
Library books and Periodicals	3,964		3,872
Professional and market development services	73,252		59,928
Auditor's remuneration	2,575		2,361
Investors' education and awareness program	<del>1</del> 7,335		9,760
Tribunal expenses	9,969		388
Prior years' tax settlement	(5,369)		(40,365)
Provision for doubtful debts	367		(4,417)
	303,499	·	183,932

#### 36. Repairs and Maintenance

	June 2024	June 2023
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Internet bandwidth & Web hosting	4,567	6,361
Software licenses & support	15,771	8,550
Other ICT expenses	3,032	3,104
Printing costs	311	281
Purchase of stationery items	2,112	1,829
Toners & computer consumables	2,391	1,644
Equipment & Computer maintenance	1,441	737
Maintenance of office furniture & Fittings	271	399
Annual service maint. contracts	11,378	17,630
Other general office costs	173	189
	41,449	40,724

#### 37.a Cash Ge nerated Fro m Operatio ns-CMA

37.a cash de herated i fo in Operations-CMA			
	Note	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
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Cash flows from operating activities		C ·	
Surplus for the year		57,564	32,451
Adjustments for:		, ,	, ,
Tax expense		(5,370)	(40,364)
Depreciation of property and equipment	18	23,049	30,352
Amortisation of intangible assets	19	2,607	15,548
Deferred donor funded income	22	(23,717)	27,574
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	9	(47)	(2,095)
Interest income	8	(73,354)	(77,819)
Operating Surplus before working capital changes		(19,268)	(14,353)
Decrease/(increase) in:			
Inventories	12	(176)	37
Trade and other receivables	13	(19,868)	(58,493)
Right of use - Lease asset	24	(133,883)	-
Staff loans and advances	14	11,831	(22,635)
Increase/(decrease) in:			
Trade and other payables	21	68,352	(20,700)
Provision for liabilities and charges	22	(7,144)	1,382
Non-current provisions		138,263	-
Cash generated from operations		38,107	(114,762)
Interest received	8	73,354	77,819
Transfer to National Treasury		(540,000)	(182,657)
Net cash generated from operating activities		(428,539)	(219,600)

#### 37.b Cash Generated From Operations-ICF

Note	June 2024 Shs'ooo	June 2023 Shs'000
Note	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
18	(678,590)	(560,761)
	678,590)	(560,761)
	(60,536)	56,814
	756,958	532,700
	17,832	28,753
18	678,590	560,761
	-	-
	696,422	589,514
		678,590) (60,536) 756,958 17,832 678,590

#### 38. Risk management objectives and policies

#### a. Financial risk management

The Authority's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including credit, liquidity and market risks. The Authority's overall risk management policies are set out by the board and implemented by the management, and focus on the unpredictability of changes in the business environment and seek to minimize the potential adverse effects of such risks on the Authority's performance by setting acceptable levels of risk. The Authority does not hedge against any risks.

#### i. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Credit risk mainly arises from financial assets, and is managed on a Authority-wide basis. The Authority does not grade the credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired.

Credit risk on financial assets with banking institutions is managed by dealing with institutions with good credit ratings and placing limits on deposits that can be held with each institution.

Credit risk on trade receivables is managed by ensuring that credit is extended to customers with an established credit history. The credit history is determined by taking into account the financial position, past experience and other relevant factors. Credit is managed by setting the credit limit and the credit period for each customer. The utilisation of the credit limits and the credit period is monitored by management on a monthly basis.

	Fully	Past due but		
	performing	not impaired	Impaired	Total
At June 30, 2024	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Held-to-maturity investments	211,446	-	-	211,446
Staff loans and advances/ fund	386,050	-	-	386,050
Trade receivables	87,153	-	-	87,153
Other receivables	16,686	-	-	16,686
Cash at bank, in hand and deposits	177,234	-	-	177,234
•				
Maximum exposure to credit risk	878,569	-	-	878,569

Over 6 months	2024 Shs'000	2023 Shs'000
	-	-

The past due debtors are nil. An impairment provision of Shs 6,495,703 (2023: Kshs 6,128,390) is held against the impaired receivables. The Authority does not hold any collateral against the past due or impaired receivables. The management continues to actively follow up past due and impaired receivables.

#### ii. Expected Credit Losses (ECL)

The Authority adopted IPSAS 41 (Financial Instruments) in the year and has considered all its financial assets in the modelling including the staff loans and advances, investments in the government's bonds and Treasury bills and trade receivables. However, upon further assessment of the significant increase in credit risk (SICR) by comparing the risk of default at the initial recognition of the mentioned financial assets to the current risk of default, we have reasonable expectations of recovering the cashflows thereof in its entirety thus we consider them not risky. We therefore had an adjusted Probability of Default (PD) at 0% hence the Nil exposure as at 30th June 2024 and therefore Zero final expected credit losses.

Specific customers with deteriorating characteristics, for instance Uchumi and Mumias etc were considered in the model based on the actual historical losses experienced in the previous years.

Our forward-looking expected credit loss calculation has been based on estimation of current and future probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD), and loss given default (LGD).

#### iii. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The board has developed a risk management framework for the management of the Authority's short, medium and long-term liquidity requirements thereby ensuring that all financial liabilities are settled as they fall due. The Authority manages liquidity risk by continuously reviewing forecasts and actual cash flows, and maintaining banking facilities to cover any shortfalls.

The table below summarises the maturity analysis for financial liabilities to their remaining contractual maturities. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than	Between			
	one	1-3	Between	Over	
	month	months	3-12 months	1 year	Total
	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo	Shs'ooo
Year ended June 30, 2024					
Trade payables	25,745				25,745
Other payables	60,577	5,804	4,515		70,896
Provision for liabilities and					
charges	(26,790)			92,032	65,242
Gratuity obligations	101,302				101,302
	160,834	5,804	4,515	92,032	263,185

#### iv) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market price and comprises three types of risks: interest rate risk, price risk and foreign exchange risk.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the interest rate movement may have a significant impact on Authority's value of investments.

The Authority's investments in fixed rate bonds expose it to fair value interest rate risk. The Authority has no interest-bearing liabilities. The Authority considers that a change in interest rates of 2 percentage points in the year ending 30th June 2024 is reasonably possible. If the interest rates on the Authority's held-to-maturity investments at the year-end were to decrease/increase by this number of percentage points, with all other factors remaining constant, the reported deficit would be lower/higher by Kshs 2.681 million.

#### Price risk

Marketable instruments held by the Authority include Treasury Bonds and Treasury Bills whose market prices are subject to change. The Authority reviewed the portfolio, set exposure limits and responded to market price changes and conditions to secure both fair values and cash flow from such instruments.

#### Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk would arise where transactions or bank balances are denominated in foreign currency.

The Authority's transactions and bank balances are denominated in Kenya Shillings. Hence the exposure to foreign exchange risk does not exist.

#### 39. Related Party Disclosures

#### Nature of related party relationships

Entities and other parties related to the Authority include those parties who have ability to exercise control or exercise significant influence over its operating and financial decisions. Related parties include management personnel, their associates and close family members.

#### Government of Kenya

The Government of Kenya is the principal shareholder of the Authority, holding 100% of the Authority's equity interest. The Government of Kenya has not provided any guarantees to the Authority.

Other related parties include:

- i. The National Treasury
- ii. Other Financial Regulators
- iii. Other State Corporations and Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies
- iv. Board of directors
- v. Key Management

	2024	2023
	Kshs	Kshs
Transactions with related parties		
a. Sales to related parties		
Others (specify) bond approval fees	480,819	425,16
Salaries for seconded staff	3,876	3,829
Total	484,695	428,994
b. Purchases from related parties		
Purchases of electricity from KPLC	4,473	4,528
Training and conference fees paid to govt. Agencies	8,168	6,568
Total	12,641	11,098
C. Grants /transfers from the government		
Donations in kind	-	
Total	-	

#### 40. Events after the Reporting Period

There were no material adjusting and non- adjusting events after the reporting period.

#### 41. Ultimate and Holding Entity

The Capital Markets Authority is a Semi- Autonomous Government Agency under the National Treasury. Its ultimate parent is the Government of Kenya.

#### 42. Currency

The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings (Kshs) and rounded in "ooo" unless otherwise specified.

























#### **APPENDICES:**

# APPENDIX I: PROGRESS ON FOLLOW UP OF AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Chief Executive Officer** 

Date: 19<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

Chairman of the Board

Date: 19<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

























# **APPENDIX II: INTER ENTITY TRANSFERS**

	Date received				Where Re	Where Recorded / recognized	ognized		
Name of the MDA /Donor Transferring the funds	as per bank statement	Nature: Recurrent / Development / Others	Total Amount Statement - KES of Financial Performanc	a	Capital Fund	Deferred Income	Receivables Others - must be specific	Others - must be specific	Total Transfers during the Year
FSSP	See Appendix 3 Development	Development	8,391,567	8,391,567	1	•		1	8,391,567
FSD-Kenya	See Appendix 3 Recurrent	Recurrent	3,502,252	3,502,252	1	1	1	1	3,502,252
State Department of Trade and Investments	See Appendix 3 Others / Reimbur	Others / Reimbursement	3,876,165	3,876,165	1	,	1	1	3,876,165
Total			<b>786'692'5</b> τ	15,769,984	-	-	-	-	15,769,984

As per note 7 - Donor Fund income: The Authority received support from FSSP, and the funds were paid directly to the consultants. The indicated income is therefore generated from deferred income for FSSP-sponsored projects that were capitalized based on their completion level.

There was also Support from other development partners such as FSDK during the financial year

The above amounts were confirmed based on the projects' milestones. Donor funds related to purchase of assets are treated as deferred income and allocated to statement of financial performance income over the useful lives of the related assets while grants related to expenses are treated as donor fund income in the income statement.

Senior Manager Accounting & Finance

Capital Markets Authority

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KEY:

FSSP: Financial Sector Support Project: This was a World Bank funded project that strengthens the legal regulatory and institutional environment for improved financialstability

# APPENDIX III: RECORDING OF TRANSFERS FROM DONORS

A A B	ENTIL Y NAME: CAPITAL MARKETS			
AL				
Br	AUTHORITY			
5	Break down of Transfers from Donors			
<b>₽</b>	FY 2023/2024			
a. Re Te	Reimbursements for Capacity building Technical Costs.			
b.	Other Payments- Reimbursement	Transaction Description	Amount (Kshs)	FY to which the amounts relate
De	Details of the Payment			
Rean	Reimbursements for State Department of Trade and Investments Promotion Seconded Staff	Reimbursement of costs incurred for seconded Staff	3,876,165	2023/2024
			3,876,165	
b(ii) <mark>Do</mark>	Donor funded Expenditure.		-	-
Bla	Blade Server and Switches - FSSP	Contra-Donor Funded Consultancies and Donor Funding income	4,796,752	7023/2024
Vic	Video Conferencing RP100-55A and vMCU Suite	Contra-Donor Funded Consultancies and Donor Funding income	1,524,047	2023/2024
Int CD	Integration of Surveillance System with NSE/ CDSC	Contra-Donor Funded Consultancies and Donor Funding income	399,470	2023/2024
Bu	Business Central - FSSP	Contra-Donor Funded Consultancies and Donor Funding income	1,671,298	2023/2024
		Total	8,391,567	
Do	Donor Funded- ESG Activities By FSDK Kenya	Contra-Donor Funded Expenses and Donor Funding income	3,502,252	2023/2024
		Total	3,502,252	
		GRAND TOTAL	15,769,984	

#### APPENDIX IV: INTER-ENTITY CONFIRMATION LETTER

The Authority did not have any inter-entity amounts disbursed to any other entity as at 30th June 2024.

# APPENDIX V: REPORTING OF CLIMATE RELEVANT EXPENDITURES

The Authority did not incur any expenditures on any climate relevant activities for period ended 30th June 2024.

# APPENDIX VI: DISASTER EXPENDITURE REPORTING TEMPLATE

The Authority did not incur any expenditures relating to any disasters within the period ended 30th June 2024.



#### REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

#### Legislative & Regulatory Developments

In accordance with section 11 of the Capital Markets Act, Cap 485A the Authority developed regulatory frameworks to support Kenya's growing capital markets during the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

#### These are: -

- 1. The Capital Markets (Conduct of Business) (Market Intermediaries) Regulations 2023
- 2. The Capital Markets (Margin Trading) Regulations 2023
- 3. Guidelines on Financial Resource Requirements for Market Intermediaries.
- 4. The Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations 2020

#### 1. The Capital Markets (Conduct of Business) (Market Intermediaries) Regulations 2023

The Authority developed the draft regulations in the period under review primarily to protect investors and maintain the stability and integrity of financial markets in attainment of its mandate under Section 11(a),(c), and (d) of the Capital Markets Act.

The draft regulations have been developed in order to:-

- i. Introduce the requirements to keep proper records for intermediary service platform provider and a trustee;
- ii. To enhance money laundering provisions to include the prevention of terrorism financing; and
- iii. Introduce best practices in data protection for market intermediaries when conducting KYC and sharing of information.

#### 2. The Capital Markets (Margin Trading) Regulations 2023

The aim of the draft regulations is to allow investors to leverage their investments by trading with borrowed funds. While this may amplify potential profits, it also significantly increases the risk of losses.

The regulations therefore ensure that investors understand the risks involved and have sufficient safeguards in place to manage them.

Margin trading can expose investors to substantial losses, especially if they are not adequately informed or experienced. The regulations require brokers to assess investors' suitability for margin trading, provide appropriate disclosures, and establish risk management protocols to protect investors from excessive losses.

Uncontrolled margin trading can exacerbate market volatility and contribute to systemic risks. The requirements help prevent excessive speculation and limit the potential for market manipulation or destabilization by ensuring that investors have adequate collateral to support their leveraged positions.

#### 3. Guidelines on Financial Resource Requirements for Market Intermediaries.

The Guidelines on financial resource requirements for market intermediaries serve crucial roles within Kenya's regulatory framework for capital markets. Firstly, they aim to ensure the financial stability of market intermediaries by establishing specific financial resource requirements, thereby preventing financial distress and insolvency and detecting the signs of the same in good time. This measure helps maintain market integrity and investor confidence by ensuring intermediaries possess adequate resources relative to the risks they pose.

Moreover, the guidelines prioritize investor protection by ensuring that market intermediaries have sufficient funds to fulfill their obligations to clients and safeguard client assets, thus upholding investor trust in the capital markets.

Secondly, the guidelines contribute to market integrity by enabling market intermediaries to comply effectively with regulatory requirements, including those aimed at preventing market manipulation and insider trading. By maintaining adequate financial resources, intermediaries can promote fair and transparent market practices, thereby enhancing market integrity and investor confidence.

Additionally, the guidelines facilitate regulatory oversight by providing the Authority with a framework to monitor intermediaries financial soundness proactively. This proactive approach enables the Authority to intervene promptly if any concerns arise, mitigating potential risks to financial stability and investor protection. Overall, the guidelines play a vital role in maintaining the integrity, stability, and investor trust in Kenya's capital markets.

# 4. The Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The Authority has proposed amendments to the Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations 2020 by introducing a regulatory fee of 2% of the gross value of commodities traded at the Exchange to be deducted from the coffee proceeds payable to the grower or seller. This fee is proposed to be shared between the Authority, the exchange, coffee brokers and the DSS provider.

The Authority undertook stakeholder engagement sessions on the draft regulations and received feedback which has been incorporated in the final drafts.

The following regulations were gazetted in the period under review on 15th December 2023 to support Kenya's growing capital markets.

# Capital Markets (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 2023

The general aim of the regulations is to improve on the Capital Markets Credit Rating Agencies Guidelines 2001 on credit rating processes, registration and recognition of credit rating agencies. The purpose of the regulations is to provide for oversight of the domestic registered and foreign licensed credit rating agencies by the Authority to enable them conduct rating activities in Kenya.

# 2. Capital Markets (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2023

The Capital Markets (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2022 provides for and regulate private pooling of funds from Kenyan investors for funds established in Kenya. The regulations aim to target a sophisticated

category of funds which, employ diverse or complex strategies such as investment in infrastructure, real estate, private equity or commodities.

# 3. Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023

The Collective Investment Schemes framework provides for and regulates the public pooling of funds from investors in Kenya to invest in either the money market, balanced, equity, bond or special funds. To achieve its purpose, the regulations expressly prohibit public pooling of funds without approval under regulation 3 and 4 to confine ensure proper standardization of this sector.

# 4. The Capital Markets (Public offers, Listings and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023

The regulations provide for the approval of securities and listing on an approved securities exchange.

They also provide for the requirement for a securities exchange to maintain an official list of securities that have been approved for listing in the following market segments:

- i. Main Investment Market Segment
- ii. Small and Medium Enterprises Market Segment
- iii. Main Fixed Income Securities Market Segment
- iv. Small and Medium Enterprises Fixed Income Market Segment
- v. Any segment set up by a securities exchange that has been approved by the Authority.

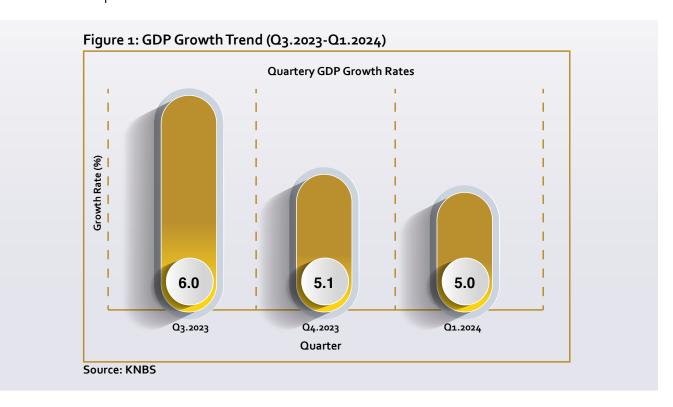
The regulations clarify what constitutes a private offer and provides for the eligibility disclosure and general requirements for public offering.

The regulations further provide for the disclosures that are to be made and continuing reporting obligations including information to be disclosed by entities having public offerings, miscellaneous provisions and conditions for suspension and delisting of securities.

#### **RESEARCH & ANALYTICS**

#### Kenya's GDP Growth Rate

Based on the Quarterly Gross Domestic Product report for the first quarter of 2024 released by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the economy expanded by 5.0% in Q1 2024, down from 5.1% in Q4 2023. This growth was primarily driven by robust performances in key sectors. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing grew by 6.1% due to favorable weather conditions. Real Estate saw a 6.6% increase, while Financial and Insurance activities rose to 7.0% from 6.3% in Q4 2023. Information and Communication grew by 7.8%, and Accommodation and Food Services surged by 28.0%. The transportation sector benefited from strong agricultural performance, and hospitality continued recovering from COVID-19, contributing to the overall positive economic performance.¹



#### Kenya Inflation Rate

According to the recent Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Inflation Rates report from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, the year-on-year inflation rate was 4.6% in June 2024, indicating a rise in the general price level compared to June 2023. The inflation rate in May 2024 was 5.0%. The report highlighted that from May to June 2024, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.7%, with notable price hikes for cabbage, spinach, and kale, while prices for oranges, sugar, and maize flour declined. Additionally, the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels Index rose by 0.4 percent, driven by higher electricity prices despite lower gas and kerosene prices. Lastly, the Transport Index decreased by 0.2% due to reduced petrol and diesel prices.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Quarterly GDP Report Q1 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KNBS Consumer Price Indices and Inflation Rates for June 2023

Kenya's Inflation Rate (July 2023-June 2024) 9.00 Inflation --- Linear (Inflation) 8.00 6.90 6.80 6.80 GROWTH RATE (%) 6.60 7.00 6.30 6.00 5.00 5.00 4.00 3.00 Jul-23 Aug-23 Sep-23 Oct-23 Nov-23 Dec-23 Jan-24 Feb-24 Mar-24 Apr-24 May-24 Jun-24 MONTH/YEAR Source: CBK/KNBS

Figure 2: Inflation Rates Trend for the year the period July 2023-June 2024

#### Kenya's Economy Outlook

While projections vary slightly among different reports, there is a consensus that Kenya's economy is expected to grow steadily in 2024 and 2025. According to the African Economic Outlook 2024 report, the African Development Bank Group has projected that Kenya's GDP will grow by 5.4% in 2024 and 5.6% in 2025. The report indicates that this growth will be driven primarily by the services sector and household consumption. The World Bank has provided a slightly different outlook, forecasting a 5.2% growth in Kenya's economy for 2024. This projection is supported by increased private sector investment as the government reduces its borrowing in the domestic credit market. The World Bank anticipates a growth rate of 5.4% in 2024 and 5.7% in 2025, driven by improved business confidence and investment in key sectors. Conversely, Inflation is anticipated to lessen to 6.2% in 2024 and 5.5% in 2025 due to declining food and global inflation.

Additionally, the outlook projects that the fiscal deficit will narrow to 5.9% of GDP in 2024 and 5.0% in 2025 because of a revenue-led fiscal consolidation program. Furthermore, the current account deficit is anticipated to decrease to 4.6% of GDP in 2024 and 4.5% in 2025, supported by a recovery in global trade. However, the outlook acknowledges several significant risks, including tight global financing, drought, political instability in neighbouring countries, and sluggish recovery in global economic growth.

#### PRIMARY MARKETS

#### **Listing by Introduction**

There were no listings by introduction during the Financial Year under review.

Table 1: Listings by Introduction (2006-June 2024)

Issuer	Shares on Issue	Year of Issue	Offer Price
Equity Bank	90,500,000	2006	90.00
CFC Insurance Holdings	515,270,364	2011	6.15
Trans century Limited	267,038,090	2011	50.00
Longhorn Publishers	58,500,000	2012	14.00
CIC Insurance	2,179,615,440	2012	3.50
Umeme	1,623,878,005	2012	8.80
Home Afrika Ltd.	405,300,000	2013	12.00
Flame Tree	24,287,500	2014	8.00
Kurwitu Ventures	102,272	2014	1,250.00
Nairobi Business Ventures	23,600,000	2016	5.00
Barclays New Gold ETF	400,000	2017	1,205.16
Bank of Kigali group Plc	896,759,222	2018	30.00
Homeboyz Entertainment Plc	63,200,000	2020	4.66
TOTAL	6,148,450,893		

Source: NSE/CMA

Table 2: Approved and Listed ETFs

Issuer	ETF Securities on Issue	Year	Offer Price
NewGold Issuer (RF) Limited	400,000 Gold Bullion Debentureso	2017	Spot price

Table 3: Approved and Listed REITs

Issuer	Issue	Offer Size	Year	Offer Price
Stanlib Kenya Limited	Fahari I-REIT	12,500,000,000	2015	20.00
Acorn Holdings Limited	Acorn D-REIT	4,215,826,000	2020	20.00
	Acorn I-REIT	4,308,448,000	2020	20.00
Local Authorities Pension	Imara I-REIT	6,924,628,260	2022	20.00
Trust (LAPTRUST)				
	TOTAL	27,948,902,260		

#### **Treasury Bonds**

During the 2023/24 fiscal year, a total of thirty-seven (37) bond issues were done by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK). These included fifteen (15) re-opened bonds, sixteen (16) tap sales and six (6) new issues. In this period, the government aimed to raise KShs.626.00 billion. The Bids received amounted to KShs.1,015.78 billion, with the government accepting offers worth KShs.789.01 billion, indicating an aggregate acceptance rate of 126.85%.

Table 4: Issued/Re-opened Treasury Bonds (FY 2023/24)

Date	BOND	Amt Issued	Amt	Amt	% AA/AI	% AR/AI	Type of Sale
		(KShs. Bn)	Received	Accepted			, <i>'</i> '
			(KShs. Bn)	(KShs. Bn)			
Jul-23	FXD1/2023/05		29.10	22.83	57.08	72.75	New
	FXD1/2016/10	40	22.66	15.74	39.35	56.66	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/005		32.22	31.23	156.15	161.08	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2016/010	20	12.21	12.21	61.05	61.06	Tap Sale
Aug-23	FXD1/2023/02		38.30	11.66	29.15	95-75	New
<b>.</b>	FXD1/2023/05	40	14.70	7.46	18.64	36.76	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/002		17.38	17.37	82.73	82.74	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/005	21	6.23	6.12	29.16	29.64	Tap Sale
Sep-23	FXD1/2023/002		18.01	15.01	42.89	51.47	Re-opened
	FXD1/2016/010	35	15-99	6.62	18.90	45.70	Re-opened
Oct-23	FXD1/2023/002		2.63	2.61	17.40	17.54	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2016/010	15	0.81	0.76	5.09	5.43	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/002		6.51	4.83	13.79	18.59	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/005	35	5-79	1.48	4.23	16.55	Re-opened
Nov-23	IFB1/2023/6.5	50	88.90	67.06	134.11	177.80	New
Dec-23	IFB1/2023/6.5	25	47.24	47.87	191.47	188.96	Tap Sale
Jan-24	FXD1/2024/03	25	29.09	22.07	63.06	83.11	New
	FXD1/2023/05	35	8.06	2.95	8.42	23.04	Re-opened
	FXD1/2024/003		9.31	9.34	62.27	62.06	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/005	15	2.55	2.42	16.10	17.02	Tap Sale
Feb-24	IFB1/2024/8.5	70	288.66	240.96	344.23	412.37	New
Mar-24	FXD1/2024/03		43.07	34.27	85.68	107.69	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/05	40	35.85	17-77	44.42	89.62	Re-opened
	FXD1/2024/10		23.89	4.84	12.10	59.71	New
Apr-24	FXD1/2023/005	25	35.59	33-95	135.81	142.34	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2024/010	<sup>2</sup> 5	12.20	11.90	47.58	48.81	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/002	40	47.19	34.76	86.91	117.98	Re-opened
May-24	FXD1/2024/010	25	14.98	11.00	43.98	59.92	Re-opened
	FXD1/2024/010	15	7.11	7.03	46.83	47.38	Tap Sale
Jun-24	FXD1/2023/02	30	8.45	7.08	23.58	28.15	Re-opened
	FXD1/2024/03	30	24.39	23.81	79.36	81.31	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/05	22	31.94	22.59	75.29	106.48	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/10	30	9.62	7.58	25.28	32.06	Re-opened
	FXD1/2023/02		1.80	1.80	8.98	9.00	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2024/03	30	3.27	3.32	16.58	16.33	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/05	20	11.23	10.81	54.06	56.14	Tap Sale
	FXD1/2023/10		8.84	7.94	39.68	44.20	Tap Sale

Source: CBK

Corporate Bonds

Table 5: Issued Corporate Bonds and Commercial Papers in Kenya as of June 2024

ISSUER	ARRANGERS	APPROVED AMOUNT	ISSUED AMOUNT	APPROVAL DATE	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	OUTSTANDING AS AT March,
EABL FIXED MEDIUM TERM NOTE – Second Tranche	ABSA Investment Bank	11,000,000,000	11,000,000,000	6-Aug-21	29-Oct- 21	30-Oct-26	11,000,000,000
REAL PEOPLE MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
RPBD.BD.03/08/20- 0047-13.65	NCBA Investment		1,363,900,000	25-Jun-15	10-Aug- 15	28-Feb-25	310,800,000
RPBD.BD.19/04/21- 0049-13.75	Bank		267,100,000		10-Aug- 15	28-Feb-25	80,130,000
Sub-Total			1,631,000,000				390,930,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 6	Stanbic Bank	5,700,000,000	151,000,000	6-Jul-21			151,000,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 7			832,000,000	27-Sep-21			633,000,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 8			241,500,000	12-Jan-22	8-Nov- 19 &	8-Nov-24	99,500,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 9			336,900,000	20-May-22	- 09-Jan- 20*		253,100,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 10			132,200,000	4-Aug-22			132,200,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 11			317,200,000	2-Nov-22			251,200,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 12			550,800,000	14-Dec-22			550,800,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 13			236,400,000				236,400,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 14			218,100,000				218,100,000
THE ACORN PROJECT: DRAWDOWN 15			163,500,000				163,500,000
Sub-Total			3,179,600,000				2,688,800,000
FAMILY BANK MEDIUMTERM NOTE (TRANCHE 1)	NCBA Investment	8,000,000,000	3,999,000,000	28-May-21	30-Jun- 21	31-Dec-26	3,999,000,000
FAMILY-FLT	Bank Limited 1,000,000				1,000,000		
FAMILY- MXD							-
Sub-Total			4,000,000,000				4,000,000,000
KENYA MORTGAGE REFINANCE COMPANY	NCBA Investment Bank	1,400,000,000	1,400,000,000	10-Jan-22	4-Mar- 22	23-Feb-29	1,109,630,850
Total Outstanding Amo	unt						19,189,360,850

Source: CMA

#### **Right Issues**

There were no right issues during the period under review.

Table 6: Right Issues 2006-June 2024

	Shares on Issue			Sum Raised	
Company	(Mn)	Date of Issue	Offer Price	KShs. Mn	Subscription level
DTB	15.53	2006	50.00	2,305.81	297%
OLYMPIA	30.00	2007	14.00	428.40	102%
DTB	23.29	2007	70.00	2,902.06	178%
NIC BANK	16.48	2007	70.00	1,719.17	149%
HFCK	115.00	2008	20.00	2,369.00	103%
KCB	221.78	2008	25.00	8,122.02	146%
KCB	887.11	2010	17.00	12,500.00	83%
TPSEA	24.70	2010	48.00	1,185.69	135%
STANCHART	15.11	2010	165.45	2,499.84	161%
KPLC	488.63	2010	19.50	9,830.34	103%
KQ	1,477.17	2012	14.00	14,487.95	70%
DTB	24.46	2012	74.00	3,369.52	186%
NIC	98.72	2012	21.00	7,007.46	338%
CFC STANBIC	121.64	2012	33.00	4,495.72	112%
SCB	22.08	2012	145.00	8,272.93	258%
DTB	22.01	2014	165.00	3,631.65	440%
NIC BANK	42.66	2014	49.25	1,904.03	221%
UCHUMI	99.50	2014	9.00	579.12	184%
HFCK	116.67	2015	30.00	9,011.84	257%
LONGHORN	126.19	2016	4.20	533.00	101%
KENGEN	4,396.72	2016	6.55	28,798.54	92%
CROWN PAINTS	71.18	2021	10.00	809.59	90%
TRANSCENTURY	1,876.01	2022	1.10	828.1	40.13%
TOTAL	10,332.64			127,591.78	

Source: NSE/CMA

#### Bonus Issues

There were no bonus issues during the Financial Year under review.



Table 7: Bonus Issues 2013-June 2024

Company	Date (Month/Year)	Bonus Issue Ratio
Nation Media Group	Mar-13	1:5
Carbacid Investments	Oct-13	1:2
CIC insurance	July-14	1:5
Longhorn Kenya	Sep-2014	3:2
Panafric	Feb-2015	1:2
National Bank	Mar2015	1:10
Jubilee	Mar2015	1:10
Crown Paints	May-2015	2:1
WTK	Jun-2015	1:1
Kapchorua	Jun -2015	1:1
Diamond Trust Bank	Mar-2016	1:10
NSE	Mar-2016	1:3
Jubilee Holdings Limited Uganda Listing	Mar2017	1:10
Cooperative Bank (K) Ltd	Mar2017	1:5
National Bank of Kenya	Apr2017	1:10
Flame Tree Group	Apr2017	1:10
NIC Bank	Mar-2018	1:10
HFCK	Mar-2018	1:10
1&M Holdings	Mar2019	1:1
Kenya-Re	July-2019	3:1
Car & General (K)	Jan-2022	1:1
KENYA RE INSURANCE	30-May-24	1:1

Source: NSE/CMA

#### **Share Buybacks**

#### **Nation Media Group PLC**

Nation Media Group PLC successfully completed a share buyback programme conducted through the Nairobi Securities Exchange from 3 July 2023 to 12 June 2024. The Company repurchased 19,029,516 ordinary shares, equaling 10% of its adjusted issued share capital, achieving complete success. This reduces the Company's issued share capital to 171,265,647 ordinary shares available for trading on the NSE, with all repurchased shares now held as Treasury shares.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Centum Investment Company PLC**

Centum Share buyback programme commenced on Friday 6, February 2023 and was scheduled to conclude on, Friday, 2 August 2024. Capital Markets Authority further granted approval for the extension of the Share Buyback Program up to the Company's next Annual General Meeting date proposed to be held 20 September 2024. Under this programme, the Company has the option but not the obligation to acquire up to 66,544,178 Ordinary Shares, representing up to approximately 10% of the company's issued share capital at the buyback reference date from the shareholders at the buyback price in accordance with the buyback conditions.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Stock Splits**

<sup>3</sup> NMG Investor Relations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Centum Shareholder Information

Table 8: Stock Splits 2006-June 2023

Company	Date (Month/Year)	Share Split Ratio
Centum	Oct-o6	10:1
Barclays	Nov-o6	1:5
Sasini	Dec-o6	5:1
CMC Holdings	Jan-o7	10:1
КСВ	Mar-o7	10:1
Nation Media Group	Mar-o8	2:1
Equity Bank	Feb-o9	1:10
KenolKobil	May-10	10:1
KPLC	Oct-10	1:8
ARM	May-12	5:1
City Trust	Jan-13	5:1
Carbacid Investments	Oct-13	1:5
Limuru Tea	May-15	1:2
Kenya Airways	Nov-17	1:20

Source: NSE/CMA

#### SECONDARY MARKETS

In the financial year ended June 2024, the equity market capitalization increased by 2.66 per cent to **Kshs.1,710.64 billion**, up from **Kshs.1,666.29 billion** recorded in the financial year ended June 2023. The Shares traded, and NSE 20 share index also increased by 23.35 per cent and 5.18 per cent respectively. However, the equity turnover declined by 23.06 per cent to close the financial year a KShs. 76.48 billion. In the Bond market, the bond turnover increased significantly by 67.74 per cent from **KShs.665.15 billion** reported at the end of financial year 2022/23 to KShs. 1,115.74 billion recorded at the end of FY 2023/24.

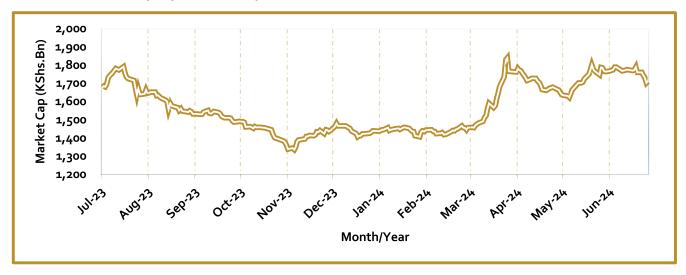
Table 9: Key Market Indicators statistics for FY 2023/24

Month/Year	Volume (Mn)	Equity Turnover (KShs. Bn)	NSE20- Share Index	Market Capitalisation (KShs. Bn)	Total Bond Turnover (KShs. Bn)
FY 2022/23	3,309	99.40	1,574.92	1,666.29	665.15
July-23	417	7.63	1,577.25	1,642.71	56.84
August-23	241	4.38	1,540.16	<b>1,</b> 544.94	50.62
September-23	424	5.22	1,508.75	1,487.67	88.73
October-23	329	4.84	1,461.07	1,383.61	36.19
November-23	275	3.69	1,495.58	1,436.27	47.20
December-23	208	3.28	1,501.16	1,439.02	54-35
January-24	152	2.69	1,508.86	1,440.14	60.80
February-24	276	4.61	1,535.89	1,445.06	271.25
March-24	670	11.78	1,752.43	1,766.95	126.15
April-24	301	7.33	1,690.98	1,664.54	97.60
May-24	510	16.04	1,722.49	1,765.15	124.25
June-24	279	5.02	1,656.50	1,710.64	101.75
FY 2023/24	4,081	<del>7</del> 6.48	1,656.50	1,710.64	1,115.74
Change %	23.35%	23.06%	5.18%	2.66%	67.74%

Green-Positive; Red-Negative; Source: NSE

#### **Market Capitalization**

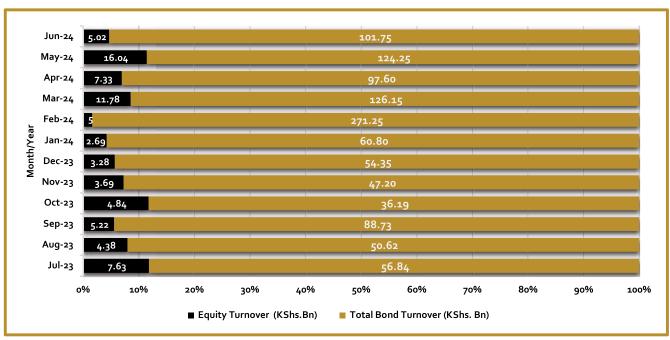
Table 10:Trend in Equity Market Capitalization in the FY 2023/24



Source: NSE

**Equity and Bond Turnover** 

Figure 3: Kenya's Bond and Equity Turnover during FY 2023/24

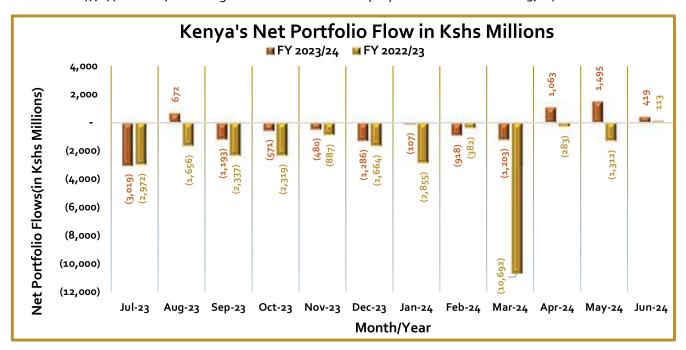


Source: CMA



#### **Foreign Investors Portfolio**

The financial year ending June 2024 recorded foreign purchases worth KShs.41,950 million and foreign sales worth KShs.47,077 million, resulting in a cumulative net equity outflow worth KShs.5,127 million.



#### **Corporate Actions**

Table 11: Corporate Actions within FY 2023/24

Security	Date	Corporate Action	Amount (KShs)/Ratio
B.A.T KENYA	Jul-23-19	Interim Dividend	KES 5.00
EAST AFRICAN BREWERIES	Jul-23-28	Final Dividend	KES 1.75
CENTUM	Jul-23-28	Final Dividend	KES o.6o
STANBIC HOLDINGS PLC	Aug-23-10	Interim Dividend	KES 1.15
UMEME LIMITED	Aug-23-21	Interim Dividend	Ushs. 24
NCBA GROUP PLC	Aug-23-24	Interim Dividend	KES 1.75
ABSA BANK KENYA PLC	Aug-23-29	Interim Dividend	KES 0.20
JUBILEE HOLDINGS LIMITED	Aug-23-31	Interim Dividend	KES 2.00
CARBACID INVESTMENTS PLC	Oct-23-25	Final Dividend	KES 1.70
KENGEN CO. PLC	Oct-23-27	First & Final Dividend	KES 0.30
BK GROUP PLC	Nov-23-9	Interim Dividend	FRw. 8.44
WILLIAMSON TEA KENYA PLC	Nov-23-17	Interim Dividend	KES 10.00
KAPCHORUA TEA KENYA PLC	Nov-23-17	Interim Dividend	KES 10.00
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK KENYA LTD	Nov-23-22	Interim Dividend	KES 6.00
SASINI PLC	Jan-24-8	Final Dividend	KES 0.50
EAST AFRICAN BREWERIES PLC	Jan-24-26	Interim Dividend	KES 1.00
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO KENYA PLC	Feb-24-15	Final Dividend	KES 45.00
SAFARICOM PLC	Feb-24-22	Interim Dividend	KES 0.55
STANBIC HOLDINGS PLC	Mar-24-6	Final Dividend	KES 14.20
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK KENYA LTD	Mar-24-12	Final Dividend	KES 23.00
ABSA BANK KENYA PLC	Mar-24-18	Final Dividend	KES 1.35

Security	Date	Corporate Action	Amount (KShs)/Ratio
LIBERTY KENYA HOLDINGS	Mar-24-18	Final Dividend	KES 0.37
KAKUZI PLC	Mar-24-20	Final Dividend	KES 24.00
THE CO-OPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA LTD ORD	Mar-24-21	First & Final Dividend	KES 1.50
LIMURUTEA	Mar-24-25	Final Dividend	KES 1.00
UMEME	Mar-24-25	Final Dividend	Ushs.54.20
I&M GROUP	Mar-24-25	First & Final Dividend	KES 2.55
DIAMOND TRUST BANK KENYA LTD	Mar-24-27	Final Dividend	KES 6.00
EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS PLC	Mar-24-27	Final Dividend	KES 4.00
NCBA GROUP PLC	Mar-24-27	Final Dividend	KES 3.00
NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE	Apr-24-2	First & Final Dividend	KES 0.16
BAMBURI CEMENT PLC	Apr-24-17	First & Final Dividend	KES 5.47
TOTALENERGIES MARKETING KENYA	Apr-24-29	First & Final Dividend	KES 1.92
B.O.C Kenya	Apr-24-30	First & Final Dividend	KES 6.05
BK GROUP	May-24-7	Final Dividend	Frw. 24.18
SAFARICOM	May-24-9	Final Dividend	KES 0.65
CIC INSURANCE GRO	May-24-14	First & Final Dividend	KES 0.13
LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT	May-24-21	First & Final Dividend	KES 0.57
KENYA RE INSURANCE	May-24-30	Final Dividend	KES 0.30
KENYA RE INSURANCE	May-24-30	Bonus Issue	1:1
JUBILEE HOLDINGS LTD	May-24-30	Final Dividend	KES 10.00
JUBILEE HOLDINGS LTD	May-24-30	Special Dividend	KES 2.30
WILLIAMSON TEA KENYA PLC	Jun-24-28	Final Dividend	KES 15.00
KAPCHORUA TEA KENYA PLC	Jun-24-28	Final Dividend	KES 15.00

Source: NSE

#### **Research Papers & Surveys**

Every financial year, the Authority prepares and publishes research papers on a wide range of issues, products, services, infrastructure, and/or challenges that have an impact on the performance of capital markets in Kenya. In addition, the department publishes period reports such as the capital markets Quarterly Statistical Bulletin.

During the 2032-24 Financial Year the department prepared the following research and strategic papers:

## a) CONTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL MARKETS SECTOR TO THE KENYAN ECONOMY

The Authority utilized data from the 2021 FinAccess survey and other relevant sources to investigate factors influencing capital market

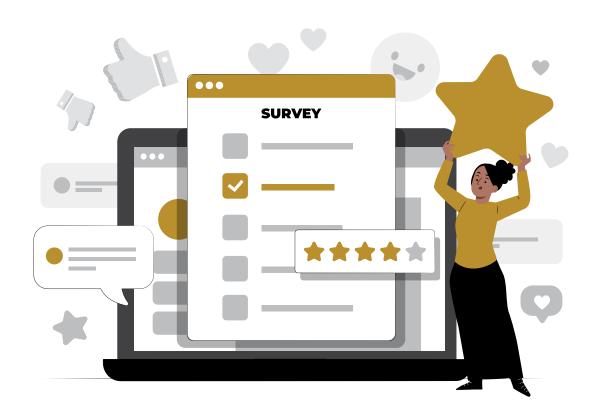
investment in Kenya. Findings highlight a reliance on informal savings, with formal options like bank accounts and SACCOs less popular, particularly among lower-income groups. The study reveals that the pension and insurance sectors predominantly invest in government securities, with pensions allocating 60.01% of funds to capital markets. Additionally, it notes that SACCOs increased their capital market exposure, with government securities comprising 22.4% of their investments in 2022, up from 4.28% in 2020. The paper recommends strengthening regulatory frameworks, diversifying investments, promoting REITs, integrating technology, engaging the informal sector, ensuring robust corporate governance, and fostering green financing to advance Kenya's capital markets.

# b) A SURVEY ON THE CAPITAL MARKET STAKEHOLDER SEGMENTATION APPROACH IN FOSTERING IMPROVED UPTAKE OF CAPITAL MARKET PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The Capital Markets Authority conducted a survey aiming to inform on capital markets stakeholders' segmentation. The survey respondents were sampled from; Busia County, Kericho County, and Kisii County. The survey recommended the capital markets stakeholders' segmentation, which includes Intermediaries, Government, Regulators, Financial Intermediaries, Academia, Investors, Media, and Development Partners. In addition, the survey proposed a focused approach in engaging with stakeholders, aiming to address the unique requirements of each segment through tailored objectives and expected outcomes.

# c) AN ANALYTICAL REVIEW ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY RESOURCE CENTRE AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

The Capital Markets Authority evaluated its resource centre's effectiveness in supporting knowledge management, noting significant growth in book collections with fluctuating borrowing patterns, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. External users, mainly professionals and students, utilize the resource centre for research, particularly online resources, and financial reports, indicating high satisfaction. Recommendations from the study include developing a comprehensive strategy to promote and raise awareness about its services, expanding subscription offerings to include reputable periodicals, expediting the formulation of a Knowledge Management Strategy, and ensuring the maintenance of modern computer facilities.



#### PEOPLE AND CULTURE

The People and Culture (P&C) function is pivotal in ensuring that the Authority has the right mix of skills and talents to effectively fulfill its mandate. Collaborating with other departments, the P&C function delivers innovative solutions across several key areas: Recruitment and Selection, Learning and Development (L&D), Performance and Productivity Management, Employee Wellness, and Recognition and Reward. Through these efforts, the department not only supports the Authority's operational needs but also contributes to building a skilled, motivated and engaged workforce driving the overall success and effectiveness of the institution.

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA)acknowledges the significant challenges posed by youth unemployment in Kenya and is committed to addressing it through targeted initiatives. In partnership with the Public Service Commission (PSC). In that respect, CMA participates in the Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP), which offers young graduates valuable work-based skills and experience over a 12-month period. During the year under review, the Authority hosted eleven (11) interns, providing hands-on training in key areas of capital markets development and regulation. This exposure is designed to enhance their employability and equip them with practical skills for their future careers. To further support their professional growth, the interns were engaged in a mentorship programme, where senior officers from within the Authority were assigned to provide guidance and development, which offered valuable learning opportunities and insights into the industry.

The Authority remains dedicated to ensuring staff deliver their outputs efficiently and effectively. In alignment with the Government's directive for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to institutionalize productivity measurement, CMA developed a comprehensive Productivity Improvement Strategy (PIS). This strategy aims to embed a culture of productivity by identifying key areas for improvement and and guiding the Board and Management in sustained performance. To advance these goals, CMA collaborated with the National Productivity and Competitiveness Centre (NPCC) to map out areas of productivity improvement.

This partnership has been instrumental in aligning workforce efforts with the Authority's core mandate and promoting a productive work environment. The Board and Management acknowledge the vital role of a high- performing workforce in achieving significant national socio-economic outcomes and are committed to ongoing improvements in productivity.

During the financial year 2023/24, the Authority's productivity index was 3.382 out of a total possible score of 5, implying a Very High productivity level. The Authority has a robust Performance Management System (PMS) designed to effectively evaluate and enhance employee performance in achieving CMA's mission-critical outcomes. The P&C function oversees this system, ensuring that staff receive the necessary support to set clear and actionable annual performance targets. Throughout the year, the P & C function facilitated structured mid-year and full year performance reviews through the Annual Capability Review (ACR) tool.

CMA is dedicated to fostering both technical and soft skills development among its staff to address evolving business needs and organizational success. During the year under review, the People and Culture (P&C) function effectively managed limited budgetary resources to enhance staff capabilities to CMA's strategic objectives. Specifically, funds were allocated to support Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for employees affiliated with various professional bodies including but not limited to: the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), the Institute of Human Resources Management (IHRM), and the Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts (ICIFA), among others. This investment in professional development aimed to ensure that staff remain current with industry standards and best practices. In the year about 49 staff attended CPD programs with various professional bodies. In addition, the Authority made significant investments in enhancing supervisory and management skills through targeted programs at the Kenya School of Government (KSG). These programs included courses on supervisory skills development, senior management courses and Strategic leadership

development courses. CMA aims to build a strong leadership pipeline and enhance overall management capabilities thereby supporting its long-term

strategic goals. A total of fifty-one (51) employees attended the courses during the period.

Below is a tabular representation of the utilization of the learning and development budget:

Training Budget Line	Allocation
Annual professional membership subscriptions	1,200,000
Corporate wide trainings	6,700,000
Inhouse trainings and programs	2,000,000
Academic/developmental courses/programs	2,300,000
Learning Management System/eLearning	2,000,000
Technical & Behavioural development	55,800,000
Total	70,000,000

Effective employee communication is essential in the workplace as it enhances employee morale, engagement, productivity, and satisfaction while also fostering improved teamwork and collaboration. During the year under review, the People and Culture (P&C) function rolled out innovative communication strategies to ensure that staff were well-informed about key organizational news and events. A primary communication channel was the monthly e-shot, JULISHA, which featured topical P&C updates and essential news. This regular newsletter helped keep staff engaged and updated on important matters. Additionally, the P&C function collaborated with the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to plan and conduct regular staff meetings. These meetings were designed to share significant updates and facilitate open dialogue between staff and leadership.

During the year, the Authority provided all 107 staff, their dependants and 22 staff serving on short term contracts with comprehensive medical cover entailing both inpatient and outpatient covers. The Authority is dedicated to enhancing staff well-being through its comprehensive Employee Wellness Programme (EWP). The EWP offers a range of benefits, including confidential counselling services and access to treatment and rehabilitation for those in need. Throughout the year, the P&C function organized several events focused on general and mental health awareness, featuring specialists who provided valuable insights and support. These events aimed to equip staff with knowledge and resources to better manage their health and well-being.

The Authority's personnel cost to revenue ratio stood at 52%. Strategies/actions were developed to reduce the ratio to 35% by June 2028 in line with the resolutions of the third National Wage Bill Conference held on 15- 17 April 2024 at the Bomas of Kenya.

And as part of its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, CMA collaborated with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) to provide valuable work experience opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. During the year, CMA offered student attachments to six (6) individuals with disabilities for a three-month period. These six (6) attaches were placed across various functions within CMA, allowing them to gain hands-on experience and develop essential work-based skills. This initiative is designed to enhance their employability and provide them with practical exposure to professional environments.

Over the year, the Authority recorded a staff turnover rate of 8.49%, an improvement from 10.42% the previous year. The Authority is taking deliberate steps to retain talented staff through these initiatives:

- 1) Enhanced Employee Engagement
- 2) Mentorship and Coaching Programs
- 3) Health and Wellness Programs
- 4) Management and Leadership Development
- 5) Internal Mobility Opportunities
- 6) Employee Assistance Programs
- 7) Team Building Activities

#### **SPOT COMMODITY MARKET**

Coffee sub-sector reforms progressed well during the financial year 2023-2024. During this period, the number of licensed coffee brokers increased from 12 to 18 as at the end of the 2023-2024 financial year. The six newly licensed coffee brokers are; Nandi Coffee Cooperative Union Brokers, Baringo Kawa Brokerage Company Ltd, Meru South Coffee Marketing Company Ltd, Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage Company Ltd, Coffee Estates Bourgeoise Brokers Limited and Minnesota Coffee Marketers being the latest brokerage companies to be issued with a coffee brokers' license. The twelve others licensed in previous years include; Mt. Elgon Coffee Marketing Agency, United Eastern Kenya Coffee Marketing Ltd, Murang'a County Coffee Dealers Co. Ltd, Meru County Coffee Marketing Agency, Kipkelyon Brokerage Company Ltd, Kinya Coffee Marketing Agency Ltd, Kiambu Coffee Marketing Company Ltd, Alliance Berries Ltd, Bungoma Union Marketing Agency Ltd, Embu Coffee Farmer Marketing Agency Ltd, New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union PLC, KCCE Marketing Agency Ltd. It is important to note that out of the eighteen licensed coffee brokers, fourteen are owned by Coffee Cooperatives Unions from major coffee growing regions giving coffee growers especially cooperatives a chance to access the NCE and sell their own coffee.



The interim board of the Nairobi coffee Exchange (NCE Working Committee) was constituted by the Cabinet Secretary-Cooperatives through a Gazette Notice CXXV-No. 257 of 8 December 2023 for a period up to 31 December 2024. The gazette notice came with the terms of reference, which included a requirement on recruitment of competent personnel to run the exchange. The working committee should also put all mechanism to transform NCE from an auction service provider to full fledge self-regulatory exchange under Capital Markets Authority Act.

NCE was reopened on 15 August 2023 by the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Rigathi Gachagua, to usher in the NCE trading under the new coffee regulatory framework, that is, the Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations, 2020 and the Crops (Coffee) (General) Regulations, 2019. Prior to the this, the NCE had been on recess from May 2023 and delayed reopening due to transition issues

to the farmer-centric policy reforms. CMA Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah, also graced the reopening event. Ahead of the NCE reopening, the Cooperative Bank of Kenya was onboarded as the Direct Settlement System (DSS) provider. Cooperative Bank received a 'no-objection' approval from the Central Bank of Kenya.

Total volumes traded at NCE and settled through the Direct Settlement System have continued to increase. As of 30 June 2024, a total of 574,961 bags of coffee valued at USD 158,472,730 were traded and settled through the Direct Settlement System since reopening of the NCE trading on 15 August 2023.

To improve the regulatory oversight of coffee subsector, the Authority benchmarked the East African Tea Trade Association in June 2024. Key lessons learnt include the adversity of price controls from the Government through setting of price floors (minimum price). Setting of a price floor of \$2.43 per Kg of made tea without considering market forces of demand and supply and quality issues has resulted in over 700,000 bags of tea unsold for the past two years. This tea accrued warehousing costs as the quality deteriorate at the expense of tea growers. Coffee sector players are therefore advised against focusing on minimum price fixing and work more on a transparent and efficient coffee subsector value chain for sustainability purposes.







#### CAPITAL MARKETS FRAUD **INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Capital Markets Fraud Investigations Unit (CMFIU) is a specialized Unit derived from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations of the National Police Service. The Unit conducts criminal investigations of cases that fall under the Capital Markets Authority. The Unit works closely with the Directorate of Market Operations (DMO) of the Capital Market Authority on matters of investigation, coordination, and information sharing. The Unit has a two-way reporting mechanism to the Chief Executive Officer, Capital Markets Authority, and to the Director of Criminal Investigations.

#### **CRIME TRENDS**

During the financial year 2023/2024, there was an increase in offences relating to carrying out business in collective investment schemes and online trading without a license.

#### SUMMARY OF CURRENT CASES

YEAR	PBC	PUI	PAKA	REFERED TO DMO FOR ENFORCEMENT	TOTAL	DECREASE BY	INCREASE BY	FINALISED	CLOSED NFPA
2014	5	20	3	2	30	-	-	3	
2015	6	22	4	-	30	-	-	4	
2016	6	10	2	1	19	11		5	
2017	4	13	2	2	21		2	0	
2018	7	14	5	1	17	4		14	
2019	3	16	2	1	22		5	11	2
2020	6	18	3	2	29		7	3	1
2021	7	17	6	-	30	-	1	5	1
2022	9	22	1	-	32	-	2	-	3
2023	11	12	-	1	24	8	-	4	1
2024	6	14	1	1	22	2	-	-	-
Total	67	180	30	11	278				

#### **GLOSSARY**

PBC..... Pending Before Court PUI..... Pending Under Investigation Pending Arrest of Known Accused PAKA.....

ENFORCEMENT..... Referred to Directorate of Market Operations for administrative Action

The files that have been closed after judgement from court FINALIZED.....

NFPA..... Files Closed No Further Police Action

#### **CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

The Authority through the Corporate Affairs and International Relations function develops and implements communication strategies to ensure that the Authority's brand is appropriately positioned among all capital markets industry stakeholders. As such, the department supports units within the organization to achieve intermediate strategic outcomes determined for the Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Communication strategies were designed to support outcomes related to all strategic objectives. A mix of communication tools were employed to maximize the value and impact of stakeholder engagements in support of the Authority's desired outcomes.

The Authority continues to leverage mutually beneficial media relationships to ensure that the corporate messages from the Authority are well received and shared with the diverse stakeholders. The Authority engaged journalists primarily by responding to their enquiries, disseminating announcements through press releases, organizing press briefings and one-on-one interviews with the Chief Executive Officer and staff.

Social media continues to be a critical tool used to engage investors and communicate developments from the Authority through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

#### Information Sharing

The Authority disseminated information and updates on a wide range of capital markets issues such as license approvals and other securities issuances as well admissions and exits from the Regulatory Sandbox. Several reports have been published and circulated including the State of Corporate Governance Report, the Capital Markets Statistical Bulletin, and the Capital Markets Soundness Report.

#### Corporate Social Investment and Sustainability

As a good corporate citizen, CMA participated in projects to sustain its social and environmental capital. This year alone, we planted 4,500 tree seedlings at the Ngong Forest, Bomas Block in partnership with Kenya Forest Service (KFS). To date, a total of 8,810 trees have been planted since our partnership with KFS started in 2013. Bi-annual reports about the growth and maintenance of the trees were shared with the Ministry of Environment as part of our commitment to the Government's agenda of planting 15 billion trees in 10 years from 2022.

#### **International Affairs**

The Authority engaged its peer regulators around the world through the capital markets standard setting body - International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The Authority participated in IOSCO's Annual Meeting and its Africa Middle-East Regional Committee Annual Meeting. Besides, CMA hosted the East African Securities Regulatory Authorities in May 2024. In addition, staff from Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) Botswana and Capital Markets and Securities Authority, Tanzania were hosted in Nairobi for a benchmarking exercise which involved engagement with various capital market industry players on areas of mutual interest.

#### MARKET DEEPENING DEPARTMENT

The Authority's Market Deepening Department is charged with the responsibility of initiating and implementing efforts and actions aimed at supporting market development which is one of the key mandates of the Authority. The Department oversees the process of creating an enabling environment for stakeholders to access capital through capital markets, as a springboard to facilitating innovation, diversification development and ultimate improved uptake of capital market products and services. During the year under review, the following activities were executed, to improve product uptake.

#### 1. The Global Credit Ratings Workshop

On April 23, 2024, the Authority participated in the Global Credit Ratings (GCR) East Africa and a Fund Managers Round Table event. The event facilitated by GCR East Africa was themed 'Challenges and Opportunities in the Kenyan Funds Market' and brought together industry stakeholders including the fund management industry.

#### 2. The Trustees' Forum hosted by Enwealth

On August 26, 2023, the Authority took part as a presenter at the Enwealth Investment Expo organized by Enwealth Financial Services. The forum themed 'Unpacking Financial Well-being' brought together key players in the financial sector to empower individuals towards financial security by fostering financial literacy and providing insights into investment opportunities. It was a platform through which participants explored various saving and investment avenues such as pension plans, money market instruments, government securities, stocks, and other significant facets of financial planning.

#### 3. The County Green Bond Validation

In collaboration with FSD Kenya, the Authority undertook County Green bonds validation workshops, Adaptation Consortium, NSE and Agusto & Co, with the aim of giving feedback on the outcomes of the assessments conducted previously for projects that would qualify for financing through green bonds. The workshops also deepened the understanding on green bonds and the opportunities for counties to utilize green bonds to raise additional funding to support their development agenda.

- i. On **October 2, 2023,** the Authority participated in the Makueni Green bonds validation workshop.
- ii. On **October 11 & 12, 2023**, the Authority participated in Vihiga & Kisumu Counties Green Bonds validation workshops.
- iii. On **November 14, 2023,** the Authority participated in the Nairobi County Green Bonds validation workshop.
- iv. On **November 16 & 17, 2023,** the Authority participated in Embu & Laikipia Counties Green Bonds validation workshops.

#### 4. The 4th Annual National Capital Markets SME forum.

The Authority executed the 4th Annual National Capital Markets SME forum on 20 September 2023. The forum which was themed 'Leveraging Technology Through to Ease Barriers of Entry into The Capital Markets' brought together stakeholders and provided an avenue for an understanding on the technological options available to SMEs that wish to access capital through capital markets.



#### 5. The NSE REITS Roundtable

On August 31, 2023, the Authority participated at the NSE REITs roundtable on 'The Use of REITs for Kenya's Affordable Housing Agenda.' The roundtable brought together capital markets intermediaries, pension fund schemes, law firms, REITs issuers, potential issuers, property developers and Government entities to discuss how REITs could be best utilized to support the delivery of the Government's affordable housing commitment. Additionally, a REITS conference was organized by the REITs Association of Kenya between October 30, 2023 & November 2, 2023. The conference themed "Building momentum & unlocking the power of REITs in East Africa" brought together local and regional REITs experts. During the conference, they delved into the challenges & opportunities for growing investments in real estate through REITs. During the forum, the Authority participated as a panellist on the regulatory environment for REITs.



#### 6. Participation at the 3rd Credit Rating Agencies Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia

On March 26, 2024 the Authority actively participated both as a moderator and a Panel discussant at the 3rd Meeting of the Africa Network of National Regulators on Credit Rating Agencies, facilitated by the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Lusaka. The workshop was executed with the aim of leveraging and harnessing knowledge on rating landscape, from African regulators encouraging the exchange of information and experiences regarding matters of credit ratings for the ultimate establishment of the Africa Credit Rating Agency (ACRA).





# 7. The ISSB President's workshop on the adoption of the IFRS1 & IFRS2 standards in the Kenyan market.

On March 18, 2024, alongside the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) & the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the Authority hosted the ISSB President's workshop on the adoption of IFRS1 & IFRS2 standards in the Kenyan market. The ISSB IFRS S1 and S2 standards capacity building forum was graced by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Chair, Mr. Emmanuel Faber and brought together diverse stakeholders including the IFRS foundation, Public Sector Accounting Standards Board, ICPAK and stakeholders in the capital markets ecosystem including listed companies. The forum culminated in a bell ringing session at the Nairobi Securities Exchange and a meeting with the President of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. The President commended the institutions' efforts towards sustainable finance noting that Kenya is keen to work with the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) to mainstream climate change as a component of financial disclosures. He termed the ISSB President's visit as inspirational for African countries to accelerate the momentum of implementing the ISSB sustainability-related financial disclosure standards. He further noted that adopting the standards will scale up the integration of environmental and social elements in many organizations' governance, business models, and reporting practices which are key pillars to increasing value creation and providing comprehensive and consistent information required to unlock more sustainable capital necessary to achieve the Africa we want.

#### 8. Participation at the Water & Sanitation Investment Conference 2024 (WASIC)

The Capital Markets Authority participated in the Water & Sanitation Investors Conference 2024, organized by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation and Water fund between March 6 & 8, 2024. The conference themed "Accelerating Investments for Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation for All" aimed at accelerating investments in the water sector and bridge the financing gap to universal access. It brought together stakeholders and participants from Governmental Institutions, Foreign Missions, Development Partners, Financing Institutions, National and International Investors, Private Sector and the Business Community, Non-Governmental Organizations, Research and Academic Institutions, and other state and non-state water and sanitation actors. The Authority participated as a presenter and panel discussant on 'Policy & regulation around capital markets to actualize investments in the water sector'.

#### 9. Absa Institutional Investor Economic Conference

The Authority partnered with the Absa Bank Kenya PLC during the inaugural Institutional Investor Economic Forum, targeting the local institutional clients on February 27, 2024. The Conference brought together local institutional investors with an aim of creating awareness on alternative investment streams and sharing views of the market on the country's current macro environment. The Chief Executive Officer graced the conference by providing opening remarks and the Director Policy & Market Development participated in a panel on how to drive depth into alternative investments within the pensions & capital markets industries.

#### 10. The Kakamega International Investment Conference 2024

On 19-22 March 2024, the Authority participated at the Kakamega International Investment Conference 2024 at the Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology in Kakamega. The conference themed *Opening up Counties as the New Frontiers for Investment & Development* and graced by His Excellency the President, Dr. William Ruto, brought together diverse stakeholders including the National Government, Ministries, Government agencies, County Governments, the Council of Governors, representatives of diplomatic missions, the banking industry, the private sector and capital markets players. As part of its effort to encourage county financing through the capital markets, the Authority participated as a panellist in a session on *Unlocking Economic Growth: Leveraging Municipal Securities for County Financing*.

#### 11. Islamic Finance workshops for Scholars and Stakeholders

The Authority hosted the Islamic Finance workshops for Scholars and Stakeholders on 4 & 5 October 2023 and 30 April 2024 bringing together key stakeholders Islamic Finance stakeholders as well as Islamic Finance experts and scholars. The three workshops were conducted with the objective of nurturing better appreciation and comprehension of Islamic finance, its practical implementation, and the role it could play in Kenya's economic progress.

The scholars' workshop themed "Kenya's Islamic finance journey - building knowledge resilience for the future" brought together local & international scholars to discuss the latest developments in Islamic finance whilst identifying challenges & opportunities. The workshop's goal was to build knowledge resilience and ensure that Kenya is well-positioned to take advantage of the opportunities in this growing sector. The stakeholders' workshop themed "Training stakeholders for improved uptake - opportunities and challenges in Islamic finance" was designed to take stakeholders through a comprehensive overview of Islamic finance with an aim of improving their understanding of the industry, while encouraging improved uptake of Islamic finance products and services. The Islamic Finance Workshop themed "Islamic Finance in Kenya-What are the next steps" The objective of the workshop was to update stakeholders on the pending issues on the implementation of the Islamic products into the capital markets, the journey and the steps so far accomplished including but not limited to the ongoing review of the Islamic Finance Q&A book. Updates on the status of the review of the Islamic Finance Q&A book as well as the anticipated date of completion of the process which should include stakeholders' engagement/exposure to align with the objective of adapting the book as Kenyan version for the Islamic products was made.



# 12. The Kenya Association of Manufactures in the 2023 6th & 3rd editions of the Changamka Festival

The Authority partnered with the Kenya Association of Manufactures in the 2023 6th & 3rd editions of the Changamka Festival between October 31, 2023 – November 3, 2023, and November 30, 2023 – December 2, 2023, in Nairobi & Mombasa Counties, respectively. The Authority participated as an exhibitor and utilized the platform to engage with potential issuers specifically from the manufacturing sector on the capital raising opportunities within the capital markets and investors on the investment opportunities availed by the capital markets to encourage the uptake of capital markets products & services.

#### 13. The National Housing Corporation 70th Anniversary

The Authority participated as an exhibitor at the National Housing Corporation 70th Anniversary on 27 May 2024, at the Bomas of Kenya in Nairobi. The event was graced by the presence of Ms. Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development, and Mr. Felix Koskei, Chief of Staff & Head of Public Service. The event saw the launch of the Corporation's FY2023/2027 Strategic Plan, which focuses on five key result areas including Housing, Financial, Estate Management, Research & Innovation, and Corporate Sustainability with a key focus of constructing 110,000 of the one million affordable housing units the government aims to build by the end of the financial year 2027/2028. The event provided an opportunity for companies to exhibit their products and provided the Authority an opportunity to interact with the investing public on investment opportunities availed by the capital markets.

# 14. The Capital Markets Consultative Forum for CEOs of key capital markets intermediaries and other key representatives

The Authority hosted the Capital Markets Industry Leaders Forum on 3rd April 2024. The forum brought together key industry leaders in the capital markets industry with the primary objective of having a dialogue on the state of Kenya's capital markets and strategies for the future.

#### The forum:

- i. Took stock of the country's capital markets performance up to date and proposed ways to manage pain points.
- ii. Received feedback on key areas of regulatory focus on AML/CFT matters.
- iii. Provided a concrete way forward on the initiatives that need to be implemented, to improve the industry's performance, while seeking to address the key issues raised.

#### 15. Capital Markets Deep Dive workshop.

The Authority hosted the inaugural Capital Markets Deep Dive workshop with key stakeholders including transaction advisors and potential issuers on May 22nd, 2024, themed "Encouraging increased issuer participation through optimized issuance processes and procedures in 2024". The session was not only a deliberate effort to interest new stakeholders in Kenya's capital markets, but also aimed at meeting one of management's key obligations in the new 2023-28 capital markets industry's Strategic Plan.

The forum was an excellent stage that facilitated candid conversations on the challenges that transaction advisors and potential issuers have been dealing with, aiming to foster enhanced participation in the capital markets.





## APPROVALS, ANALYSIS, AND ISSUER GOVERNANCE

#### Introduction

The Approvals, Analysis, and Issuer Governance Department (AAIG) plays a critical role in ensuring that the Authority meets its objectives of protecting investor interests, ensuring that the capital markets are fair, efficient, and transparent, and reducing systemic risk. The Department contributes to these objectives by reviewing requests for approval for issuance of securities and related transactions, licensing, monitoring the financial performance of regulated entities, and assessing compliance of licensed entities and issuers of securities with the applicable corporate governance guidelines.

#### a). Financial Analysis and Reporting Division

The Authority continues to monitor listed companies and market intermediaries' compliance with financial resource requirements as stipulated in the various Capital Markets Regulations and Guidelines. This entails the review of periodic financial statements submitted to the Authority by listed companies and Licensed entities, including Collective Investment Schemes. Other reports reviewed by the division include the corporate bond returns by issuers of debt securities; use of proceeds report by issuers of securities to the public, among other financial information. Additionally, at the point of licensing or approvals, the division reviews companies' financial information to ensure their compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the other applicable Regulations.

#### **Key Highlights**

1. Corporate Bonds: As of 30 June 2024, there were five active bond issuers, including Acorn Project Two LLP, East African Breweries PLC, Real People Kenya Limited, Family Bank Limited, and Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company. The total outstanding amount of bond issues was Kshs. 19.2 billion. Fund Managers and nominee accounts held the largest proportion of the corporate bonds at Kshs. 17.5 billion representing 64% of the outstanding corporate bonds in issue. The banks, investment companies, insurance companies, and individuals held the remaining 27%. The table below shows the issuers with their holdings:

Issuer	Outstanding Amount	Maturity date
Acorn Project Two LLP	2,688,800,000	08-Nov-24
Real People MTN	390,930,000	28-Feb-25
EABL Fixed MTN	11,000,000,000	29-Oct-26
Family Bank MTN	4,000,000,000	18-Dec-26
Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company	1,109,630,850	23-Feb-29
Total	19,189,360,850	

- 2. Assets Under Management by Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) and Non-CIS: As at 30 June 2024, there were 36 approved Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) made up of 150 funds. The most popular fund was the Money Market Fund. Other funds include Fixed Income Funds, Equity Funds, Balanced Funds, and Special Funds. As of June 30, 2024, the total assets under management by the Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) amounted to Kshs. 254.06 billion, being a 44% increase from Kshs. 175.99 billion reported as of June 30, 2023. The total assets under management outside the CIS structure as of June 30, 2024, amounted to Kshs. 2.6 trillion.
- 3. On June 26, 2024, the Authority conducted a sensitization workshop for fund managers, custodians, and trustees on the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023, and Capital Markets (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2023. The aim of the workshop was to highlight the key

changes brought about by the new Regulations and provide a platform for discussion on implementation of the new Regulations.

- 4. In the full year ended December 31, 2023, licensees reported a total income of Kshs. 15.4 billion compared with a total income of Kshs. 12. 8 billion reported in the year 2022, which represents a 20% increase. During the same period, the licensed entities reported a cumulative net profit of Kshs. 3.4 billion compared to Kshs. 1.3 billion reported in a similar period in 2022, representing a 158% increase.
- 5. In the full year ended December 31, 2023, licensees registered a net asset position of Kshs. 18.7 billion.
- 6. Commencing January 1, 2023 insurance companies were required to adopt the new standards on insurance contracts, IFRS 17. Because of this new standard, all companies restated their 2022 numbers and materially changed the presentation of the numbers in the Income statements and statement of the financial position. IFRS 17 changes the presentation from a premium-based revenue model to an earnings-based model, where revenue is recognized as the insurer provides services, reflecting the insurance contract's service pattern.
- 7. In FY2023/24, eight (8) companies namely, Homeboyz Entertainment Plc, Umeme PLC, East Africa Cables, Home Afrika, Kenya Airways, ASA D-Reit, Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC, and East Africa Portland Company, recorded a net current liability position. On the other hand, Home Afrika, Kenya Airways, Transcentury, and Eveready reported net liability positions.
- **8.** In FY 2023, the companies in the table below issued profit warnings:

Firm	Reasons
Bamburi Cement PLC	The decline was attributable to the one-off settlement of outstanding tax liabilities and legal disputes in Hima Cement Limited in Uganda as part of the closure of the sale transaction thereby impacting 2023 results.
Eaagads Limited	The reduction was caused by the decrease in the volume of coffee offered to the market. Eaagads sold 276 metric tons of coffee compared to 348 metric tons sold in the previous year.
Car & General (Kenya) PLC	The reduction was attributed to demurrage costs in Tanzania, foreign exchange losses on USD exposures resulting from the strengthening of the USD, and the deterioration of unit economics of motorcycles which had an impact on motorcycle sales.
Crown Paints Kenya PLC	The drop in the Group's performance was attributed to the increased cost of raw materials, increase in transportation costs and volatility in foreign exchange rates
Nation Media Group PLC	The reduction was due to the increase in global prices of newsprint coupled with a strengthened US Dollar and higher distribution costs.
Sameer Africa PLC	The decline was due to the strengthening of the US Dollar. This has seen the Company incur substantial foreign exchange losses for the period arising from the translation of foreign-currency-denominated liabilities.
Sasini PLC	The major challenges during the year were occasioned by the very high cost of production due to unplanned escalation of input costs, the severe drought witnessed in the first six months of the financial year which affected production volumes negatively, lower than expected coffee prices, and the effects of the severe recession in the world commodity markets escalated by geopolitical events and factors that affected the macadamia business.
WPP Scangroup PLC	The reason for the lower expected earnings was due to a continued subdued economic environment that led to cautious spending by clients on advertising, marketing and communications. Further, the Company undertook a comprehensive restructuring programme to right size the cost base and reshape the staff structure, to better deliver against current and future client needs. This led to a one-off severance cost of Kshs 178 million.

#### b). Licensing

The Authority's mission is to regulate and promote the development of an orderly, fair and efficient capital and commodities market that safeguards stakeholder interests. One of the core functions of the Authority in alignment with its mission is to license compliant market intermediaries. In the financial year 2023-2024, the Authority licensed 17 entities, as shown below:



The Authority anticipates that these firms will leverage on the expertise of their key personnel and technological systems to provide quality services to the public and deepen the Kenyan Capital Markets. Nonetheless, the Authority continues to supervise these newly licensed firms, to ensure that they comply with the capital markets legal and regulatory framework in order to promote investor protection.

The Authority is also committed towards supporting the coffee reforms to ensure that coffee is traded in a fair and transparent manner at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange to safeguard interests of all parties concerned and ensure that the coffee farmers get maximum benefit from their produce. The Authority issued full coffee broker licenses to KCCE Coffee Marketing Agency Limited and Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage Company Limited (wholly owned by the Kirinyaga County Cooperative Union Limited). The Authority also issued conditional coffee broker licenses to Minnesota Coffee Marketers Limited, New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU) PLC and Coffee Estates Bourgeoisie Brokers Agency Limited. The Authority extended the

conditional coffee broker licences of Meru South Coffee Marketing Company Limited and Baringo Kawa Brokerage Company Limited.

Notably, the Authority participated in two major coffee sensitization forums, in collaboration with other stakeholders in the coffee industry, to raise awareness among coffee farmers on the coffee reforms and on the Authority's mandate in the coffee sector. During the period between January 9th 2024 and January 18th, 2024, the Authority visited 35 coffee growing counties in Kenya together with the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union to sensitize farmers on:

- i) The Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund;
- ii) The role of the Capital Markets Authority in regulating the Coffee Exchange and licensing coffee brokers; and
- iii) The rights and obligations of coffee growers and cooperative societies under the new coffee regulatory framework.

The Authority also participated in a coffee sensitization forum in 17 coffee growing counties from May 29th 2024 to July 11th 2024 together with Cooperative Bank of Kenya Limited (the current Direct Settlement System provider), New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (NKPCU), the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE), the Agricultural and Food Authority (AFA), the Office of the Deputy President (ODP) and the Coffee Research Institute (CRI). During the forum coffee farmers and coffee cooperative societies were sensitized on:

- i) A proposed method that would assist farmers calculate the reserve price of coffee which is the minimum price set before the auction;
- ii) A proposed fee calculation schedule which would yield coffee farmers gross returns of 98% compared to the current 97.9% of coffee sale proceeds;
- iii) The role of different regulators and stakeholders in the coffee sector such as NKPCU, NCE, AFA, CRI and Cooperative Bank of Kenya Limited;
- iv) Regulatory compliance with the Capital Markets (Coffee Exchange) Regulations 2020; and
- v) The Direct Settlement System and how it functions.

Coffee growing regions such as Nakuru and Iten, were encouraged during the forum to formalize their unions and apply for coffee brokerage licenses. The Authority affirmed its commitment to support such new coffee brokerage license applications in light of the coffee reforms to maximise the ultimate returns for coffee growers from their produce.

#### c). Debt Equity and Other Schemes Division

The Debt, Equity, and Other Schemes Division (DEOS) plays a crucial role in regulating and overseeing the issuance of various financial instruments within the capital markets. This division is responsible for ensuring that debt securities, equity offerings, collective investment schemes and alternative investment funds comply with established legal and regulatory frameworks. The division is tasked with reviewing of incorporation documents, scrutinizing information memorandums, and reviewing of various approval requests. This division ensures that there is continued transparency, market integrity and protection of investor interests.

#### a) Approvals of Fixed Income Securities

The Authority granted the following approvals for the financial year 2023-2024;

1) Approval granted to Liaison Financial Services Limited for issuance of a 15-year Islamic Secured Residential lease-based security (Linzi Sukuk) based on forward lease structure for Linzi Finco Trust. The transaction value was worth Kshs. 3 billion and the bond was oversubscribed at Kshs. 3.1 billion.

- 2) Approval granted to AA Kenya Limited to issue a Short Form Prospectus for Restricted Offer of 7,762,881 shares at an offer price of Kshs. 25.80 to the members of AA Kenya Holding Company Limited and an additional 3,681,999 shares at a par value of Kshs. 8.00 to the employees of AA Kenya Plc
- 3) In the past year, Acorn Project (TWO) LLP completed the fourteenth drawdown for Kshs 218.1 million and the fifteenth drawdown of Kshs 163.5 million under the MTN Program of up to Kshs. 5.7 billion



#### b) Approvals of Equities Securities

The Authority granted the following approvals for the financial year 2023-2024 namely;

- 1) Approval granted to Kenya Re-Corporation Limited for a bonus issue of an additional 2,766,796,800 new ordinary shares at the ratio of one(1) new ordinary share for everyone (1) fully paid ordinary share
- 2) Approval issued to Nairobi Securities Exchange PLC to issue 182,140 additional shares to the Nairobi Securities Exchange PLC Employee Share Ownership Plan.

#### c) Approvals of Corporate Actions

The Authority approved several corporate actions during the financial year 2023-2024 including the following:

1) Shareholder's Circular by Bamburi Cement PLC in relation to sale of shares in Hima Cement Limited, Uganda. The sale was for 1,355,600 ordinary shares in Hima Cement Limited, Uganda representing 70% of the total issued shares in Hima Cement Limited) owned by Himcem Holdings Limited.

#### d) Approval of Collective Investment Schemes

The Authority approved 7 collective investment schemes and 11 additional sub-funds in the year 2023-2024 namely.

- 1) Britam Special Fixed Income Fund
- 2) Lofty Corban Unit Trust Scheme comprising of Lofty Corban Equity Fund , Lofty Corban Money Market Fund(KES), Lofty Corban Money Market Fund (USD), Lofty Corban Bond Fund(KES)

- Lofty Corban Bond Fund (USD) and Lofty Corban Special Money Market Fund
- 3) Enwealth Dollar Money Market Fund and Enwealth Fixed Income Fund
- 4) ICEA Fixed Income Fund (USD)
- 5) Sanlam Fixed Income Fund (USD)
- 6) Kuza Shariah Momentum Fund
- 7) Mayfair Umbrella Collective Investment Scheme comprising of Mayfair Money Market Fund, Mayfair Fixed Income Fund, Mayfair Balanced Fund and Mayfair Equity Fund.
- 8) Faida Unit Trust Funds comprising of Hazina Bond Fund, Angaza Money Market Fund and Kua Multi Asset Special Fund
- 9) GCIB Unit Trust Scheme comprising of GCIB Money Market Fund and GCIB Fixed Income Fund
- 10) Etica Capital-Registration of additional sub-funds namely Etica Money Market Fund (USD), Etica Fixed Income Fund (USD), Etica Shariah Fund (USD) and Etica Wealth Fund (USD)
- 11) Stanbic Unit Trust Scheme comprising of Stanbic Money Market Fund and Stanbic Fixed Income Fund, Stanbic Fixed Income Fund (USD), Stanbic Balanced Fund and Stanbic Equity Fund.
- Taifa Unit Trust Scheme comprising of Taifa Money Market Fund(KES) and Taifa Money Market Fund (USD)
- 13) Xeno Unit Trust Scheme comprising of XENO Kenya Money Market Fund, XENO Kenya Bond Fund and XENO Kenya Regional East Africa Equity Fund
- 14) KCB Wealth Fund
- 15) NCBA Global Fixed Income Special Fund and NCBA Global Equity Special Fund
- 16) Old Mutual Investment Group Special Fixed Income Fund
- 17) Jubilee Enhanced Special Fixed Income Fund and Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)
- 18) Arvocap Unit Trust Scheme comprising of Arvocap Money Market Fund, Arvocap Ngao Fixed Income Distribution Fund, Arvocap Almasi Fixed Income Accumulation Fund, Arvocap Eurofix Fixed Income Special Fund (USD), Arvocap Thamani Equity Fund, Arvocap Africa Equity Special Fund, Arvocap Global Equity Special Fund, Arvocap Multi-Asset Strategy Special Fund (USD), Arvocap Global Sharia Equity Special Fund (USD) and Arvocap Mabruk Sharia Special Fund (KES)

#### e) Authorization of Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)

The Authority continues to support development of REITS in Kenya. The approved Acon I-REIT and Acorn D-REIT issued a supplemental offer to raise Kshs. 810 million and Kshs. 1.89 billion respectively. The Authority also approved the redemption of 36,582,134 units from non-professional investors. Further, the Authority approved the delisting of I-LAM Fahari I-REIT from the Main Investment Market Segment of the Nairobi Securities Exchange, and its subsequent listing on the Unquoted Securities Platform of the same exchange.

#### d). Issuer Governance Division

The Issuer Governance Department is pivotal in advancing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices among issuers of securities to the public. Entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that these entities adhere to the highest standards of corporate governance in alignment with Capital Markets Regulations and the Code of Corporate Governance, the department plays a proactive role in embedding ESG principles into corporate frameworks. This promotes a culture of sustainability, transparency, and good governance. By championing these efforts, the department not only enhances the resilience and competitiveness of Kenya's capital markets but also ensures alignment with global benchmarks, meeting the evolving expectations of investors and stakeholders.

## Assessment of Corporate Governance Practices by Issuers & Publication of the 6th Edition of the State of Corporate Governance Report

The Authority undertook an Assessment of the reporting templates received from issuers during the period and customized feedback shared with each assessed issuer on the state of its application of the Code of Corporate Governance Practices for Issuers of Securities to the Public.

The Authority then published the 6th Edition of the State of Corporate Governance Report in December 2023. The annual publication outlines CMA's independent assessment of how companies listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and issuers of corporate bonds are applying the principles and recommendations contained in the Code of Corporate Governance Practices for Issuers of Securities to the Public, 2015 (CG Code).

The overall weighted score across all listed companies rose to 75.71% (leadership rating) in the financial year 2022/2023, an improvement from 72.27% (good rating) in the previous year. Thirty one (31) issuers achieved a leadership rating in governance for the rating done in the financial year, a significant increase from just three companies in 2017/2018 when the report was first published. Additionally, eight companies were rated as 'good' (scoring between 65% and 74%), six companies received a 'fair' rating (between 50% and 64%), and four companies were categorized as needing improvement.

The evaluation was based on the seven principles of the Corporate Governance (CG) Code: Introduction to the Code, Board Operations and Control, Rights of Shareholders, Stakeholder Relations, Ethical and Social Responsibility, Accountability, Risk Management and Internal Control, and Transparency and Disclosure. Among these principles, Accountability, Risk Management, and Internal Control emerged as the highest-scoring area, achieving an impressive 80.77% (leadership rating). A sector-wise analysis highlighted outstanding performances in the Banking, Manufacturing & Allied/Automobiles & Accessories, Insurance, and Energy and Petroleum sectors, all of which attained a leadership rating. Other sectors generally achieved a good rating, with the exception of the Agricultural and Construction & Allied sectors, which recorded a fair rating. The most significant improvement was noted in the Investment and Investment Services sector, which saw its score rise from 64% to 78.74%, marking an impressive 14.74% increase.

These results underscore the Authority's commitment to fostering robust corporate governance practices, which are integral to the sustainability and resilience of Kenya's capital markets. Through ongoing assessments and strategic guidance, the Authority aims to continuously elevate standards, ensuring that the market remains competitive, transparent, and aligned with global best practices.

#### i. Shareholder Activism

In 2017, the Stewardship Code for Institutional Investors was gazetted aimed at encouraging institutional investors such as pension funds, asset managers and insurance companies to adopt principles and practices that promote effective stewardship of the assets they manage. A record of eight (8) institutional investors in Kenya have signed up to the Stewardship Code. The Authority is actively pursuing other institutional investors to sign up to the Stewardship Code to promote better corporate governance practices by encouraging investors to exercise their rights and responsibilities as shareholders effectively.

In 2023, the Authority also issued a letter of no concerns for the registration of the first Public Companies Minority Shareholders Association in Kenya. This move is meant to empower the minority shareholders to actively engage with the issuers, exercise their rights and participate in shaping corporate governance and sustainability practices. This will ensure that the interests of minority

shareholders are taken into consideration and that they receive fair treatment from the company's management and majority shareholders.

## ii. ESG Collaboration between Financial Sector Deepening Trust (Kenya) and the Capital Markets Authority

In its 2018-2023 strategic plan, the Authority, through benchmarking against emerging markets, recognized the need to foster a more robust issuance culture across the capital markets. A critical component of this enhancement is the strengthening of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosure practices.

Acknowledging the pivotal role of ESG principles in promoting sustainable and inclusive finance, the Authority has actively engaged with Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSD-Kenya) to explore ways in which the institution can support the Authority's ESG initiatives. As a result of these collaborative efforts, FSD-Kenya extended a grant to provide both technical and financial support aimed at reinforcing the policy and regulatory framework surrounding ESG within the capital markets.

An implementation roadmap has been developed and is currently being rolled out, focusing on four key components:

- Development of an ESG Framework and Taxonomy: Establishing a comprehensive ESG framework and taxonomy to guide market participants and ensure consistency in ESG reporting and disclosure.
- ii. Market Sensitization and Capacity Building on ESG: Enhancing market awareness and building capacity through targeted training and educational initiatives to promote the adoption of ESG practices.
- iii. Support for Carbon Markets: Developing a policy framework for carbon markets to facilitate the trading of carbon credits and support the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- iv. Internal Capacity Building on ESG: Strengthening the Authority's internal capacity on ESG matters through specialized training for both the Board and staff in relevant departments.

This strategic initiative underscores the Authority's commitment to embedding ESG principles at the core of the capital markets, thereby aligning with global best practices and contributing to the long-term sustainability of the financial sector. Ultimately, this initiative will create a more resilient, transparent, and accountable market, where ESG considerations are integral to decision-making processes. By embedding ESG principles within the regulatory framework and market practices, the Authority will not only enhance investor confidence but also contribute to the broader goal of sustainable development. This approach positions the Authority as a catalyst for positive social and environmental impact, aligning with global trends and ensuring long-term financial stability.

#### iii. Strategic Engagement on Sustainability Standards: ISSB Workshop

In March 2024, during the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) President's visit to Kenya, the Authority, in collaboration with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) and the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), hosted a pivotal ISSB Workshop. The workshop was designed to facilitate the adoption and implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) S1 and S2 within Kenya's financial sector.

This strategic engagement underscored the critical importance of aligning sustainability reporting practices with global standards. Key discussions focused on fostering innovation, enhancing resilience, and ensuring the financial sector's ability to adapt to the evolving needs of stakeholders.

The workshop also highlighted the necessity of global harmonization in sustainability practices, which is essential for enabling seamless international capital flows and ensuring consistency in reporting.

Further, the role of integrated reporting in driving informed decision-making was emphasized, alongside the identification of climate-related risks and opportunities. The discussions underscored the urgency of adopting proactive measures to address environmental challenges, positioning Kenya's financial sector as a leader in sustainability practices.

This workshop was instrumental in advancing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) objectives, particularly in light of the ongoing collaboration with Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSD-Kenya). By aligning with international sustainability standards and enhancing the regulatory framework, the Authority will be better equipped to support ESG initiatives. This alignment not only strengthens the foundation for sustainable finance but also ensures that the Kenyan capital markets remain competitive and attractive to global investors who prioritize ESG considerations.

#### iv. IFC Machine Learning ESG Analyst (MALENA)

In October 2022, the Authority embarked on a collaborative journey with the IFC to beta-test the Machine Learning ESG Analyst (MALENA) platform. The partnership aimed to drive ESG integration within the Kenyan capital markets, leveraging MALENA's Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities to enhance sustainability practices among listed companies.

MALENA is a collection of artificial intelligence models trained to create analytical capabilities for ESG and impact data assessment and review. MALENA consolidates unstructured ESG information via machine learning which is then translated into actionable ESG insights.

During the initial phase of beta testing, both the IFC and CMA assessed MALENA's effectiveness and efficiency in evaluating listed companies' adherence to good governance and sustainability practices. Notable progress was made, with the completion of the first phase involving validation of sampled listed companies.

On 2nd April 2024, the Authority signed an agreement with IFC and extended the terms of the agreement until 31 December 2024.

MALENA is poised to become a valuable tool in promoting ESG integration and advancing corporate governance practices. CMA remains committed to supporting this initiative and looks forward to its continued success.



























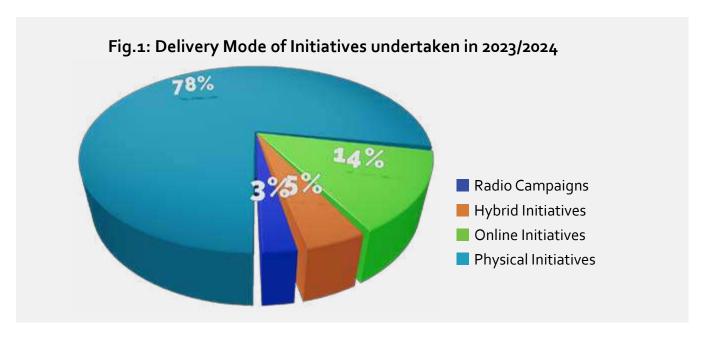




## **EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND CERTIFICATION**

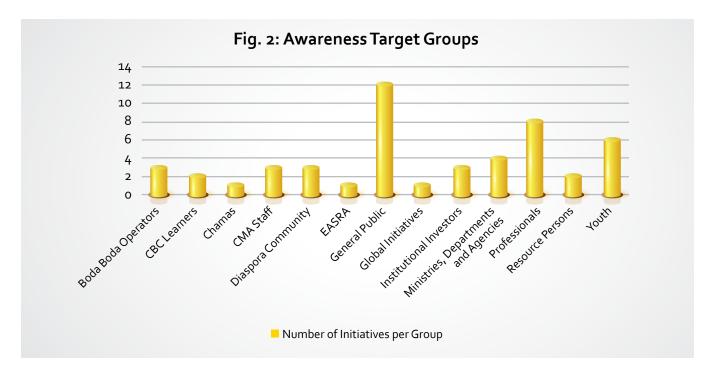
The Authority continued to implement more robust and effective awareness initiatives targeting various constituents, in support of one of its key strategic objectives to increase customer base and democratize wealth. Key to the strategic direction was the development of an Education, Awareness and Certification Strategy for the next five years which was aligned to the Capital Markets Authority's (CMA) Strategic Plan, 2023-2028. The Education, Awareness and Certification Strategy took into consideration global trends and emerging issues. This included the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), alongside opportunities presented through collaborations with various stakeholders. The Strategy has put emphasis on the customer experience with a view to achieve results through innovation and inclusivity.

During the 2023/2024 Financial Year, 102 initiatives were undertaken, reaching 18,965 participants. Three percent of the initiatives were radio campaigns, 5% hybrid (both online and physical) initiatives, 14% online initiatives and 78% physical forums that targeted various segments in twenty counties while two radio campaigns covered all forty-seven counties and one the Meru community. This was a 96% improvement in the number of initiatives undertaken compared to 52 initiatives in the 2022/2023 Financial Year. The increase in the number of initiatives is attributed to the revamped Capital Markets Resource Persons Programme implemented effective September 1, 2023. The chart below summarizes the delivery channels utilized during the financial year.





In line with the preliminary Education, Awareness and Certification Strategy, specific segments continued to be targeted for the awareness initiatives. During the 2023/2024 Financial Year, the Authority focused on the following target groups:



To enhance education and awareness of capital markets products and services as well as investor protection, the Authority partnered with market intermediaries, strategic industry associations, institutions and agencies to jointly execute various programme and sensitization sessions. A highlight of the key strategic partnerships included:

- a. Partnered with the Kenya Bodaboda Association to conduct awareness initiatives targeting Bodaboda leaders in Kirinyaga, Murang'a and Nairobi Counties respectively.
- b. Following completion of the piloting of the financial literacy orientation course for Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers in four regions, the Authority continued to provide technical support to the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) towards successful implementation of the infused aspects of financial literacy in the competency-based curriculum (CBC).
- c. Partnered with the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and participated in the Kakamega International Investment Conference. In addition, forums were held in Murangá County with facilitation from the KNCCI-Murang'a Chapter.
- **d.** On the Diaspora front, the Authority partnered with the State Department for Diaspora Affairs alongside other Ministries, Departments and Agencies in organizing the inaugural Diaspora Investment Conference. CMA also partnered with the Kenya Diaspora Alliance (KDA) and facilitated presentations and exhibited at the 10th Kenya Diaspora Homecoming Convention.
- e. Collaborated with regional and international organizations such as the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), Africa/Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC) and the East African Securities Regulatory Authorities (EASRA) in providing support such as knowledge sharing, global insights on investor education, networking and overall improvement of investor education programmes.
- f. Held joint engagements with the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC) and market intermediaries aimed at enhancing capacity of the public to invest in capital market products. The various forums also promoted the retail trading app dubbed 'Dosikaa App'.

- Partnered with the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) during the Legal Awareness Week where the Authority interacted with members of the public on capital markets products and services as well as investor protection. Additionally, the Authority conducted webinars for the LSK staff members and the Young Advocates.
- Participated in several forums in collaboration with the Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts (ICIFA) and the Charted Institute for Securities and Investments (CISI) covering various topics on capital markets in addition to monitoring capital markets Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes under both institutions.
- Partnered with the Insurance Regulatory Authority as an exhibitor during open day initiatives held in i. Kisumu and Nakuru Counties respectively.
- $Partnered with the \, National \, Housing \, Corporation \, as \, an \, exhibitor \, during \, the \, open \, day \, to \, commemorate \, and \, commemorate \,$ j. 70 years of positively impacting lives across the country through innovative housing solutions.
- Partnered with the Nyeri County Government as an exhibitor during the Nyeri County Annual Tourism and Cultural Festival.
- ١. Partnered with three local radio stations to create awareness across the regions.
- m. Partnered with the market intermediaries by conducting webinars for the members of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya and the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya.
- Through partnerships with various institutions of higher learning, hosted students from Kitale National Polytechnic, Africa Nazarene University and the Kenyatta University to learn about the operations of capital markets among other topical areas.
- o. Partnerships with select Ministries, Departments and Agencies in conducting forums for their staff aimed at increasing awareness and uptake of the capital markets.

#### Key initiatives and outreach strategies included:

#### a) Capital Markets Resource Persons Programme

Given the Authority's commitment to broaden its investor education initiatives with a view to reaching various constituents within the country, the Authority revamped the resource persons programme by competitively recruiting and contracting a fresh cohort of resource persons for two years on part-time basis. The revamped programme aims at recruiting a maximum of three resource persons per county in several phases. Phase one involved recruiting and training 36 resource persons in 14 counties who commenced undertaking awareness initiatives in respective counties effective September, 2023. The programme has continued to gain momentum, with 53% of the recruited resource persons conducting 53 initiatives reaching 1,962 participants in 11 counties.

To ensure quality of the services provided, the Authority conducted monitoring and evaluation to assess delivery of content by the resource persons. Based on the initiatives that were sampled, it was observed that the resource persons were conducting the awareness programme in line with the stipulated guidelines. The success of the pilot phase and valuable lessons picked from continuous engagement with the contracted resource persons will inform subsequent recruitment phases for the remaining 33 counties.

#### b) County Initiatives and Vernacular Radio campaigns to promote awareness

In line with BETA, the Authority conducted initiatives in Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Kisumu, Nakuru, Nyeri, Kakamega, Busia, Mombasa and Nairobi Counties targeting various segments including Bodaboda operators, the public, youth and professionals. The initiatives included forums to sensitize participants on the capital markets products and services, the investment opportunities within the industry and the mechanisms in place to enhance investor protection. Several Open Day and Roadshows initiatives were held in the counties to demystify capital markets as well as enhancing investor protection programmes.



The county engagements also included programmes delivered through vernacular radio stations in Meru County and national radio campaigns targeting the 47 counties. The Authority staff engaged with listeners during live radio talk shows to explain the capital markets, the products and the Authority's mandate. This was effective in reaching a broad audience, improving the overall customer experience, boosting brand visibility and cultivating strategic partnerships.

#### c) Awareness Initiatives for Ministries, Departments and Government Agencies' Staff

As one of the new strategies targeting professionals, the Authority engaged various institutions, ministries, government agencies, professional associations, and the top 100 companies in Kenya. The objective was to conduct awareness forums for their respective staff, either in person or virtually. This initiative aligns with one of the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan (2023-2028) to grow the customer base, democratize wealth, and enhance liquidity. Towards this end the Authority conducted forums for staff at the Retirement Benefits Authority, Privatization Commission, Law Society of Kenya and the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, Mombasa branch. In addition, a forum for new Authority staff was held to enhance awareness on the various capital products.

#### d) Diaspora Initiatives

The Authority continued to participate in events targeting the Diaspora community. During the reporting period, the Authority collaborated with the Kenya Association of Stockbrokers and Investment Banks (KASIB), NSE, and CDSC to host an online forum attended by 300 Diaspora members on 3 December 2023. In partnership with the Kenya Diaspora Alliance, the Authority participated in the 10th Annual Kenya Diaspora Homecoming as a speaker on investment opportunities within the capital markets on 6 December 2023. The Authority also participated as an exhibitor during the event. In collaboration with the State Department for Diaspora Affairs and other agencies, the Authority participated in the Investment Conference as a speaker and exhibitor at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, 13-15 December 2023. The event was graced

by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Dr. William Ruto, as the Chief Guest.



The Authority also chairs the Kenyan Diaspora Remittance for Investment Technical Working Group (TWG), under State Department for Investment Promotion (SDIP). The committee seeks to actualize the BETA initiative to double the share of investment of diaspora remittance from 25% to 50%. This will be achieved by ensuring that there was a conducive environment in the financial sector to attract diaspora investment through portfolio flows and create confidence for investment in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for sustainability. The TWG seeks to raise the total diaspora remittances to Ksh. 1 trillion by 2030.



Mr. Kamunyu Njoroge, Senior Manager Education, Awareness and Certification and the Chairman of Kenya Diaspora Remittance for Investment Technical Working Group under the State Department for Investment Promotion, presents a draft Inception Report to Principal Secretary for the State Department, Ms. Roseline K Njogu, CBS

#### e) Youth Forums

The Authority recognizes that the youth constitute the largest part of Kenya's population hence the need to inculcate a culture of saving and investment at a young age. In this regard, youth remain a key target group for awareness initiatives. Towards this end, the Authority hosted students from Kenyatta University for an educational tour. The objective of the visit was to familiarize the students with capital market operations, products and services, as well as the Authority's mandate and the industry's contribution to the economy. The Authority also hosted students from Africa Nazarene University, Kitale Polytechnic, and the University of Nairobi. Further, the Authority held a webinar for the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Young Bar Legal Group on 21 March 2024.

#### f) FinTok Challenge

As part of the World Investor Week 2023, the Authority implemented a FinTok Competition where members of the public showcased edutainment videos on TikTok covering topics on Investor Protection and Resilience. The FinTok competition commenced in October 2023 and concluded in February 2024. Twenty-three entries from 14 contestants were assessed on 26 March 2024. The evaluation panel identified the top three winners who were awarded prize money to buy shares or unit trusts, with the grand winner getting Kshs.50,000; first runner up Kshs.30,000 and second runner up Kshs.10,000.

To encourage participation in future edutainment competitions, the remaining 11 contestants were awarded Kshs. 5,000 each to buy shares or unit trusts.

#### g) Structured/Professional Forums

Forums were held targeting structured and professional groups. Some of the key groups include members of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya, the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya and the Legal fraternity. Further, in collaboration with the Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts (ICIFA) the Authority participated in the 4th ICIFA International Investment Conference and the 7th ICIFA Annual conference and webinars were held on Ethics and Integrity and Capital Markets Performance. Additionally, in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments (CISI), the Authority facilitated webinars on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) financing.

#### h) Global and Regional Campaigns

As a member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), CMA participated in the 2023 World Investor Week (WIW) which is an annual week-long global campaign that seeks to enhance investor awareness and protection. The 2023 WIW theme focused on Investor Resilience, Crypto Assets, Sustainable Finance, Frauds and Scams Prevention, Basics of Investing, Technology and Digital Finance. As part of this initiative which is usually held during the first week of October, the Authority held various online forums and launched the FinTok Challenge and conducted mass and social media campaigns, to promote investor protection and raise awareness about capital market products and services.

CMA hosted the 53rd EASRA consultative meeting in Nairobi from 29 April to 3 May 2024. The meeting resolved to develop a harmonised regulatory framework for sustainable finance. Additionally, EASRA was keen on developing a new strategic plan for the next five years (2024 – 2029), anchored on the East African Community Vision 2050, the African Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable development goals. The meeting also deliberated on key emerging issues in the region including oversight of commodities exchange markets, supervision of over-the-counter markets, segregation of client assets, making private capital financing work for Small and Medium Enterprises, operation of regulatory sandboxes and growth of collective investment schemes.

#### i) Financial Literacy Initiative

Following the commencement of piloting the financial literacy orientation course for Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers by KICD in five counties, the Authority participated in the final phase in Siaya County in July 2023. As a prelude to the national launch slated for July 2024, the Authority continued to provide support to KICD in inclusion of financial literacy concepts in the competency-based curriculum (CBC).

#### j) Technology and Innovation

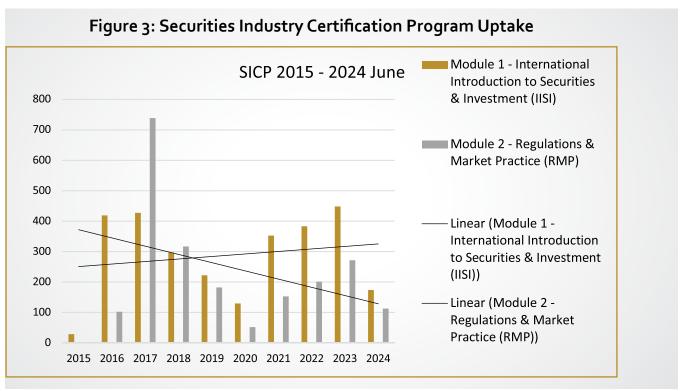
The Authority continued to leverage technology and deployed social media, webinars and electronic media channels to disseminate information. The Authority enhanced its Mobile Application which has been a useful tool in sharing capital markets information as well as linking investors to market intermediaries' online platforms, and activation of the Dosikaa industry App that facilitates trading of shares.

Additionally, the Authority held the 3rd Capital Markets Virtual Open Day themed 'Creating Wealth by Investing in Capital Markets', which enabled market intermediaries to showcase their products and services as well as allowing stakeholders to learn about capital markets products, and how to invest in the capital markets. The event attracted 28 exhibitors and 200 people. The Virtual Open Day coincided with participation in the 5th Annual Nyeri County Tourism and Cultural Festival held 21-22 June 2024.

#### k) Social Media

Given the relevance and impact of social media, the Authority created videos and infographics focusing on awareness and investor protection, which were uploaded on various social media platforms.

I) Securities Industry Certification and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programme
Regarding the Securities Industry Certification Programme, 640 professionals including 11 CMA staff undertook the Level I examination in International Introduction to Securities & Investment and Level II examination in Regulations & Market Practice during the 2023/2024 Financial Year.



Source: CISI

The programme has recorded progress since inception in 2015, with a total of 5,014 market practitioners undertaking Level I and II examinations as of June 30, 2024, as illustrated in Table 1.

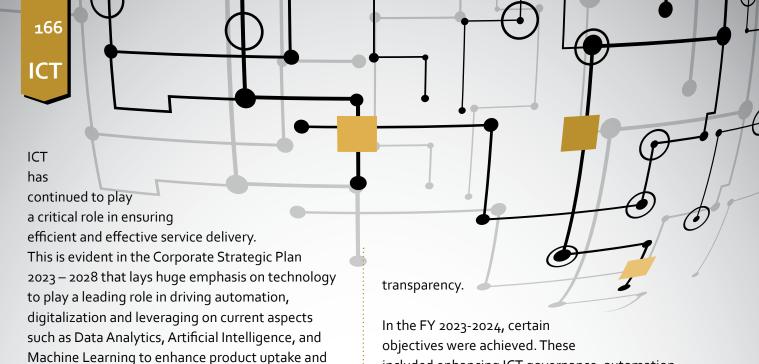
Table 1: Annual Uptake of the Certification Programme

Exam Subject	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	June 2024	Grand Total
Module 1 - International Introduction to Securities & Investment (IISI)	29	419	427	297	222	130	353	383	448	174	2882
<b>Module 2</b> - Regulations & Market Practice (RMP)		103	739	317	182	52	153	201	272	113	2132
Grand Total	29	522	1,166	614	404	182	506	584	720	287	5,014

Source: CISI

The market practitioners continued to log in their annual Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points with the Capital Markets Authority's accredited CPD providers.





The TRKM strategy embodies the commitment to leverage Technology, Research, and Knowledge Management as powerful tools to fulfill the CMA mandate as the guardian of market integrity and investor confidence. It sets forth the intention of harnessing cutting-edge technologies, datadriven insights, and effective knowledge sharing to strengthen the regulatory framework, foster innovation, and drive sustainable growth. By embracing technology, the aim is to enhance supervisory capabilities, risk management, and regulatory enforcement. Through advanced surveillance systems, intelligent analytics, and data-driven decision-making, CMA will be able to detect and mitigate potential risks

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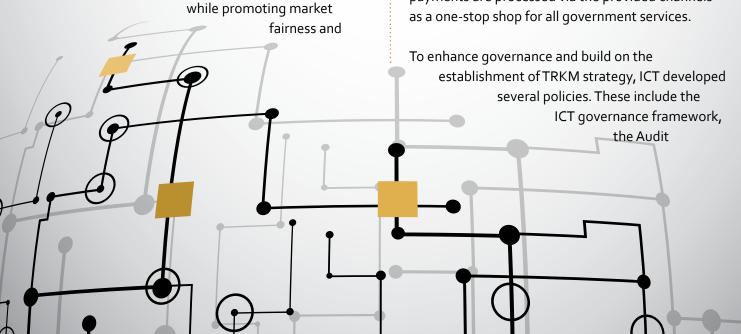
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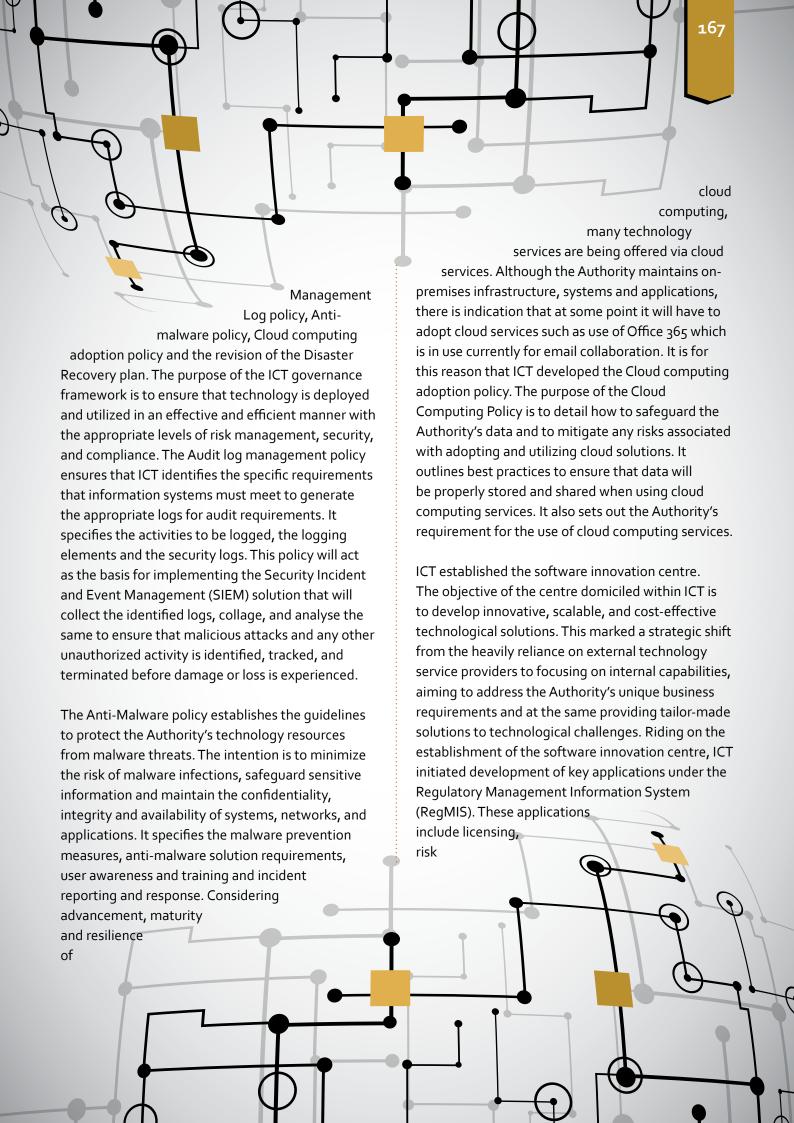
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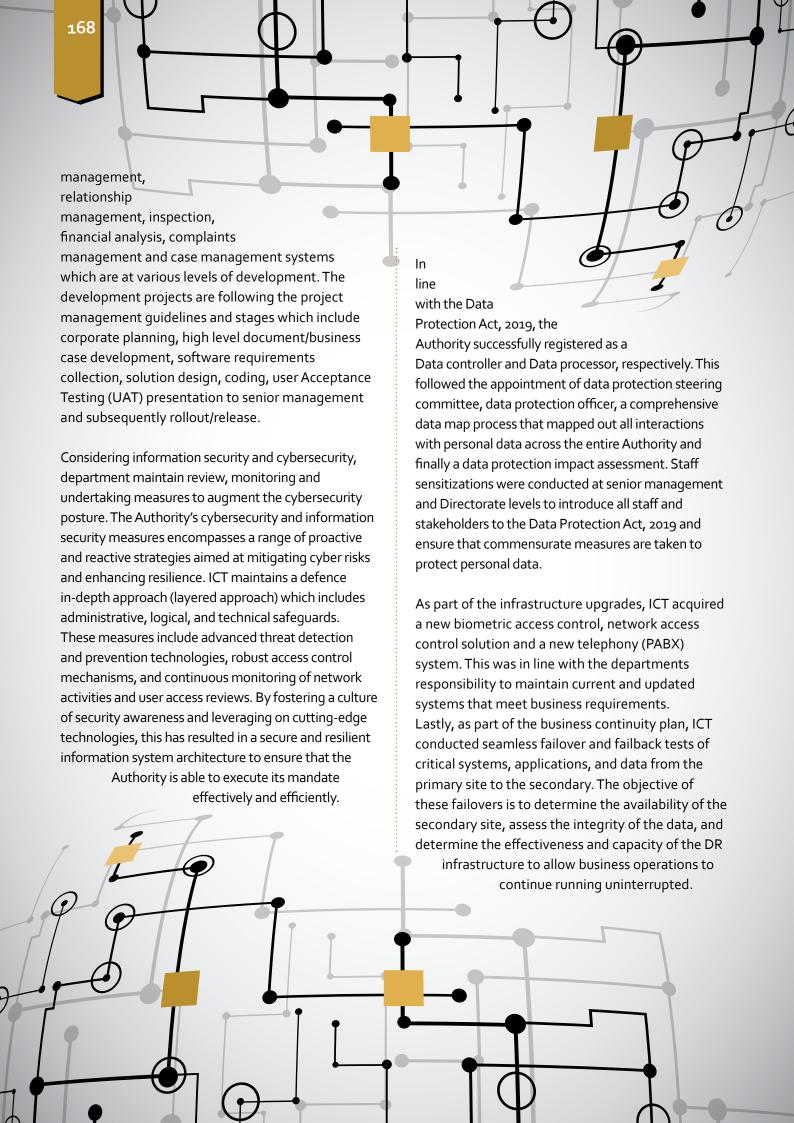
participated in the development of the Technology,

In the FY 2023-2024, certain objectives were achieved. These included enhancing ICT governance, automation and digitalization, Data protection, application development, systems upgrade, cybersecurity disaster recovery and establishment of the software innovation centre. In compliance with the Presidential directive in 2023 to onboard all public facing services to e-citizen, ICT identified and successfully re-engineered twenty-two license application services, which were digitalized for onboarding on the government portal. This transformative initiative has streamlined the licensing process, significantly enhanced accessibility, efficiency, and general customer experience when consuming the services.

Consolidating these services onto a single platform eliminated manual submission of licence requests and processing thus improving overall service delivery and turnaround times. Payment processes for the licensing services was integrated onto the e-citizen aligning with the directive where all payments are processed via the provided channels as a one-stop shop for all government services.







# STRATEGY, RISKS AND PROJECTS



The Strategy, Risk, and Projects department is responsible for the development and implementation of the Authority's strategic plans, managing project execution, and monitoring organizational performance to identify areas for improvement. Additionally, the department ensures the Authority's financial and operational soundness through effective risk management and ensures continued compliance with ISO 9001:2015 standards.

#### A. Review of the Authority's Performance

Section 81 Subsection 2 (f) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires the Accounting Officer to include in the Financial Statement, a statement of the national government entity's performance against predetermined objectives. The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has five key areas of focus within its 2023-2028 Strategic Plan: the plan delineates activities across Customer, Financial, Internal Business Processes, Learning and Development/Organizational Capacity, and Leadership and Governance.

In alignment with the key outcomes outlined in the Plan, CMA identified the following strategic goals for the period:

- i. Grow aggregate market capitalization from Kshs 5.6 trillion to Kshs. 6.6 trillion by 2028.
- ii. Grow revenue from Kshs. 1 billion to Kshs.1.66 billion by 2028.
- iii. Enhance strategy, performance, and

- enterprise risk management.
- iv. Attract developengage and retain competent staff compliment.
- v. Strengthen Leadership and governance.

In executing its strategic plan, the Authority develops annual workplans, which are evaluated at the end of each financial year to assess the achievement of performance objectives. A detailed assessment of these results is provided in the Statement of Performance against Pre-Determined Objectives.

Overall, the Authority successfully implemented 89% of its planned activities, with the remaining partially or non-implemented activities scheduled for the next financial year, 2024-2025. Significant growth targets were met in key areas such as the number of investors, aggregate market capitalization, number of issuers, and assets under management. However, market liquidity outcomes were mixed: bond market liquidity exceeded expectations, while equity market liquidity declined. As a result, revenue targets were not fully met due to reduced equity market activity, although this shortfall was mitigated through resource mobilization from development partners.

The Authority faced several implementation challenges, including delays caused by the transition between strategic plans, broad fiscal austerity measures, lengthy approval and legislative processes, and court injunctions that postponed the execution of some initiatives. The Authority's management has since developed effective mitigation strategies to address these issues moving forward.

#### **B.** Projects Implemented

The department successfully managed the implementation of eleven projects during the 2023-2024 financial year, ensuring full compliance with the Board-approved Project Management (PM) Guidelines. This oversight guaranteed the successful execution of all projects within the Authority. Of the eleven projects, ten were

technology-based, while one focused on reviewing and enhancing the Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

Additionally, the department provided critical guidance on resource allocation across the Authority's priority projects and documented key challenges and lessons learned during implementation.

#### C. Implementation of the Enterprise Risk Management Framework

The Authority has in place an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework based on which Risk Management has been mainstreamed within the Authority to allow for structured risk assessments continuously. The SRP Department coordinates the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting, and review of the Authority's ERM Framework.

During the financial year 2023/24 the Authority reviewed and enhanced its ERM Framework in line with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, National policy guidelines, and international best practices such as ISO 31000. Maturity risk assessment for CMA's framework was undertaken identifying gaps and giving proposals for continuous improvement. Management reviewed the existing risks and opportunities registers aligned the framework to the strategic plan and developed revised risks and opportunities registers at corporate and departmental levels.

The Board is responsible for the Authority's risk management and at least once every quarter receives reports to enable the review, monitoring, and evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the ERM framework. The risks are ranked by their probable likelihood and impact, on a scale of 1-5, with the ones scoring above 20 being flagged as major risks.

All members of the Authority share the responsibility of managing risks to ensure the fulfilment of strategic objectives. The Authority follows the Three Lines of Defense Model, which establishes clear accountability and ownership for risk management and separates risk-taking from risk oversight. This model promotes a risk culture that emphasizes awareness, appropriate behaviours, and decision-making based on risk.

The Authority continuously identifies risks and opportunities, assesses them, and puts in place treatment measures or exploitation strategies respectively to address the risks and opportunities.

## D. Maintenance of the Quality Management System under ISO 9001:2015

The Department also coordinates the Authority's maintenance of its Quality Management System (QMS) certification under ISO 9001:2015 international standard to ensure full adherence to the standard requirements. During the financial year 2023/24 the Authority built capacity of its internal ISO auditors to ensure their continued sharpening of skills to effectively and efficiently undertake internal audits to enable continual improvement of the QMS. The Authority successfully underwent external surveillance audits undertaken by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) in June 2024 and continued certification of the Authority was recommended.



## **Market Supervision**

One of the objectives of the Authority is to conduct inspections on operations, books of accounts and records of any person approved or licensed by the Authority. In pursuit of this objective and as part of the risk-based supervision strategy, risk profiling was carried out on all licensed entities at regular intervals in the year.

The risk profiling exercise provides the Authority with insights into the level of supervisory focus needed for each entity and supports effective resources allocation for monitoring firms' regulatory compliance. The exercise is conducted using quantitative and qualitative data collected via risk rating questionnaires and firm specific information from the other filings.

The Authority carried out 47 onsite inspections on different categories of licensees. Following the inspections, several deficiencies were noted, and the Authority works with market intermediaries to address them. An improved compliance culture has been noted for the last three years across all licensed categories.

To further strengthen its supervision activities, the Authority has continued to embrace technology. It has implemented a new risk profiling system which is linked to a relationship module that supports proactive management of risks in the market.

## Anti Money Laundering/ Counter Financing of Terrorism/Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF)

The Authority has significantly enhanced its supervision activities targeted at prevention of AML/TF/PF in the capital markets sector. During the year, the Authority spearheaded implementation of the Kenyan Action Plan following Kenya's grey listing by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in February 2024. The activities conducted and in progress to address gaps highlighted include:

 Strengthening the human, technical and financial resource capacities for AML/CFT

- supervision at the Authority.
- 2. Implementing risk-based supervision of market intermediaries.
- 3. Undertaking enforcement action on market intermediaries with continuous AML/CFT violations.
- 4. Enhancing the understanding of AML/CFT preventive measures through outreach and guidance.
- Enhancing understanding of emerging issues such as Proliferation Financing and Virtual Assets.

On 11-12 September 2024, Money Laundering Reporting Officers (MLROs) drawn from various capital markets intermediaries participated both as speakers and participants at a workshop held in Nairobi. The forum was facilitated by the Financial Reporting Centre in collaboration with the UNODC. Its main objective was to sensitize participants on the International Co-operation Review Group (ICRG) Action Plan for Kenya following greylisting and the key roles they are expected to play, reporting requirements, and timelines.

## Markets Infrastructure Oversight

Throughout the year, the capital markets witnessed the introduction of new market infrastructure, with various market players implementing fintech and digital solutions to enhance service delivery and expand their reach. These innovations included share trading applications and unit trusts access via mobile phones.

Four fintech companies who graduated from the CMA Regulatory Sandbox were brought into mainstream regulation. The Authority has worked with these new firms in areas including capacity building, relationship management, enhanced monitoring and onsite inspection; to strengthen their governance and operational practices to enable them to operate sustainably in the market environment.

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITY BETWEEN JULY 2023 AND JUNE 2024**

	DATE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION	LICENSEE / PERS ON	ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN
1.	September 14, 2023,	Suntra Investment Limited	Directive issued to the company to restitute an investor Safaricom shares and all the accrued corporate action pursuant to Section 11 (3)(cc)(ii) and 11(1) (d) of the Capital Markets Act.
2.	September 19, 2023.	<ol> <li>Ava Trade</li> <li>Fxgt.com</li> <li>IC Markets</li> <li>Just Markets</li> <li>Tickmill</li> <li>FP Markets</li> <li>FBS</li> <li>BDSwiss</li> <li>CMTrading</li> </ol>	Information Notice issued to the firms to apply for licence pursuant to Section 23 of the Capital Markets Act.
3.	September 18, 2023	Tradepro Kenya	A Notice to Cease and Desist issued to the company to cease from carrying out regulated business without a valid licence pursuant to Section (3)(cc)(ii) of the Capital Markets Act.
4.	December 18, 2023	Nation Media Group Limited	Directive issued to the company to restitute an investor NMG shares and all the accrued corporate actions pursuant to Section 11 (3)(cc)(ii) and Section 11(1) (d) of the Capital Markets Act.
5.	January 25, 2024	Trade Sense Limited	Restriction of the Money Manager licence pursuant to Section 24(4) an 25A(1)(a)(iv) of the Capital Markets Act. A financial penalty of Kshs. 200,000 levied against the company pursuant to Section 11(1)(d), 24A(a)(vi) & 25A(6) of the Capital Markets Act.d
6.	April 25, 2024	Minnesota Coffee Marketers Limited	Directive issued to the company to withdraw the contracts with management companies from its catalogue and submit a report confirming compliance pursuant to Section 11(3)(i) of the Capital Markets Act.



## **REGULATORY SANDBOX**

#### 1. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Since its operationalization, the sandbox has received a significant number of applications, along with several queries and proposals via email. The enthusiasm and engagement from the industry have been very encouraging.

Out of the applications received and reviewed in the financial Year, three firms were admitted to the sandbox while one firm successfully completed its testing, leading the Authority to approve its exit from the Regulatory Sandbox.

#### 2. ADMISSIONS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The Authority admitted 3 firms into the Regulatory Sandbox in the year under review. These firms include Frictionless Enterprises Limited, First Future Holdings Ltd and Alphablog Technologies Limited.

#### 2.1. Frictionless Enterprises Limited

Frictionless Enterprises Limited was admitted to the Regulatory Sandbox on 4 January, 2024, to test Power IO App, a mobile application that enables workers to invest and employers to effectively manage their workforce via the deduction management system provided in the App. As Power® connects to and contracts with employers and gig platforms, users are able to schedule investments from their earnings. This means that an individual could allocate a percentage of their earnings every month to be deposited into a money market fund.

The firm was to test the solution for a period of one year.

## 2.2. First Future Holdings Ltd

The Authority admitted First Future Holdings Ltd (FFHL) into the regulatory sandbox in November 2023 to test a USSD-based platform that simplifies CDS account opening and subsequent trading at the Nairobi Securities Exchange in partnership with Sterling Capital. In this regard, First Future Holdings will integrate the Immigration Population Registration System (IPRS) and the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) in its account opening USSD platform. When a customer accesses FFHL's USSD code, they are prompted to key in their Identity Card number, email address, and agree to the terms and conditions. FFHL then utilizes the provided ID number to retrieve the necessary data from IPRS and the KRA Pin checker, ensuring the submission of verified and up-to-date information for CDS account opening.

FFHL was admitted for a period of one year.

## 2.3. Alphabloq Technologies

The Authority admitted Alphabloq Technologies into the regulatory sandbox in May,2024 to test their innovative product, a blockchain enabled Real Estate tokenization platform. Upon tokenization, the owners of security token as users in the blockchain can list their tokens for sale and trade within the platform. The resultant effect of this process is that it enables fractional ownership of real estate, increases liquidity and easier access to otherwise traditionally illiquid and capital-intensive market.

### 3. EXITS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR

#### 3.1. Sycamore Capital Limited

In the year under review, the Authority approved the successful exit of Sycamore Capital Limited from the Regulatory Sandbox. Sycamore operates as a mobile-based Collective Investment Scheme intermediary service provider platform through the Cashlet mobile application, allowing it to successfully transition from the test to the live environment. The objective of this innovation is to foster an investment culture among the youth by providing convenient and low-cost access to unit trust schemes while eliminating traditional paperwork, which often serves as a barrier for the youth.

### 4. PUBLICATION OF THE IMPACT REPORT

The Authority published its second report setting out the milestones achieved by the Regulatory sandbox and more importantly, highlighting the impact created by the Sandbox since its inception in 2019. The report also assesses how the objectives of the Sandbox as envisaged in the PGN have been met and focuses on the next steps for the Regulatory Sandbox.

The report is available on the Authority's website.

#### 4.1. NEWTRENDS

#### 4.1.1. Real Estate Tokenization

The provision of a regulatory environment that is conducive to the deployment of a variety of innovative emerging technologies is a principal objective of the Regulatory Sandbox. The Regulatory Sandbox has received increased applications on the tokenization of real-world assets such as real estate.

Consequently, the Authority has admitted 2 firms into the Regulatory Sandbox, Alphabloq Technologies Limited and InfinitynBeyond Limited to test tokenization of real estate.

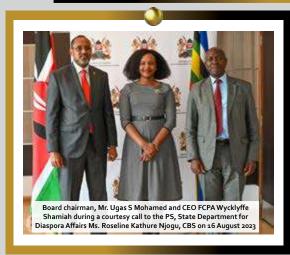


## **PICTORIALS**



















Board Chairman Ugas S. Mohamed, PS National Treasury, Dr. Chris Kiptoo together with stakeholders from ICPAK, PSASB, NSE and International Sustainability
Standards Board during a courtesy call to the President of the Republic of Kenya H.E. Dr. William Ruto on 20 March 2024











CEO's of Securities regulators from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi and the espective technical commifees during the 53rd EASRA consultative meeting held in Nairobi from 29 April to 3 May 2024. GBBC CEO - Ms. Sandra Ro, the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC), during a curtesy call on the CMA CEO, Mr. Wyckliffe Shamiah on 6 June 2024



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