

## **Train technical workforce to encourage industrialization, says Cabinet Secretary**

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The Government has called on the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) to prepare and train adequate technical workforce to meet the needs of industrialisation in the country.

Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary, Simon Chelugui said, for the country to increase and sustain momentum on the industrial production in line with the government's Big Four agenda, there is need for adequate skilled technical human resources in the labour market to scale up industrial production.

Speaking when he inaugurated the third NITA management board at his NSSF office today, Mr Chelugui asked the new board to instil a culture of commitment and quality in technical training that will make Kenya be globally recognised as a distinct country with highly skilled technical human capital.

The CS called on the board to strengthen the institutional governance and administration, and ensure prudent procurement and financial management for cost effectiveness and value for money.

Saying that there is need for the board to be proactive in giving timely and accurate information on the institution's operations, the Cabinet secretary asked members to synergise their efforts to create a pool technical human resources to meet the labour needs of the country.

He advised members to operate within the law and the strategic service charter of NITA to promote integrity and achieve the objective of producing quality technical manpower for the country.

Mr Chelugui said, to facilitate compliance with the Financial and public Procurement Act by the board, members will be trained on legal and statutory obligation to ensure they meet the expectations of the public and the government.

The Board that has members drawn from COTU, Federation of Kenya Employers, Tourism Industry, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Ministry of Education and is chaired by Dr. Kamau Gachigi.

Present during the inauguration was State Department for Labour, Principal Secretary, Eng. Peter Tum and Secretary administration, Dr. William Kiprono.