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The Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) Secretary General Collins Henry Oyuu has reaffirmed that teacher recruitment and career progression remain the union’s top priorities as he begins his second term in office.

Speaking in Kisumu after securing re-election unopposed during the union’s national elections that were held at Tom Mboya Labour College in Kisumu last month, Oyuu said the union had emerged stronger and more influential in the education sector after years of turbulence.

“It is exactly five years since we gave this team the mandate to steer this union from a point of collapse to where it is now a strong union,” said Oyuu. .

Oyuu credited the turnaround to collective effort within KNUT’s leadership structures, noting that the National Executive Council and branch officials had played a crucial role in stabilizing the union. “The success we are seeing is not by accident. It is teamwork from

the national office to the branches,” he said. Oyuu outlined progress achieved in the past five years, citing increased teacher employment, curriculum reforms, and improved labour relations. He welcomed the government’s recruitment of 5,000 teachers but stressed that the numbers remain insufficient to meet the growing demand in schools.

“We have seen efforts to employ teachers, but more needs to be done. We will continue to push for the employment of more teachers to meet the demand in our schools,” he said.

On promotions, Oyuu urged the Teachers Service Commission to ensure fairness and transparency, saying career growth must be structured to motivate teachers. “We want promotions to be done in a fair and structured manner so that teachers feel valued and motivated,” he added.

Turning to education reforms, Oyuu described the rollout of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) as a milestone but acknowledged the heavy workload it has placed on teachers.

He said KNUT is advocating for policy adjustments, including a review of the education cycle, to ease pressure on both learners and educators. “We must continue engaging the government to ensure that reforms in the education sector work for both teachers and learners,” he said.

Teacher employment and promotions top KNUT’s agenda as Oyuu begins second term



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Oyuu also called for unity among members, stressing that KNUT’s strength lies in its membership. “This is the voice of teachers. The direction of the union comes from its members, and we must protect that unity,” he said.

Looking ahead, he pledged to prioritise improved working conditions, expanded recruitment, and fair career growth. “For teachers, we shall not fail you. We will continue to fight for your rights and ensure your welfare is protected,” he assured.

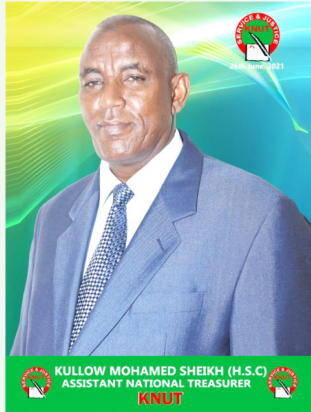
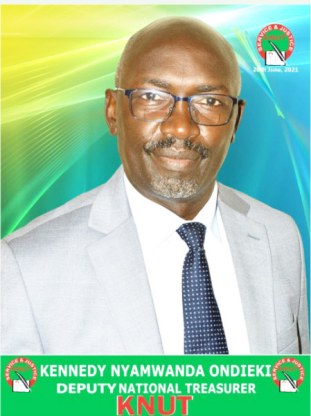
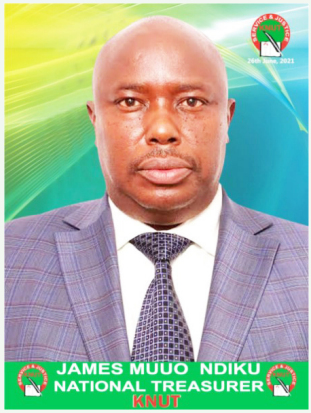
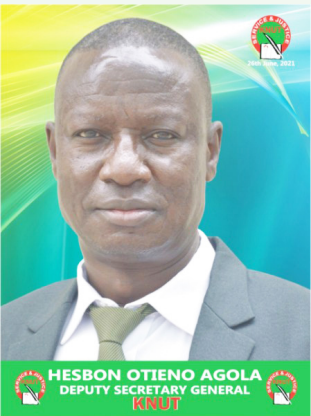
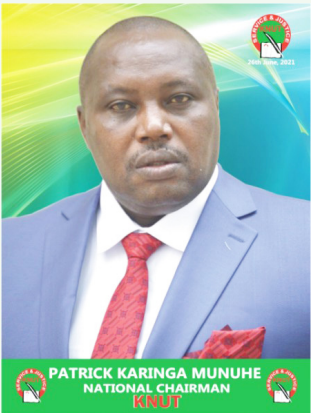
He urged teachers nationwide to remain actively engaged in union activities, noting that solidarity was key to advancing their interests. “Let us stand together as one union to ensure the dignity and service of teachers in this country is not compromised,” Oyuu said.

Oyuu and his team are now poised to lead KNUT through the 2026-2031 term. His deputy, Hesbon Otieno, was also elected unopposed, alongside National Chairman Patrick Karinga, First Vice National Chairman Malel Langat, Second Vice National Chairman Aggrey Namisi, National Treasurer James Ndiiku, Deputy National Treasurer Kennedy Nyamwanda, and Assistant National Treasurer Kullov Mohammed.

The two National Women Representatives, Mercy Kambati and Mercy Ndungu, also retained their seats unopposed. Only the Assistant Secretary General position attracted multiple candidates where Lennox Mshila, the Taita Taveta Executive Secretary and KNUT Coast Regional Council Chair was elected.

The National Trustees elected were: Bonuves Kimei Tenai (1st National Trustee), Albert Njeru Njoka (2nd National Trustee), and Dan Aluora Aloo (3rd National Trustee). Edward Odiwuor Olando retained his seat as the Person With Disability (PWD).

KNUT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP 2026 - 2031



The new NEC members for the period 2026 - 2031 are as shown below:		
KNUT 2026 – 2031 NEC MEMBERS		
REGION	NEC NAME	POSITION
CENTRAL	Michael Ndung'u Mutua Muna	1 st NEC Central
	Zachary Mathenge Wanjau	2 nd NEC Central
	George Gatundu Waweru	3 rd NEC Central
	Rahab Nyambura Gatiba	4 th NEC Central
COAST	Ali Baya Nganga	1 st NEC Coast
	Ibrahim Shabihu Sheekue	2 nd NEC Coast
	Priscah Hariri Mumbah	3 rd NEC Coast
EASTERN	Michael Kasimba Ngui	1 st NEC Eastern
	Samuel Kathinuku	2 nd NEC Eastern
	Caxton Muriithi Miungi	3 rd NEC Eastern
	Liz Kithumba Muthui	4 th NEC Eastern
NORTH EASTERN	Noor Mohammed	1 st NEC N/Eastern
	Bashir Abdulahi Odowa	2 nd NEC N/Eastern
	Nasteha Ali Mohamed	3 rd NEC N/Eastern
NYANZA	Alex Oduor Owino Dunga	1 st NEC Nyanza
	Albert Onkoba Ondimu	2 nd NEC Nyanza
	Phelix Owino Oloo	3 rd NEC Nyanza
	Eunice Atieno Bosco Onyango	4 th NEC Nyanza
WESTERN	Moses Masika	1 st NEC Western
	Maurice Chellanga Mmbwanga	2 nd NEC Western
	Patrick Omoto Mulamba	3 rd NEC Western
	Jacklyne M. Mulindi	4 th NEC Western
RIFT VALLEY	Alfred Cheruiyot Rop	1 st NEC Rift Valley
	Francis K. Bundotich	2 nd NEC Rift Valley
	Josphat Kiprop Serem	3 rd NEC Rift Valley
	Richard Lentaaya	4 th NEC Rift Valley
	Simon Kiprop Tuwei	5 th NEC Rift Valley
	Ann Cheruiyot	6 th NEC Rift Valley
	Kaseuseu Christine Cheyech	7 th NEC Rift Valley
NAIROBI	Danson Macharia Mugwe	1 st NEC Nairobi
	Jane Adhiambo Ajwang	2 nd NEC Nairobi

