



# TARDA NEWS

TANA AND ATHI RIVERS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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### HONOURING THE SERVICE OF OUR OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON

On 19th January 2026, the Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA) marked a significant institutional moment as Mr. Patrick Gichuru Gichohi, CBS, concluded his tenure as Chairperson of the Board of Directors—coinciding with the final official day of his 3-year term in office. The occasion, observed through an intimate farewell, provided an opportunity to reflect on a period defined by steady leadership, firm governance oversight, and deliberate institutional reform.

As the Authority gathered to mark this transition, it did so in recognition of a tenure that strengthened TARDA's foundations and positioned the institution for more effective delivery of its mandate across the Tana and Athi River Basins.

During his tenure, TARDA underwent deliberate reforms that strengthened its foundations and positioned the Authority for more effective mandate delivery. Under his stewardship, the Board provided firm governance oversight that enabled the restructuring and decentralization of the Authority's administrative and human resource architecture—deploying skilled teams to regional offices and bringing decision-making closer to the river basins and communities we serve.

He championed prudent financial stewardship, including the optimization of TARDA's physical assets through the relocation of Headquarters to Authority-owned premises—unlocking significant annual savings and reinforcing long-term sustainability. Board expenditure was rationalised through disciplined governance controls, reflecting a leadership style grounded in accountability and value for money.



Mr. Patrick Gichuru Gichohi, CBS



Mr. Gichohi also prioritized partnerships as a strategic lever for integrated basin development. Through collaborations with national research institutions, universities, county governments, and international partners, TARDA strengthened its technical depth, research uptake, climate adaptation capacity, and role as a convening institution linking science, policy, and implementation.

As he exits office, we recognize a Chairperson who led with clarity of purpose, respect for institutions, and a firm belief in TARDA's role in driving water, land, and community-centred development aligned to national priorities.

Present during the farewell were the Alternate Director to the Principal Secretary, State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Mr. Fredrick Juma, and Independent Board Members Eng. Robinson Gaita and Mr. Charles Mwalimu. TARDA Management was led by the Managing Director, Eng. Liban Roba.

We thank Mr. Patrick Gichuru Gichohi, CBS, for his service, leadership, and contribution to the Authority's journey, and wish him well as he transitions to the next chapter.

Leadership leaves footprints. His are visible across TARDA's systems, structures, and direction.

# PHOTOS



