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THE STATE CORPORATIONS ACT

(Cap. 446)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Section 3 (1) of the State Corporations Act, I, William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, make the following Order—

THE EAST AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN UROLOGY AND NEPHROLOGY ORDER, 2026

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Citation. **1.** This Order may be cited as the East Africa Centre of Excellence in Urology and Nephrology Order, 2026.

Interpretation. **2.** In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Board” means the Board of the Centre appointed under paragraph 7;

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to health;

“Centre” means the East Africa Centre of Excellence in Urology and Nephrology established under paragraph 3;

“Chief Executive Officer” means the person appointed under paragraph 21;

Cap. 241. “healthcare services” has the meaning assigned to it under the Health Act;

“nephrology” means the branch of medical science that deals with diseases of the kidney;

“renal health” means the health of the kidneys; and

“urology” means the surgical specialty devoted to the study and treatment of disorders of the genitourinary tract of the male and the urinary tract of the female.

PART II –THE EAST AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN UROLOGY AND NEPHROLOGY

Establishment of the East Africa Centre of Excellence in Urology and Nephrology.

3. (1) There is established the East Africa Centre of Excellence in Urology and Nephrology.

(2) The Centre shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) receiving, investing, borrowing and lending money; and
- (d) doing or performing such other things or acts as may be lawfully done or performed by a body corporate.

Objects of the Centre.

4. The object of the Centre shall be to provide specialized services for treatment, research and training in urology and nephrology.

Functions of the Centre.

5. The functions of the Centre shall be to—

- (a) provide specialised urological and nephrological services on referral from healthcare facilities within Kenya and the East African Community;
- (b) provide kidney transplantation services;
- (c) provide tertiary diagnostic services for patients with urological and nephrological conditions;
- (d) develop and maintain a kidney registry;
- (e) provide technical assistance to regional, national and county institutions concerned with matters relating to renal health;
- (f) enter into associations, collaborations or linkages with other bodies or organisations, within or outside Kenya, in furtherance of the object of the Centre;

- (g) conduct research and promote innovation in urology and nephrology;
- (h) provide training and capacity building for healthcare providers in urology and nephrology;
- (i) advice the Cabinet Secretary on policy matters relating to urology and nephrology; and
- (j) perform such other functions as may be necessary for the promotion of the object of the Centre.

Headquarters
of the Centre.

6. (1) The headquarters of the Centre in Nairobi City County or in such other place as may be determined by the Board in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary.

(2) Despite paragraph (1), the Centre shall decentralize its services through the establishment and operation of such units, branches or facilities as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

Board of the
Centre.

7. (1) There shall be a Board of the Centre which shall consist of—

- (a) a non-executive Chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters related to health or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters related to finance or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters related to the East African Community or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) the Attorney-General or a representative designated in writing;
- (f) two persons, not being a public officer, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and having experience in matters relating to health;
- (g) one person, not being a public officer, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and having relevant expertise necessary for the proper functioning of the Board; and
- (h) the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board.

(2) The appointment of the Chairperson and the members of the Board appointed under subparagraph (1)(f) and (g) shall be by notice in the *Gazette*.

Powers of the Board.

8. The Board shall have the reserved power to—

- (a) manage, control and administer the assets of the Centre in such manner as best promotes the object of the Centre;
- (b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for the reserves of the Centre;
- (c) open and operate such bank accounts for the funds of the Centre as may be necessary;
- (d) receive grants, donations, endowments or other monies made to the Centre and apply them in accordance with this Order; and
- (e) undertake any other oversight activity necessary for the performance of the functions of the Centre.

Qualification for appointment as Chairperson or member of the Board.

9. (1) A person shall be qualified for appointment as a Chairperson where the person—

- (a) holds a master's degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has demonstrated exceptional leadership and has experience of not less than fifteen years; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person shall be qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under paragraph 7(1)(g), where the person—

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in a field relevant to the functions of the Centre from a university recognised in Kenya;
- (b) has knowledge and experience of not less than five years; and meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Removal of the Chairperson or member of the

10. (1) The Chairperson may be removed by the President, and a member of the Board may be removed by the Cabinet Secretary, in

Board from accordance with the instrument of appointment, the Act, or any applicable
office. written law relating to removal from public service.

Cap. 7L. (2) The provisions of the Fair Administrative Action Act shall
apply to the removal of the Chairperson or a member of the Board under
paragraph (1).

Vacancy of 11. The office of the Chairperson or member of the Board shall
office of the become vacant if the holder of the office—
Chairperson or
member of the
Board.

- (a) resigns from office by notice in writing to the appointing authority;
- (b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable cause;
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;
- (e) dies;
- (f) is removed from office in accordance with paragraph 10.

Committees of 12. The Board may establish such committees as it may consider
the Board. necessary for the effective performance of its functions under this Order.

Tenure of 13. (1) The Chairperson and members of the Board appointed under
office of the paragraph 7(1)(f) and (g), unless otherwise removed, shall hold office for
Chairperson a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one
and Members further term of three years.
of the Board.

(2) The members appointed under paragraph 7(1)(b), (c), (d) and (e)
shall hold office during their tenure of office unless removed from office
by the appointing authority.

Meetings of the 14. (1) The Board shall hold such number of meetings as specified by
Board. the Act or any directions issued pursuant to the Act.

(2) The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Board
and, in the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one
of their number to preside as Chairperson for the purpose of that meeting.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be five members.

(4) Subject to the Act, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

Remuneration.

15. The Chairperson and members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, fees or allowances as the Cabinet Secretary may, on the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

Staff of the Centre.

16. The Board may appoint such staff for the proper discharge of the functions of the Centre under this Order upon such terms and conditions of service as the Board may determine upon the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Centre.

17.(1) The Board shall, through a competitive process, appoint a suitably qualified person to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre.

(2) A person shall be qualified to be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre if the person—

- (a) holds a master's degree in health or social sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' experience, five of which shall be at senior management level; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Centre and shall—

- (a) be responsible for the administration and management of the Centre;
- (b) implement the decisions of the Board;
- (c) be the accounting officer of the Centre; and
- (d) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

Removal of the Chief Executive

18. (1) The Chief Executive Officer may be removed from office by the Board in accordance with the terms and conditions of service or any applicable written law.

Officer from
Office.

(2) Where the question of the removal of the Chief Executive Officer under subparagraph (1) arises, the Board shall act in accordance with the principles of fair administrative action prescribed under Article 47 of the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act.

Cap. 7L.

Corporation
Secretary.

19. There shall be a Corporation Secretary who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms as the Board may, on the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

(2) The Corporation Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board may direct.

PART III– FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the
Centre.

20. (1) The funds of the Centre shall consist of—

- (a) monies appropriated by the National Assembly;
- (b) monies or assets as may accrue to the Centre in the course of the exercise of its powers or in the performance of its functions;
- (c) monies from levies, charges or fees paid to the Centre in respect of the services offered by the Centre;
- (d) grants, donations or endowments given to the Centre; and
- (e) any other lawful source.

(2) The funds shall be applied towards the discharge of the functions of the Centre and shall be accounted for and managed in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

Cap. 412A.

Annual reports.

21. The board shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, submit to the Cabinet Secretary an annual report containing—

- (a) the audited accounts of the Centre;
- (b) the Centre's performance indicators and any other related information;
- (c) information on the operations of the Centre during that year; and
- (d) such other information as the Cabinet Secretary may require.

Accounts and
Audit.

22. (1) The Centre shall keep proper books of account.

Cap. 412B.

(2) The accounts shall be prepared, audited and reported upon in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Protection
from personal
liability.

23. No matter or thing done in good faith by a member of the Board, staff or an officer of the Centre in the execution of the functions or powers of the Centre shall render that person personally liable for any action, claim or demand.

Liability for
damages.

24. This Order shall not relieve the Centre of liability to pay compensation or damages arising from its actions or omissions.

Delegation by
the Board.

25. The Board may, by resolution in writing, delegate its powers or functions to a committee, member, officer or agent of the Centre.

Common seal.

26. (1) The common seal shall be kept in custody and used as directed by the Board.

(2) The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer and any document required by law to be made under seal and all decisions of the Board may be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer.

(3) The common seal of the Centre when affixed to a document and duly authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed, and unless the contrary is proved, any necessary order by the Centre under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

Transitional
provisions.

27. (1) For purposes of this paragraph “Ministry of Health Project” means the East Africa Centre of Excellence for Skills and Tertiary Education in Biomedical Sciences Phase I Project for the Republic of Kenya, executed and managed by the Ministry of health.

(2) The Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory (HLA Laboratory) which, immediately before the commencement of this Order, was vested in, acquired under, or held by or on behalf of the Ministry of

Health Project in the name of the East Africa Centre of Excellence Project shall, by virtue of this paragraph and without further assurance, vest in the Centre.

Made on the....., 2026.

WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO,
President.