

The Bureau Boosts its Digital Content and Supplementary Books

The Bureau's editors recently attended a seminar on interactive digital content development hosted by StarCloud Estonia LLC and Avita Publishing House at Fair View Hotel, Nairobi. The participants were taken through book digitization process and the importance of incorporating features such as music, video, and themes that correlate to the content and animations when developing books for online rendering. The trainers said that content developed

for digital platforms helps push print versions of the book into the market. The training is useful to editors helping them appreciate the importance of developing a book with the digital version in mind and the need to consider using more meaningful graphics, photos, and exercises to make a book enjoyable to the reader.

StarCloud LLC Estonia is also undertaking technology transfer through perpetual training on digital content development for



The Bureau's Assistant Designer, Dorcas Okumu, navigates on the Opiq demo kit. With her is Senior Editor, E-books, Joseph Ndegwa and ICT officer, Julius Kivuli.



Consultative meeting between KLB and Opiq teams held at KLB headquarters' Board room in November 2022.

select KLB staff members. The training aims to build internal capacity and foster a learning culture for digital book development as the Bureau stays abreast with the rapidly evolving world of technology.

Further, we have completed the conversion of *KLB Visionary Grade 5* titles. These are hosted on the Opiq platform and can be accessed through Opiq library link: <https://opiq.co.ke/Search/Kits>.

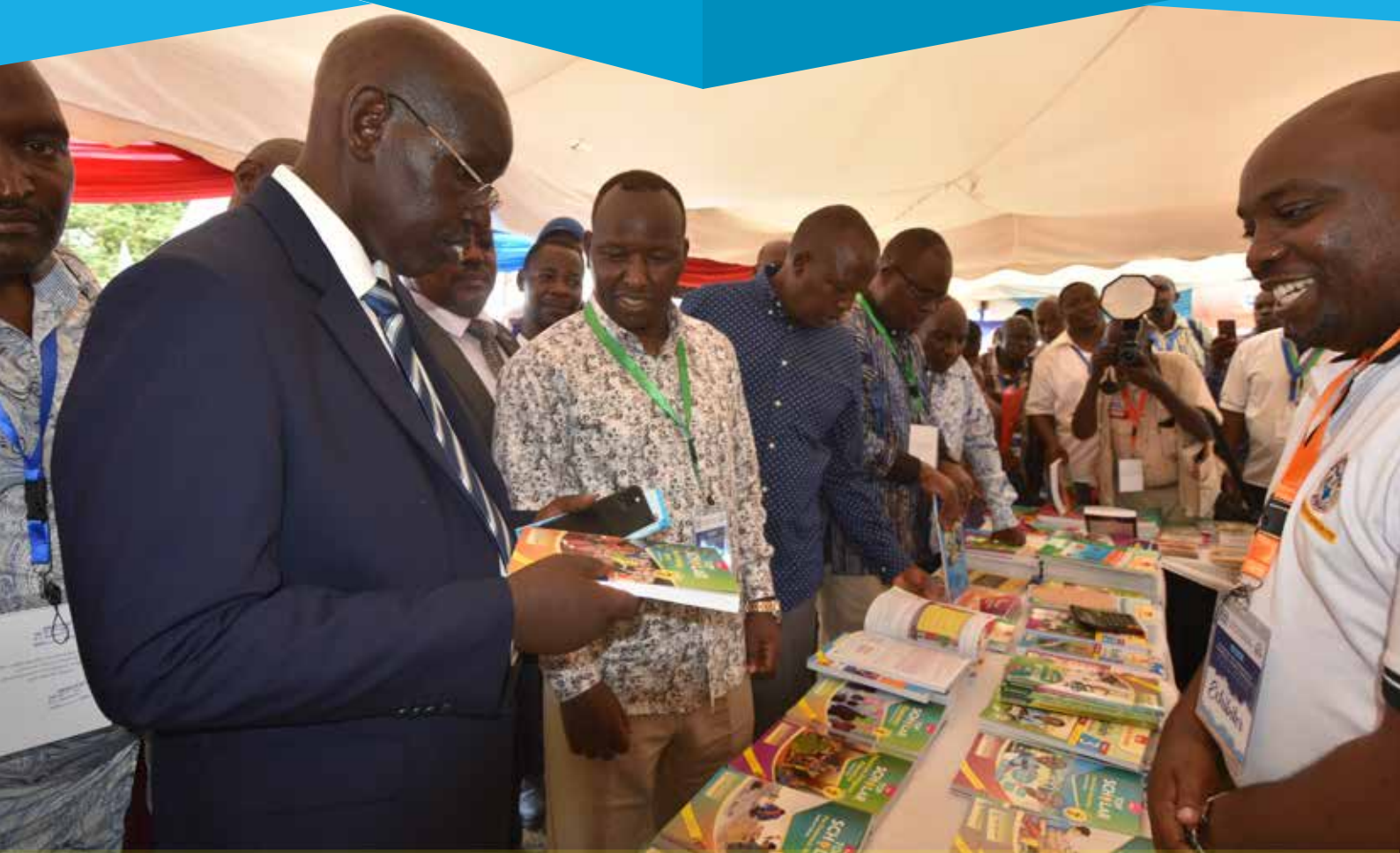
The Bureau's focus remains production of quality learning and teaching materials. We continue to generate supplementary texts for use by our learners for revision. Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) recently approved supplementary books for Grade 1-7 in the following learning areas: Health and Nutrition Grade 1 Learner's Book (LB) and Teacher's Guide (TG); English Grade 4 LB and TG; Social Studies Grade 5 LB and TG; English Grade 6 LB and TG; Kiswahili Grade 6 LB and TG; Mathematics Grade 6 LB and TG; Art and Craft Grade 6 LB and TG; Science and Technology Grade 6 LB and TG; and English novellas for Grade 7. The books are available in bookshops countrywide.

Stakeholder Engagement with Primary School Heads

The Bureau recently participated in the Kenya Primary Headteachers' Association Delegates Conference at Sheikh Zayed Children's Welfare Centre in Mombasa, presenting an opportunity for the Bureau to interact with senior educators nationwide, showcase various products and services, and gather feedback about titles used in Primary Schools.

The Principal Secretary for Basic Education, Dr Belio Kipsang, while delivering the president's speech to the school heads, said the government is committed to building additional classrooms to ensure the smooth transition of Grade 7 that will be domiciled in Primary Schools.

Dr Kipsang toured the KLB stand where he was taken through the Bureau's newest product offer, '*Top Scholar*'. The *KLB Top Scholar* is a brand name for Junior Secondary School and KLB will distribute three titles; Pre-technical Studies, Kiswahili and IRE learning and teaching materials under the government tender.



Basic Education PS Dr Belio Kipsang tours the KLB Stand and views KLB Top Scholar Grade 7 books. With him is the Bureau's Managing Director, Mr Victor Lomaria, during the KEPSHA conference in Mombasa.

The Bureau's Assistant Sales and Marketing Manager, Mr Justine Koech, thanked the principals for their continuous patronage of KLB books throughout the years and highlighted the availability of KLB Top Scholar Grade 7 and other titles in bookshops across the country in readiness for Grade 7 roll-out in January 2023.

The Bureau was represented by a team led by CPA Francis Mutunga, Ag. General Manager Finance and Administration and Sales and Marketing officers.

Bureau Feted at College of Human Resource Management (CHRM) Silver Jubilee Dinner

The Human Resource Department team was recently awarded a certificate of recognition by the College of Human Resource Management (CHRM) for its unwavering support towards CHRM programs. The KLB's Human Resource Manager (HRM), Mrs Roselyn Mugavana, received the award on behalf of the Bureau during the dinner themed "The Scoreboard: Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future", at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.



The Bureau's HRM, CHRP Roselyn Mugavana, receiving the recognition certificate from CS, CHRP Japheth Alande, MIHRM.