



Music Copyright Society of Kenya Limited

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Following Thursday's court ruling directing the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) to issue operating licenses to Kenya's three main Collective Management Organizations (CMOs), I am pleased to announce that KECOBO has confirmed its compliance with the orders.

The CMOs—Music Copyright Society of Kenya (MCSK), Kenya Association of Music Producers (KAMP), and Performing and Audiovisual Rights Society of Kenya (PAVRISK)—have been invited to collect their licenses on Monday. Each organization will continue collecting royalties for the rights holders they represent, while KECOBO recommends a joint licensing framework under the KPM structure.

MCSK welcomes KECOBO's adherence to the court's directive and commits to fulfilling all licensing conditions as we resume serving our members. This marks a new chapter in fostering positive relations among CMOs, rights holders, the government, and stakeholders.

The previous unpredictable licensing environment, coupled with numerous court disputes, had hindered our effectiveness, negatively impacting Kenyan musicians. We commend the Copyright Tribunal for its transparency in overturning attempts to establish a single CMO against industry stakeholders' wishes.

To our members, we assure you of brighter prospects ahead as we work to improve your fortunes. We also urge all users of copyrighted music to comply with the Copyright Act by obtaining proper licenses for their businesses.

Yours

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