



PRESS RELEASE

CBK AND CLEARSTREAM LAUNCH KENYA GOVERNMENT SECURITIES MARKET LINK

The Central Bank of Kenya welcomes the establishment of the Clearstream-Kenya Link which is expected to provide efficient access by international investors to Kenyan Government securities, supported by the Government Central Securities Depository (*DhowCSD*). Clearstream's connection to the *DhowCSD* will provide institutional investors with efficient access to the local market through a unique omnibus account structure, supporting Kenyan government bonds, infrastructure bonds and treasury bills. This is a significant milestone in developing Kenya's financial markets. The Link is expected to deepen liquidity, broaden the investor base, and enhance resilience of the domestic debt market. Clearstream is Deutsche Börse Group's post-trade business.

This development underscores our commitment to strengthening and modernizing financial market infrastructure, fostering greater integration with the global financial system, and advancing Kenya's position as one of the leading financial centers in Africa. The Link is the **60th domestic market link** within Clearstream's global network and **2nd in Africa**, after South Africa. This development builds on the transformative initiatives to unlock the full potential of the *DhowCSD*, which is transforming Kenya's financial markets through enhanced operational efficiency and expansion of digital access, market deepening for broader financial inclusion, and improved monetary policy operations.

The Central Bank of Kenya remains committed to upscaling Kenya's financial market infrastructure to premier status, driving financial inclusion, and anchoring long-term financial stability.

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