Governor: H.E. Joshua Iruungu, EGH
Deputy Governor: H.E. Reuben Kamuri
Speaker: Hon. Lantano Nabaala
Capital: Rumuruti Town
Key towns: Nanyuki, Rumuruti and Nyahururu
Regional Bloc: Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB)
Constituencies: 3
Electoral wards: 15
Land area and size: 9,532 km²
Temperature range: 9.8°C and 24.4°C

Laikipia County has abundant wildlife mainly found in the Aberdares Forest, Mt. Kenya wildlife corridors, and large private ranches which cover over 50% of the county’s land, thereby attracting a large number of tourists.

The primary crops grown in the county are maize, beans, wheat, potatoes and vegetables, with maize being the predominant crop accounting for about 51% of the total planted area.

Own Source Revenue (OSR) accounted for 15% of FY 2022/23 revenue.

**Recommendations**

- Improvement of the county’s overall revenue profile mainly in fully automating its own source revenue collection by providing an online one-stop collection portal for fees and levies.
- Strengthen compliance for established county laws and policies such as the climate change policies and enhance capacity building and awareness in climate change and green finance.
- Exploring alternative financing options such as the debt capital markets to fund capital development projects.

**Gross County Product (GCP) of Kshs 119.58 billion contributes 0.9% of Kenya’s GDP**

- Population of 550,318 people
- Annual Growth Rate of 2%
- Agriculture is the primary economic activity in the county accounting for 26.5% of the GCP and employing approximately 60% of the labour force.

**Key green projects**

- **WATER HARVESTING, MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION**
  - Construct 5 mega-dams with a cumulative capacity of 1,000,000m³, improve existing water infrastructure, and enhance rainwater harvesting and storage through supplying of water tanks to households.

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
  - Promote and support the installation of solar power systems in government offices, schools, healthcare centres, markets, streetlights and at the household level. Development of wind mills and solar farms.

- **ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRO-PROCESSING FACILITIES**
  - Increase production and value addition of farm produce by establishing, upgrading and reviving agro-processing industries, and expanding sustainable irrigation in the County through partnership with development partners.

- **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND RECYCLING CENTRE**
  - Improving the solid waste management system by initiating a hybrid model for solid waste collection and management that brings together private sector players and the government through a Public-Private Partnership.

**Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Laikipia County Climate Change Act, 2021**

**Laikipia County Water Services Bill 2021, Laikipia County Spatial Planning Bill 2014 and Laikipia County Forest Conservation Strategy (2018 – 2030)**

**Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds**

**Green assets**

- Water bodies: Ewaso Nyiro River, Marura Swamp and Ewaso Narok Swamp
- Mountains and Plateaus: Laikipia Plateau and Mount Kenya
- Forests: Six gazetted forests covering 580Km²

Laikipia County is home to several endangered mammal species, including the Grevy’s Zebra and the Reticulated Giraffe.