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PROJECT LOG 02 · 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

GKHACK26 · KENYAN NODE · COORDINATED BY LOLWE AI

THREE CLOCKS

Teams close on Wednesday at two. Then seventy-two hours. Then ninety days. Everything after that is somebody else's job to operate.

16 SEP

14:00 EAT

TEAMS CLOSE

72 HRS

25-27 SEP

THE BUILD

90 DAYS

TO 2063

THE DEPLOYMENT

37 ON THE LIST
50 WAS THE TARGET

Forty-three submissions, thirty-seven people. We publish the ratio rather than the ambition. A record that only contains good numbers is not a record.

Fifteen of the thirty-seven have no team, and teams close on Wednesday at 14:00. Mining has a single entrant. If you work anywhere near extraction in western Kenya, that track is open ground.

Names are not published here. The list consented to their details reaching Geekulcha for Sonke access. That is not consent to appear on a website, and we do not treat it as one.

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WHAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY BUILD



AGRICULTURE 21 ON THE LIST

Aggregation, grading, price discovery and the record that follows a crop to a buyer.



MINING 1 ON THE LIST

Artisanal and small-scale extraction — provenance, safety, and beneficiation at source.



AERIAL MAPPING 4 ON THE LIST

Survey, land use and infrastructure condition, captured from the air and made legible.

Eleven people declared work that fits none of the three — health, cybersecurity, embedded systems, climate, education. They are not turned away: Geekulcha's Brand New challenge takes a problem of your own, and existing work qualifies where it adds real capability over the weekend. A final-year project already underway is exactly what this format wants.

THE DEPLOYMENT AWARD

MOST HACKATHONS END WITH A CHEQUE AND A PHOTOGRAPH.

KSh 1,050,000

TOTAL COMMITTED VALUE

90 DAYS

Lolwe AI builds the winning solution out over ninety days.

A NAMED INSTITUTION

It enters a real operating environment, with an operator.

THE TEAM, CREDITED

The builders are named on the record, not absorbed.

NO CASH PRIZE ANNOUNCED

Pending funding confirmation. Stated as it stands today.



WHERE IT STANDS

WEDNESDAY, 14:00

16 SEPTEMBER 2026 · TEAM ALLOCATION CLOSES · NO EXTENSION

EOI

Closed 11 Sep

TEAMS

Closes 16 Sep

SONKE

Registration

BUILD

25–27 Sep

The expression of interest was never registration. Formal registration happens on Geekulcha's Sonke platform, and everyone on the list is contacted when the Kenyan window opens. Nothing is charged, and no student travels.

WHAT HAS BEEN PUT IN WRITING

WE ASK NOTHING OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMIT IT TO NOTHING.

MASENO UNIVERSITY

A letter to the Research Lead of the Centre for Applied AI, copied to the student concerned, offering live, imperfect systems as supervised project sites. Nothing commissioned, nothing paid, no ownership claimed.

GKSS GREAT LAKES

A letter to the Patron, for the Dean of Students, requesting chapter endorsement for mobilisation at no cost to the university.

A DISCLOSURE NOBODY ASKED FOR

In the same letter, a private paid engagement involving a chapter officer was disclosed in writing before any public announcement — because she holds office, and because they should hear it from us rather than read it later.

Both letters are dated 11 September 2026 and carry file references. They are available on request to any institution named in them.

MISSION 004 IS OPEN

MISSED THIS ONE?

THE NEXT ONE IS ALREADY OPEN.

Makairo2MandelaBay — the datathon, 27–29 November 2026, Friday to Sunday. It is not a rival to GKHack26 and it is not a consolation prize. It is the next door, for builders who missed this window or who want a second one, and it runs on our own arena rather than anybody else's platform.

27–29 NOV

Friday to Sunday

FIVE CHANNELS

One arena, briefings replay in any timezone

OPEN ENROLMENT

Ten nodes named, the rest of the continent open

TERMS FIRST

Builder Terms published before registration opens

rebootrepublic.com/m2mb

FORWARD THIS.

If you know a builder in western Kenya who should be on that list, send them this. That is the whole ask.

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THE CALL · THE TRACKS · THE AWARD · THE DOWNLOADS



THE SYSTEM BEHIND THE NODE



Deployment



Mobilisation



Documentation



GKHACK26 IS RUN BY GEEKULCHA

Status: pre-event record · Evidence: expression-of-interest data (aggregate), published programme, correspondence on file
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