



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION

JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.

1. Parliament assembled at Three O'clock.

2. **ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, His Excellency Honourable (Dr.) William Samoei Ruto, CGH, escorted by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the National Assembly and accompanied by Maces of both Houses, entered the Chamber at Three O'clock.

3. The Proceedings were opened with Prayers said by the following Spiritual Leaders

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- Bishop Kepha Omae, *Presiding Bishop, Redeemed Gospel Church;*
- Sheikh Sukyan Hassan Omar, *Deputy Chief Kadhi;*
- His Grace Bishop Philip Anyolo, *Catholic Metropolitan Archbishop of Nairobi;*
- The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, *Anglican Church of Kenya;* and
- Mr. Mancha Ole Kupai Senteu, *Traditional Spiritual Leader.*

4. **CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following:

“Your Excellency, Hon. (Dr.) William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address the opening of each newly elected Parliament.

By a letter Ref. NO. OP/CAB.26/417/ VOL. I (38), dated 21st September, 2022, His Excellency the President notified the Speakers of Parliament of his intention to address the newly elected Parliament on Thursday, 29th September, 2022 in the National Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings at 2:30 p.m.

Accordingly, pursuant to Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution and further pursuant to Standing Order 24(1) of the Standing Orders of the Senate, by Gazette Notice No. 11266 which was published in the *Kenya Gazette* of 22nd September 2022, I gave Notice of this joint Sitting to all Senators.

Honourable Members, this Joint Sitting is therefore properly convened.

I thank you.”

5. CONVOCAATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following: -

Your Excellency, Hon. (Dr.) William S. Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Honourable Speaker of the Senate, Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi;

The Honourable Lady Justice Martha Koome, EGH, Chief Justice & President of the Supreme Court of Kenya;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address the opening of each newly elected Parliament. In this regard, pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution and the provisions of Standing Order No. 21 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, by *Gazette Notice No. 11265*, which was published on 23rd September, 2022, I gave notice of this Joint Sitting to the Members of the National Assembly.

Accordingly, Honourable Members, this Joint Sitting is properly convened.

Your Excellency, it is the custom of Parliament to recognize invited guests seated at the Speaker’s Row, the public servants’ bench and the Speaker’s Gallery. I therefore wish to recognize the following guests who are seated in the Speaker’s Row: Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya and other members of the First Family. Also seated in the Speakers Row is His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya.

Your Excellency, Hon. Members, special mention and recognition this afternoon goes to the Judiciary. Seated in the Public Servants Bench and at the *Bar of the House* are: Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, EGH, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court. She is accompanied by the Hon. Lady Justice Philomena M. Mwilu, Deputy Chief Justice, Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga, President of the Court of Appeal, and Hon. Lady Justice Hannah Okwengu, Judge of Appeal, Hon. Lady Justice Maureen Onyango, Principal Judge of the Employment and Labour Relations Court, and Hon. Anne Amadi, Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.

Your Excellency, Hon. Members, we are pleased to host the former Vice-President of the Republic, The Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH. Also seated in the Speakers Row this afternoon are former Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, The Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi, EGH-my immediate predecessor, and The Hon. Governor Kenneth Lusaka, EGH.

Your Excellency, allow me to also recognize the Chairperson of the Council of Governors, The Hon. Anne Waiguru, EGH, who is also the Governor of Kirinyaga County. Also present today is the Hon. Johnson Sakaja, Governor of Nairobi City County and The Hon. Martine Martin Moshisho, Chairperson of the Deputy Governor's Caucus and who is also the Deputy Governor of Kajiado County.

Your Excellency, also seated in the Speaker's Row is Hon. David Maraga, EGH, former Chief Justice of Kenya. May I also recognize the presence of Mr. George Luchiri Wajackoya, who was a presidential candidate in the last General Elections.

Your Excellency, last but not least, allow me to also give a special mention to the Chief of Defence Forces, General (Dr.) Robert Kariuki Kibochi and the respective service commanders, the Deputy Inspector General of the National Police Service and other leaders of our disciplined forces. They are seated at the *Bar of the House*. We remain grateful for their distinguished service to the Nation.

Honourable Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
It is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces to address this Special Sitting of Parliament.

I thank you.

Your Excellency, please address the joint sitting of the Houses of Parliament.

6. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Article 132(1) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President delivered an address to the newly elected Parliament.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

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The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following:

“Honourable Members, please be up standing.

Your Excellency the President, the Right Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Members, we have come to the conclusion of the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn.

The Senate stands adjourned until, Tuesday, 4th October, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings”.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Your Excellency, before I adjourn the National Assembly, allow me to salute and recognize the following distinguished dignitaries from our esteemed judiciary who are seated in the Public Servants Bench and at the *Bar of the House*. I apologize for inadvertently skipping their recognition in my Convocation earlier.

They are: The Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, EGH, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court;

She is accompanied by the Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mwilu, MGH, Deputy Chief Justice and Vice-President of the Supreme Court; Hon. Justice Daniel Musunga, President of the Court of Appeal; Hon. Lady Justice Hannah Okwengu, Judge of Court of Appeal; Hon. Justice Eric Ogola, Principal Judge of the High Court; Hon. Lady Justice Maureen Onyango, Principal Judge of the Employment and Labour Relations Court, and Hon. Anne Amadi, Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.

Honourable Members, The National Assembly now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 4th October, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

May I take this opportunity to invite all Honourable Members and our guests to a Reception at the Parliament Courtyard.

May I also request all of you Honourable Members and our guests to remain standing in your places until the procession of His Excellency the President, the Speakers, the Supreme Court Judges and Spiritual Leaders leave the Chamber.

10. DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Thereupon, His Excellency the President departed from the Chamber in State procession.

11. PARLIAMENT ROSE - at ten minutes past Four O'clock.

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*The Speakers will take respective Chairs on
Tuesday, October 04, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. for the National Assembly and
2:30 p.m. for the Senate.*

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