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National Assembly Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss, accompanied by National Assembly Clerk, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, received the documentation for two state-of-the-art vehicles from the acting Ambassador of Algeria to Kenya, H.E. Hamza Karour.

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Speaker Wetang'ula firmly and resolutely reminds honorable Members of Parliament, esteemed journalists, and distinguished guests of the utmost importance to strictly adhere to the well-defined parliamentary dress code, and to consistently uphold and honor the revered traditions that have shaped the noble institution of Parliament.

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MPs probe Budget, including revenue sources, costs shares, public debt and fiscal policies

During the budget review process, MPs critically assess the allocation of resources to ensure that they are directed towards initiatives that address the needs of the people and contribute to the overall growth of the economy. They consider factors such as healthcare, education, social welfare programs, infrastructure development, and job creation as key components for public welfare and sustainable economic progress.

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A section of the Members of the National Assembly in a past plenary session of the 13th Parliament presided by National Assembly Speaker Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula.



Kenya Revenue Authority faces scrutiny over Excisable Goods Management System contract with SICPA amidst allegations and procurement concerns

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) appeared before the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning last week to address concerns raised by Members regarding their Excisable Goods Management System (EGMS).

The Committee requested information on the contract between the Authority and SICPA Security Solutions SA for the printing, supply, and delivery of security revenue stamps, along with a track and trace system and an integrated production system for excisable goods.

Members raised issues regarding the procurement, financing, and implementation of the contract, as well as the first and second addendums that contained contract renegotiations.

In response to these concerns, Acting Commissioner General Rispah Simiyu (Mrs.) explained that the EGMS serves as a tracking mechanism for excisable goods, which plays a crucial role in improving excise tax collection and supporting domestic tax revenue.

However, the Committee Chairperson, Hon. Kuria Kimani, expressed

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reservations about the credibility and management of the system by SICPA, referring to recent criminal allegations made by the office of the Attorney General of Switzerland in relation to corporate liability investigations.

Committee Members Hon. Julius Rutto and Hon. Paul Biego highlighted that the procurement process did not consider emerging issues such as exchange rate volatility and the budget allocated for the system's acquisition. They suggested canceling the contract after completing all stages of tender evaluation.

Additionally, Hon. Adan Keynan questioned whether the Authority followed the legislative framework outlined in the Statutory Instruments Act when gazetting the EGMS regulation. Hon. Joseph Oyula inquired about the extent of public participation,



Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning led by the Chairperson, Hon. Kimani Kuria (right), Hon. Joseph Makilap (Centre) and Hon. David Mboni follow through the proceedings of the Committee meeting with KRA.

emphasizing that the implementation of the system would impact a wide range of manufacturers and importers of excisable goods under the EGMS Regulation 2017.

When asked about the existence of counterfeit stamps by Hon. Shadrack Mwiti and Hon. George Sunkuiya, the Acting Commissioner General acknowledged instances of stamp duplication. She reassured the Committee that the Authority, in collaboration with the multi-agency

team and the contractor, has implemented mechanisms to identify and eliminate such occurrences through additional security features and market surveillance.

The Committee plans to engage with the Authority on further issues arising from the discussions. Furthermore, the Members decided to summon the shareholders of SICPA to appear before the Committee and provide more information on the matter.

Deputy Speaker Hon. Boss receives Algerian President's donation, says it will strengthen Kenya-Algeria ties



The Deputy Speaker Hon. Gladys Boss flagging off an ultra-modern, fully equipped ambulance van at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi on Thursday. Looking on is National Assembly Clerk Samuel Njoroge accompanied by a section of legislators including Ijara MP Abdi Ali Abdi among others.

National Assembly Deputy Speaker Hon. Gladys Boss on Thursday received two State-of-the-art vehicles donated to Kenya by the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, H.E Abdelmadjid Tebboune.

The Deputy Speaker received the fully equipped ambulance and executive van at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi on Thursday. Acting Ambassador of Algeria to Kenya, H.E Hamza Karour, conveyed the donations on behalf of his country's President.

Speaking to journalists at the event, Hon Boss revealed that the fraternal donation was a result of bilateral talks that took place following a formal visit to Algeria by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, earlier in the year.

"On behalf of the Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Wetang'ula and the people of Kenya, I thank President Tebboune for his kind gesture. The two vehicles symbolize the strong friendship between the two nations," said the Uasin Gishu Women Representative.

The Deputy Speaker expressed profound appreciation to President Tebboune for his benevolence and recognized the significant role these vehicles would play in bolstering emergency

medical services and enhancing transportation for official engagements.

According to the Deputy Speaker, the reception of the vehicles reflects the continued efforts to strengthen diplomatic ties between Kenya and Algeria.

She explained that the act underscores the mutual commitment to enhancing cooperation across various sectors and promoting people-to-people exchanges.

At the event, Hon. Boss further reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to expanding, deepening, and strengthening bilateral relations with the Northern African country.

"Our two countries have a long-standing cordial relationship and history of cooperation. We have worked together in many areas including the Education sector," said the Deputy Speaker.

Hon Boss acknowledged the Algerian Government's support in providing scholarships to over 200 Kenyan students this year, emphasizing the mutual cooperation and collaboration between the two nations.

Speaker Wetang'ula engages ELGIA and USAID on growth, deepening and strengthening democracy in African Nations

The Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, has underscored the need for collaboration with partners in governance in strengthening democracy in Africa. He made this call when he met with officials from the Electorate Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at his office in Parliament buildings.

Speaker Wetang'ula expressed gratitude towards USAID's contributions in guiding Kenya through the legislative processes after the 2010 Constitution, whereby they supported and nurtured the growth of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

The Speaker in depth emphasized the crucial role ELGIA and USAID has played in enhancing the capacity of IEBC commissioners.

He noted that by promoting a deep sense of commitment to the rule of law in the Commission, the organizations had helped the Commission serve the nation diligently. He also appreciated USAID's efforts in ensuring a good "hygiene" in Kenya's politics.

"If we don't have properly trained IEBC practitioners, they can be interfered with", the Speaker noted.

The Speaker sought the support of the two in implementing his vision of transforming the Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) into a state-of-the-art institution, and a premier training center for parliamentarians throughout Africa.

He revealed that his desire was to see the Centre develop a curriculum specifically tailored to benefit African parliaments. This, he noted



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would derive a future where African democracy thrives under capable leadership.

Hon. Wetang'ula also appealed to ELGIA to extend their assistance to the Judiciary, with an aim of preventing conflicting rulings within the system. He observed that support is crucial to enhance the strength and credibility of judges, who hold the public's trust and uphold the rule of law.

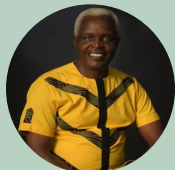
The Speaker further expressed his vision for a future in Kenya, where elections can be a seamless process as was the case in Ghana—a country renowned for having

one of the most robust electoral systems in Africa.

"We are tired of people seating on edge every time we near elections. We look forward to having peaceful elections like Ghana", said the Speaker.

Ms. Ludwig highlighted the importance of strengthening trust in institutions, recognizing them as the foundation of democracy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Hon. Mugambi Rindikiri,
Buuri MP

Thanks to the NG-CDF, we have access to excellent infrastructure and bursary funds, which have played a pivotal role in empowering disadvantaged children to achieve remarkable success in education. Today, I proudly affirm that the NG-CDF has contributed to the emergence of doctors, engineers, pilots, administrators, and responsible citizens within our community. Without the existence of the NG-CDF, these exceptional individuals would not have been nurtured and developed to their fullest potential.



Hon. Janet Sitienei,
Turbo MP

I am a Member of Parliament whose constituents have greatly benefited from the NG-CDF. I am proud to say that this fund has made a significant impact, particularly for individuals from impoverished backgrounds, by providing access to education from primary school through college, ultimately enabling them to secure livelihoods. I strongly believe that this fund should be further strengthened to empower us in supporting our communities and families to enhance their quality of life.

She emphasized that Kenya possesses the necessary structures to offer institutional support, conflict resolution, and peace messaging, as demonstrated during the 2022 elections through the involvement of faith-based organizations.

The engagement also deliberated on the ongoing electoral reforms and prioritization of devolution. Speaker Wetang'ula urged the two organizations to consider collaborations in these areas, as a way of strengthening county governments.

Citing poor accountability in Counties as one of the downsides of devolution, the Speaker appealed to ELGIA to consider supporting the exploration of mechanisms that enhance oversight at the counties.

At the same time, the Speaker assured the heads of the two organizations that Parliament is actively committed to prioritizing electoral sector laws, the two-thirds gender rule, affirmative action, and other pertinent legislations.



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MPs engage in comprehensive review of fiscal year 2023/2024 budget to optimize resource allocation and enhance governance



A briefcase containing the Budget before it is read in the House.

Members of the National Assembly have commenced a rigorous assessment of the national budget for the fiscal year 2023/24, meticulously scrutinizing proposed programs and projects from various state departments and agencies. This process aligns with the provisions of Article 221 of the Constitution of Kenya, which mandates the submission of budget estimates to the National Assembly.

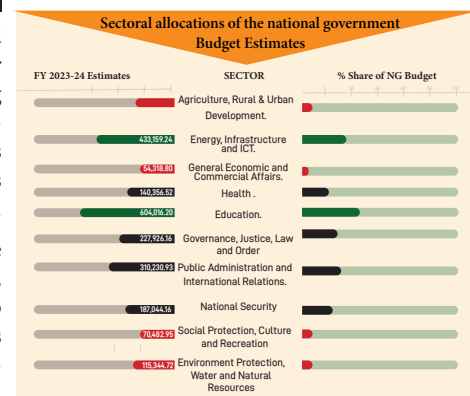
The recently tabled budget estimates, consisting of revenue and expenditure projections for the national government, have been placed before the National Assembly. According to Standing Order 235 of the National Assembly, these estimates are deemed committed to the respective Departmental Committees upon being laid in the House.

Under the current review process, each Departmental Committee is tasked with the responsibility of considering, discussing, and meticulously reviewing the estimates in accordance with its mandate. These committees are then expected to make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee of the National Assembly.

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As the budget review progresses, Lawmakers are paying particular attention to the sectoral budget breakdown, aiming to ensure that resources are allocated in a manner that aligns with national priorities and promotes sustainable development.

The following is a breakdown of the sectoral budget allocations for the fiscal year 2023/24 and their respective share percentages:



These allocations have sparked intense discussions among Legislators, who are actively seeking to ensure that funds are effectively distributed to address key priorities in each sector. The focus lies on optimizing the use of resources to enhance service delivery, stimulate

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economic growth, and improve the overall welfare of the citizenry.

In parallel, MPs are examining the proposed programs and projects within their respective Committees, inviting Accounting Officers from the respective State departments and Agencies to defend their budgets and justify the allocation of funds. This thorough assessment guarantees transparency, accountability, and prudent management of public funds.

Legislators supported by the experts from the Parliamentary Budget Office have been thoroughly scrutinizing the proposed expenditures to ensure transparency, accountability, and the effective utilization of public funds.

The review of the budget estimates represents a crucial aspect of parliamentary oversight and democratic governance. By thoroughly examining each department's allocation, the Committees of the National Assembly aim to make evidence-based recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Budget public participation round up

Bomet and Garissa residents voice budget priorities: want inclusion in sports academy, tea factory, TVET institutions

A Sub-Committee of the Budget and Appropriations Committee in the National Assembly, led by Hon. Florence Jemutiah (Baringo County), organized a consultative forum with the residents of Bomet County. This forum was aimed at gathering their views on the 2023/2024 Budget Estimates.

The event took place at Sasieta High School, Mogogosiek, in Konoin Sub-County, where Bomet residents shared their suggestions to be considered for inclusion in the County's budget.

One of the proposals put forward by the residents of Konoin was the establishment of a resource centre to provide the youth with access to information through digital or electronic platforms.

They also suggested the construction of a multipurpose hall and a sports academy to promote talent development in athletics.

In addition, residents of Konoin emphasized the need for a value addition tea factory in the region and the establishment of local tea



Baringo County MP Hon Florence Jemutiah engages residents during a public participation exercise on the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget.

markets, as opposed to relying solely on the Mombasa tea markets.

They questioned why the government couldn't support the marketing of their tea from Bomet, considering its high quality and top rating at the Mombasa auction.

A group representing people living with disabilities appealed to the Committee for funds to equip special schools in the region, including

Sasieta small home for the disabled and Korara special school. Water infrastructure and road development were also highlighted as crucial infrastructural projects requiring consideration. The public also raised concerns about the shortage of teachers and classrooms in schools, as well as the lack of support for farmers. The residents further requested the legislators to allocate funds for the upgrading of Longisa Kenya Medical Training Institute (KMTI) branch and the elevation of Sot Technical Institute to a National Polytechnic.

Meanwhile, another sub-committee led by Hon. Mohamed Abdikheir MP (Lafey) held a similar event at the Garissa Library in Garissa Town.

This sub-committee focused on the issues facing Garissa County, with participants representing the six constituencies.

The major challenges highlighted by the participants were the lack of water and poor road networks, which were common problems across all six constituencies in the region.

Participants also expressed their concerns about the inadequate infrastructure at Garissa University, the only University in the entire northern region.



Budget public participation round up

Lamu residents decry poor infrastructure, demand an end to marginalization, during a public participation forum



Kitui Central MP Makali Mulu, a member of the Budget and Appropriations committee during a public participation meeting on Wednesday last week in Mpeketoni town.

Residents of Lamu East Constituency have raised concerns about the ongoing marginalization by successive governments, resulting in lack of development projects and limited access to government services.

They argue that despite having a cumulative 120 kilometers of roads; not a single tarmac road exists in the Constituency.

Moreover, they lack connection to the national grid, and their primary and secondary schools are in a dilapidated condition. Additionally, they have expressed dissatisfaction with the absence of boarding schools in primary and secondary schools.

Marsabit County wants Budget to address stalled projects, insecurity, irrigation and KPRs reinstatement

Residents of Marsabit County have expressed their grievances and dissatisfaction on several stalled projects in the County that require immediate government intervention.

These projects include the Badasa Dam, Marsabit Stadium, construction of Marsabit Judges Residence, Construction of Marsabit Law Courts, Maralal-North Horr road (C77), North Horr-Marsabit Shegel road (C82), Marsabit-Shegel (B7), Shegel-Maikona spur roads and town roads, North Horr-in Darthe AP camp (RD A4), Laisamis-Ngurunit, Kenya Ethiopia (Turbi-Moyale) road, Moyale Technical Training Institute, and Spate irrigation for climate resilience.

The revelations were laid bare during a public participation on the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2023/24 at the Catholic Social Hall in Marsabit County.

They also cited that insecurity in the region has played a significant role in stalling of the projects, urging the government to establish more police posts in the county and reinstate the Kenya Police Reserve (KPR).

The Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee Hon. Ndindi Nyoro said public engagements provide communities with the opportunity to influence decisions that directly impact their lives. He emphasized that the committee's role is to balance the various views and concerns gathered across the country.

Obtaining essential documents such as national identification cards, passports, and death certificates has proven difficult for residents due to the remote location of the nearest station, Mukowe town, which can only be reached by sea and is costly to access.

These grievances were presented to the National Assembly's Committee on Budget and Appropriations during a public participation exercise on the budget estimates for the financial year 2023/2024 in Lamu East constituency.

In Lamu West Constituency residents led by their Member of Parliament Hon. Stanley Muthama, expressed concerns about the deteriorating road network, inequitable electricity distribution, and lack of clean water.

They appealed for the construction of modern classrooms to replace mud classrooms, which have caused hardship for students.

Kitui Central MP Makali Mulu, leading the delegation, expressed appreciation for the residents' candid views and assured them that his committee would carefully consider the raised issues and prioritize projects within the allocated budget of 100 million shillings for Lamu County.

House Committee engages Busia residents on the FY 2023/2024 budget

A delegation of Members from the Budget and Appropriations Committee, led by Teso South MP Hon. Mary Emaase and Tongaren MP Hon. John Chikati, conducted public participation sessions in Akukuranut Hall, Adungosi Ward, Teso South Constituency, and Mtelo Hall, Kapenguria Constituency, to gather input on the budget estimates for the FY 2023/24.

During these sessions, residents expressed their priorities and emphasized the need for projects such as roads, increased budgetary allocation for NGAAP and NG-CDF, the establishment of Cancer Centers, a hospital for infectious diseases, the expansion of Junior Secondary School classes, and the development of an Agricultural Training College.

Additionally, residents requested the completion of KMTCC hostels, the construction of Malaba Law Courts, the procurement of police vehicles in Busia County, improved security infrastructure along the Pokot borders, and the implementation of sewerage systems, among other concerns.

In response, Hon. Mary Emaase assured the residents that their views would greatly contribute to the enrichment of the budget process and ultimately have a positive impact on the community.



Members of the Departmental Committee on Budget and Appropriation pose for a photograph with wananchi after a public participation exercise on the financial document in Embu.

Committee promotes transparency and inclusivity through public participation in Embu

The Departmental Committee on Budget and Appropriations has taken a significant step towards fostering transparency and accountability by conducting public participation sessions on the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2023/24. The Committee, chaired by Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu), is responsible for the oversight of budgetary matters. The Committee has spearheaded the inclusive initiative, allowing citizens to actively contribute to the legislative process.

Citizens held discussions, raised concerns, and provided valuable feedback on the proposed budgetary allocation.

Among the issues highlighted were the urgent need for the completion of stalled dams, the upgrading of County hospitals, the construction of a County sewer system, along with the expansion of the existing sewer-line network. Citizens also emphasized the importance of renovating market areas, expanding the affordable housing project and upgrading the Runyenjes KCC storage facility into a processing plant.

Furthermore, the citizens emphasized the necessity of constructing new roads and establishing aggregation centers that could later be transformed into industrial parks; fostering economic growth and job creation. In addition, they requested the government to review policies governing the macadamia and coffee sectors, improve electricity connectivity, and provide subsidies on animal feeds, to support agricultural productivity.

The committee said the exercise gives citizens an opportunity to actively contribute to the legislative process, while upholding the principles of democracy by giving them a voice and an opportunity to contribute to decisions that directly impact their lives.

The delegation also paid a courtesy visit to the Embu County Governor, Hon. Cecily Mbarire, who articulately detailed the County's concerns and challenges requiring Government's support.

Engaging the public in the legislative process holds immense significance for several reasons. First and foremost, it upholds the principles of democracy by giving citizens a voice and an opportunity to contribute to decisions that directly impact their lives.

Inclusive public participation ensures that a wide range of perspectives, concerns, and ideas are taken into account, leading to more balanced and comprehensive policies.



National Assembly Members on one-month recess to tackle Pending Bills, Treaties and Budget Estimates for FY 2023/24



National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (D.r) Moses Wetang'ula together with Chamber Clerks during an ongoing session at the National Assembly.

Members of the National Assembly are on a month-long recess. The House is scheduled to resume regular sittings on Tuesday, 6th June 2023 at 2.30 P.M. According to National Assembly's Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, the one-month recess is a busy period for Departmental Committees, the Budget and Appropriations Committee as well as the Committee on Finance and Planning to engage with Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on the Budget estimates for the Financial Year 2023/2024, that were submitted to the house a fortnight ago.

Additionally, Hon. Ichung'wah says there are various matters relating to Bills, treaties, approval hearings, inquiries and responses to Statements still pending before Committees.

"I, therefore, urge all our Committees, their Chairpersons and Members to be present and actively participate in ensuring that all these matters are concluded, and reports brought to the House upon resumption on 6th June 2023 at 2.30 P.M.," said Hon. Ichung'wah in his communication to the House.

"I want to ask them to make themselves available in committees, especially in consideration of the Budget Estimates and the Finance Bill and consideration of all the Bills, treaties, approval hearings and reports that are before them," he added.

Hon. Ichung'wah wished members a wonderful recess period as they spend time with their families, rejuvenate and also discharge their parliamentary and constituency obligations.

"As I have noted in this Statement, this is one of our long recesses in the Second Session after the short recess that we had,

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and the four weeks that we are on recess will be a working recess. I wish Members a great time with their families since they will get home earlier than usual because, as you are aware, the House rises at 7.00 p.m. and at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesdays," he held.

The House Business Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, 6th June 2023, to schedule the business for the rest of that week.

Deputy Speaker Hon. Boss hosts athletics champions

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly-Hon. Gladys Boss, (Uasin Gishu County MP) recently hosted a star studded group of Kenyan athletes who excelled at the recent Boston and London Marathons.

They held candid discussions regarding challenges faced by athletes and possible solutions.

"You have done our country Kenya a great honour. I assure you and the entire athletics fraternity of my full support," she said while thanking the athletes.

Present at the luncheon was Kevin Kiptum, 2023 London Marathon winner, Evance Chebet, 2023 Boston Marathon winner, Geoffrey Kamworor, five times World Championship Marathon winner, Peris Jepchirchir, 2022 Boston Marathon winner, Albert Korir, 2021 New York Marathon winner, Benson Kipruto, 2022 Chicago Marathon champion and Mark Korir, Berlin Marathon 2022 silver medalist.

"Our country is home to many champions who through hard work and persistence have achieved recognition globally," she added.



Athletes Kevin Kiptum, Evance Chebet, Geoffrey Kamworor, Peris Jepchirchir, Albert Korir, Benson Kipruto, and Mark Korir listening to the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Gladys Boss, who had hosted them for a luncheon at her residence in Eldoret Town.



Lawmakers discuss Budget allocation and pending bills in Agriculture and Livestock State Departments

In a recent meeting, Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock convened to review the proposed budget allocation for the State Department of Crops and the State Department of Livestock for the fiscal year 2023/24. The budget, totaling Kshs. 64.6 billion, aims to promote agricultural development, enhance livestock production, and ensure food security and socio-economic growth.

While making the submission, Hon. Mithika Linturi, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development informed the meeting that the State Department of Livestock, responsible for regulating and facilitating livestock production, has been allocated Kshs. 18.35 billion, reflecting a significant increase of 131% compared to the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, Kshs. 8.77 billion is designated for recurrent expenditure, while Kshs. 9.58 billion is allocated for development expenditure. Priority value chains, such as Dairy and Leather are expected to receive a direct allocation of Kshs. 2.9 billion.

Under the chairmanship of Hon. Dr. John Mutunga, attention was drawn to the pending bills within the State Department of Livestock.

As at January 12th, 2023, Kshs. 26.7 million of the pending bills had been settled, while outstanding pending bills amounting to Kshs. 162.9 million remain. Notably, historical pending bills

including Court Awards to Halal Meats Limited totaling to Kshs. 4 billion and to Expert Associate Architects amounting to Kshs. 25 million, are also yet to be resolved.

Regarding the State Department on Crops, the Chief Finance Officer Crops Department, Mr. Tobias Osano, said that the Department requested Kshs. 19.2 billion for the fertilizer subsidy programme, but the Treasury allocated Kshs. 4.5 billion for the FY 2023/24.

“The Department of Crops plays a crucial role in the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. We seek the support of the committee to ensure the successful implementation of our programs,” said Hon. Mithika Linturi, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

Mr. Osano in his presentation said that the State Department plays a key role in implementing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), primarily through these value chains: Rice Value Chain, Tea Value Chain, Textile and Apparel Value Chain and Edible Oils Value Chain.

Lawmakers learnt that the State Department of Crops, which focuses on enhancing crop production, food security, and agricultural research, has received an allocation of Kshs. 46.3 billion. The Committee Members scrutinized submissions and noted a duplication of activities within the agricultural sector. This included Projects like the Cotton Industry Revitalization,



National Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Livestock led by chairperson Tigania East MP Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga (Centre) and Matayos MP Hon. Godfrey Odanga during an inspection tour of Kenya Seed Company Headquarters in TransNzoia County.

National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project, that the Department of Crops operates nineteen Semi-Autonomous and Food Security and Crop Diversification Projects, which are Government Agencies (SAGAs) and appealed to the committee for their support in endorsing the budget estimates. The discussion also shed light on the issue of pending bills within the State Department of Crops. Notably, the Maize Subsidy Program (FY 2017/18) has pending bills amounting to Kshs. 1.92 billion, while the Maize Flour Subsidy Program (FY 2022/23) has pending bills of Kshs. 3 billion. Additionally, the Fertilizer Subsidy Program has pending bills totaling Kshs. 8 billion.

While addressing the meeting, Hon. Dr. John Mutunga said that, “We are committed to ensuring that the budget allocations for the crop and livestock sectors are utilized effectively and contribute to the overall development of agriculture in Kenya.”

Hon. Linturi also highlighted

House watchdog team demands Kenya Maritime Authority’s full disclosure of controversial Headquarters project and financial irregularities



The Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy chaired by Hon David Pkosing (Pokot South) during the meeting with the Kenya Maritime Authority officials last week.

The National Assembly’s Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has requested the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) to provide copies of all contract and tender documents related to the construction project of its headquarters in Mombasa.

The committee, chaired by Hon. David Pkosing, issued this directive during a meeting held to review the audited accounts of the agency for the financial years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.

The KMA team, headed by Acting Director General Mr. John Omingo, was present at the meeting.

The aforementioned project was flagged as a concern by the Auditor General, as it was discovered that three additional new projects were initiated under the same contract without proper documentary evidence for approval, as required by the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act of 2015.

According to the financial records of the agency for the 2020/2021 financial year, the capital work in progress for the project amounted

to Kshs. 1.8 billion. However, upon further investigation, it was found that three new activities costing Kshs. 5.5 billion had been introduced, which were not included in the original contracted Bill of Quantities

Hon. Pkosing directed the agency to provide copies of both the primary contract and any sub-contracts related to the project within seven days.

He emphasized the seriousness of the matter, stating that the investigative agencies and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions could take further action based on the report drafted by the committee.

The committee also raised concerns regarding the agency’s failure to submit annual reports on imports, exports, and collected fees during the review period, which goes against the Kenya Maritime Authority Act of 2006.



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MP launches rewards scheme to uplift education and appreciate teachers in Nyaribari Masaba Constituency



Nyaribari Masaba Member of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Arch. Daniel Ogwoka Manduku interacts with members of the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) during a meeting held in his constituency to appreciate teachers and schools that show dedication to quality learning.

To enhance the education system in Nyaribari Masaba Constituency, Hon. Dr. Arch. Daniel Ogwoka Manduku, last week organized a meeting with all teachers from the constituency.

The purpose of the meeting was to acknowledge and appreciate teachers and schools that demonstrate dedication to quality learning.

During the meeting, the MP officially introduced a Rewards Scheme, designed to recognize even the slightest performance improvements.

Both local teachers and those teaching outside the constituency attended the meeting.

The Rewards Scheme aims to motivate and incentivize teachers and schools to consistently strive for excellence. The MP emphasized the vital role of teachers in society and the importance of recognizing their contributions.

By offering rewards for even small improvements in performance, teachers are encouraged to invest more effort, ultimately leading to remarkable results.

The scheme focuses on acknowledging and incentivizing schools and teachers who go above and beyond to ensure seamless learning and development.

The MP pledged to establish a collaborative relationship with teachers, acknowledging their role in shaping society by imparting essential values and knowledge to learners.

Furthermore, during the meeting, the MP generously donated tents to the teachers' unions, KUPPET and KNUT, to support their activities and welfare.

This act of giving demonstrates the MP's genuine concern for the welfare of teachers in Nyaribari Masaba Constituency.

The teachers of Nyaribari Masaba Constituency have consistently demonstrated their commitment to excellence and have worked diligently to secure a bright future for the community.



Maragua MP Hon. Mary Wamaua plants a tree while launching a tree planting campaign at Maragua Township Primary school. More than 4000 trees were planted.

Hon. Wamaua spearheads tree planting exercise in her Constituency, says it is in support of President's agenda of greening Kenya

Maragua Constituency MP, Hon. Mary Wamaua, led her constituents in a tree planting exercise of over 4,000 seedlings recently.

Speaking during the exercise that happened at Maragua Township Primary, Hon. Wamaua said that the initiative was in line with President Dr. William Ruto's agenda of greening Kenya through planting of five billion trees in the next five years.

"Everyone should be on the forefront for environmental conservation. This exercise we have all been part of today is in line with what our President is passionate about; the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 13) on Environment that is aimed at taking an urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts," Hon. Wamaua said.

MBEERE SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

Legislator using Technology to Discuss Development matters with Constituents



Mbeere South MP Hon. Engineer Bernard Muriuki during the in-person public participation forum.

Mbeere South MP Hon. Engineer Bernard Muriuki recently engaged his constituents in an online public participation forum to discuss the strategic plan for 2023 to 2028.

The member utilized the "Google Meet" technology enabling residents to participate from anywhere in the world,

creating a convenient and easy way to share their views on various thematic areas including education, security, roads, water, infrastructure, trade, land, health, sports and legislative matters.

"We are living in a global village where we can communicate with each other worldwide easily, through technology. Our brothers and sisters in the diaspora can now give their views on our strategic plans, what they feel should be prioritized and how they expect it done as we work towards becoming the leading Constituency in development." Said Hon. Muriuki.

The use of the internet was highly welcomed by the constituents.

NAIROBI COUNTY

MP Passaris Champions for eco-friendly energy solutions in Nairobi's informal settlements, inspiring hope for sustainable living



Nairobi County MP, Hon. Esther Passaris, recently conducted an inspection visit to the Jiko Koko facility. Her purpose was to explore alternative, affordable, and environmentally friendly energy sources for households in Nairobi, with a particular focus on informal settlements.

The Jiko Koko project, approved by the NGAAB Board, aims to distribute these energy solutions to households in informal settlements. This initiative not only helps beneficiaries save money but also contributes to the country's broader efforts to reduce environmental degradation.

During her visit, Hon. Passaris assessed the Jiko Koko facility's capabilities and its potential impact on the community. By promoting sustainable energy practices, she hopes to improve the living conditions of residents while simultaneously addressing environmental concerns.

Clique & Clicks



National Assembly Speaker RT Hon (Dr) Moses Wetang'ula gifts US Ambassador to Kenya Her Excellency Margaret Whitman during a meeting at his office at Parliament Buildings.

Defence CS Hon. Aden Duale shares a light moment with Shinyalu MP Hon. Fred Ikana, after a meeting on the Ministry's 2023/2024 Revenue and Expenditure Statement. Looking on is Chairperson Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee Hon. Nelson Koech.



Ndia MP, Hon. George Kariuki (in striped shirt), accompanied by Eng. Murage Kirinyaga (middle), Regional Manager from the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) and the technical team during an inspection visit of road projects in Ndia Constituency.

National Assembly's Budget and Appropriations chairperson Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu) together with Narok South MP Hon. Kitilai Ole Ntutu join residents of Loiyangalani in a traditional dance during a public participation on the annual estimates for the financial year in Marsabit County.



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One hundred and sixty two students from Gayaza Junior School, Wakiso District, Kasangati town council, Kyadondo North East constituency, Kampala Uganda pose for a photo while on a Tour of the National Assembly.

National Assembly staff drawn from different Directorates have successfully completed a one-week training in fire marshal and first aid held at Moi International Airport, Mombasa.

Kenya Airports Authority personnel conducted the training that saw the staff undergo various life saving skills which included; first aid at work place, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Burns among others.

In fire fighting, the staff were trained on identifying different classes of fire and types of extinguishers to use. The team also experienced the real fire fighting where they were able to extinguish it.

Further, they familiarized with fire tender vehicles and its equipment. The staff were grateful to the PSC and the Clerk of the NA for the opportunity that enriched their skills.



A group photo of Clerks of the East African Community (EAC) legislatures taken on the sidelines of the 16th Meeting of Clerks of EAC Legislatures/Parliaments at Kibo Palace Hotel in Arusha. The Parliament of Kenya was represented by Mr. Mohamed Ali, Deputy Clerk of the Senate (second right), and Mr. Jeremiah Ndombi, the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (right).

Your dress code must adhere to Parliamentary rules and tradition, Speaker tells MPs, Journalists, Guests

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has reminded Members of Parliament, staff as well as visitors and journalists to dress appropriately while within the precincts of Parliament.

Hon. Wetang'ula said the requirement on dress code is a traditional practice that should be observed by everyone accessing the House.

In his communication, the Honourable Speaker said his attention had been drawn to Members attending Committee meetings, activities and House matters while donning attires that are considered inappropriate as per the Speakers Rules.

This, he said, was a deviation from the established decorum of parliamentary dress codes, which are upheld and cherished by parliaments the world over.

"As your Speaker and custodian of the Rules of decorum of the House, it is incumbent upon me to constantly remind Honourable Members of the inescapable imperative to dress appropriately and within the boundaries prescribed in the Speaker's Rules (2017) that are currently in place," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

He told Members of Parliament that the manner of dressing during plenary and Parliamentary Committee meetings is prescribed in Rule 9 of the Speaker's Rules.

The Rule reads: "Members of Parliament, members of the press and guests should not enter the Chamber, Lounge, Dining Room or Committee Rooms without being properly dressed. A proper dress for men means a coat, collar, tie, long-sleeved shirt, long trousers, socks and shoes or service uniform."



And adds, "For the ladies; business, formal or smart casual wear applies. Skirts and dresses should be below knee-length and decent. Sleeveless blouses are prohibited."

The Speaker explained that the prescription of the dress code was deliberately intended to preserve the honour and dignity of the House.

He pointed out that his predecessors had severally been invited to guide the House on questions of proper dress code, particularly in plenary and in committees.

He recalled how in the 10th Parliament, the Late Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo invited the Speaker to guide on a question of proper dress code and whether the prescription should be flexed to allow

alternative attire, including national or cultural attire, to which the then speaker made an elaborate ruling.

The Rule, he said, not only applies to the Chamber alone but also to Committee sittings, the Lounges as well as all Dining areas.

Hon. Wetang'ula further referenced a request from 12th Parliament where Kisumu West MP, Hon. John Olago Aluoch, sought the Speaker's guidance on the matter of appropriate dress code for Members in the Committees.

In that instance, the Speaker guided that it is in the interest of Members that whenever they appear in the House or its committees, they do so in decorous attire

befitting their stature as legislators and that of Parliament as an institution.

"I hasten to restate that whenever the House finds a member to be improperly dressed, the Chair will not hesitate to enforce strict adherence to proper dressing."

He further added: "Honourable Members, I am not about to drop the guard in so far as enforcing the subsisting Speaker's Rules on Dress Code is concerned. As a matter of fact, observance of proper dress code by Members helps to maintain the decorum and dignity of the National Assembly as an August House."

He noted that he was making the guidance with the understanding that by virtue of the high office of a Member of Parliament in the society, Honourable Members are expected to lead by example and uphold the highest standards of conduct.

He further directed Chairpersons of Committees to enforce the Speaker's Rules in their respective Committee meetings and activities, just as he does in the Chamber.

Ministry plans to introduce virtual weighbridges in a bid to tame delays and corruption along the Northern Corridor; PS EAC affairs tells House Team



Members of Regional Integration Committee in a group photo with PS EAC Affairs, Abdi Dubart, (Seated 3rd from left) after a consultative meeting they had at Trademark Hotel. The session was chaired by the Committee Vice-chair, Fafi MP Hon. Farah Salah (Seated 3rd from right)

The Ministry of East African Community (EAC), Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, is set to incorporate the use of virtual weighbridges in order to increase transparency and accountability in weighbridges operations across the Northern corridor.

This is according to the Principal Secretary of EAC affairs, Abdi Dubart, who appeared before the National Assembly's Committee on Regional

Integration to give responses regarding issues affecting trade in EAC bloc.

In a consultative session that was chaired by the Committee Vice-chair Hon. Farah Salah (Fafi), the Members wanted to know how the Ministry is addressing the delays and corruption at weighbridges in the Northern corridor.

"What are the measures the government has put in place to increase transparency and help reduce delays and corruption in the weighbridges along the Northern corridor?" Hon. Salah asked on behalf of the Committee Members.

In his response, PS Dubart disclosed to the Members that the Ministry had adopted diverse measures to tackle the menace which the MPs now say, have made potential transit countries shy away from using the corridor.

"To address trucks delay at weighbridges, we have started construction and operationalization of virtual weighbridges. This is an innovative idea that integrates ICT platforms in weighing of trucks," Mr. Dubart told the committee.

According to the PS, the use of ICT in facilitating weighing of trucks has been found more efficient, transparent and accountable. "Although virtual weighbridges are not yet rolled out across the country, its adoption will ensure transparency, accountability and will help reduce corruption incidences," he said.

To ensure that the corridor continues to be the corridor of choice for businesses in the region, PS Dubart, told members that the Ministry is in collaboration with KeNHA, police and KRA to address delays and guarantee security of cargo in transit.

Legislators query financial discrepancies in the Kenya Water Institute budget tabled before them for scrutiny

The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation has concluded its Budget deliberations with the State Department for Water and Sanitation.

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Hon. Alice Wahome and her Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh appeared before the Committee to defend their budget estimates for the next Financial Year 2023/2024 tabled before it.

The Committee led by Hon. David Bowen (Marakwet East) raised a red flag on the Kenya Water Institute's (KEWI) financial discrepancies noting with concern that Kshs.125 million was disbursed to the institution but only Kshs.60 million was recorded in the budget estimates.

The Members called on the department to explain the crumbling blocks in KEWI's management and operations stating that the institution has a significant history of producing diligent water Engineers and should uphold its reputation for the foreseeable future. "KEWI needs to be audited, its one of the best institutes but its future is in jeopardy," said Hon. Nzengu.

In her response, Hon Wahome explained to the Committee that the Ministry is aware of the 'needle in the haystack' but they are trying to mitigate measures to curb the adversity.

Hon. Bowen recommended that the Ministry reallocates funds to stalled projects in order to complete them instead of having alot of projects that are either not being funded or are new.

"If a project is not being funded, remove it from the list projects earmarked for funding. Give money to projects that are nearing completion. The Nairobi City Regeneration project has only about Kshs.500 million left to be completed,



Marakwet East MP Hon. David Bowen , who chairs the Departmental of Blue economy and Irrigation during a recent meeting at Parliament Buildings.

why are you not allocating money to it so that it is completed?" posed Hon. Bowen.

The CS informed the Committee that Kshs.16.84 billion has been allocated to 11 significant projects in the upcoming fiscal year to advance the Bottom-Up agenda.

The legislators raised concerns about the Ministry's allocation of funds for monitoring and evaluation, questioning the necessity of such allocation when the Ministry already has an adequate staff whose responsibilities should encompass that task.

"Why are you allocating Kshs.75 million to monitoring and evaluation of projects, yet you have sufficient staff and they should be more than competent to carry out that role?" posed Hon. Nzengu.

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with

the overall allocation of funds to projects that not only lack a clear purpose but could be better utilized for other initiatives that would directly impact Kenyans' lives.

PS Ronoh assured to the Committee that the Ministry will adhere to its budget limits and find a suitable method to allocate funds to essential projects.

The Chairperson observed that there are redundant projects between the State Department of Water and Sanitation and the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, particularly concerning the development of fish landing sites like Ngomeni and Kichwa Cha Kati.

He emphasized the need to address this oversight issue and consolidate these efforts under a single State Department for better synergy.

The lawmakers also highlighted the imbalance in project distribution throughout the country. They noted that despite the prevalence of drought in Northern Kenya, a significant portion of funding is not concentrated there.

They added that this raises the question of why the tangible effects of these projects are not evident on the ground.

Furthermore, it suggests that the equitable allocation of resources to other regions should have been considered.

Hon. Bowen urged the Ministry to adopt a strategic approach in their operations and project management, considering the essential nature of water throughout the entire country.

The Committee assured the Ministry that once they receive the requested documents and clarifications, they will be able to provide a well-informed recommendation to the House that aligns with the best interests of the country and the well-being of Kenyan citizens.

Determine your JSS Teacher needs before recruiting, Committee tells TSC

A Parliamentary committee has asked the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to come-up with a clear formula for determining the number of tutors that are needed for Junior Secondary Schools (JSS).

National Assembly Education Committee chairperson, Hon Julius Melly (Tinderet) who spoke during a meeting with TSC boss Nancy Macharia, also asked the Commission to ensure the process is conducted in a free and fair manner.

This was after Dr Macharia told the legislators that the commission plans to recruit 20,000 more teachers on contract in the financial year starting July to shore up Junior Secondary School (JSS) numbers, but added that the number will still fall short of what is needed.

"It will be important for the commission to devise a clear formula for determining the number of teachers that are required to be deployed in JSS, so that we address the acute shortage of tutors" said Hon Melly during the meeting where the TSC boss made a presentation on the agency's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the Financial year 2023/2024.



Education Committee Chairperson Hon Julius Melly (Tinderet) consults with his deputy Malulu Injendi(Malava) during a meeting with TSC CEO Nancy Macharia on Monday May 15, 2023.

At the meeting, Dr Macharia said the planned recruitment will cost Kshs.4.7 billion. She also explained that commission needs Kshs.2.2 billion for teacher promotion and a further Kshs. 2.1 billion for their professional development programs, while Kshs.300 million will be used to fund programs and activities at the Commission's county and sub-county level offices.

Principal Secretaries, Esther Muoria (TVET), Belio Kipsang (Basic Education) and Beatrice Inyangala (Higher Education) also separately appeared before the

Hon. Melly-led committee where they engaged the Members on their respective budget priorities.

PS Muoria told the legislators that her Department has an acute shortage of trainers currently standing at 5,417. She also revealed that the PSC had given the Department an approval to recruit 3,000 trainers at an estimated cost of Kshs. 1.9 trillion, but noted that only Kshs.720 million has been allocated for the exercise in the Financial Year 2023/24.

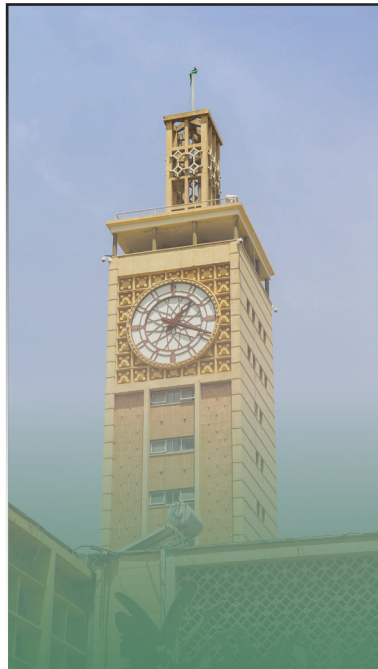
Dr. Belio told the lawmakers that the department requires an additional Kshs.43.1 billion, that will be channeled to underfunded areas that are critical to the achievement of the agency's mandate.

PS Inyangala in her submission said the state agency needs an additional Kshs.32.7 billion for its development activities. From the amount, Kshs.20.35 billion will go to funding HELB, completion of stalled university projects (Kshs.10 billion) and establishment of an Open University (Kshs.1.41Billion)

Staff from various Directorates benefited from training in first aid at workplace, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, burns among others during an exercise conducted by Kenya Airports Authority personnel.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PERSON NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA

NOTIFICATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE APPROVAL HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 13(1) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Cap.491) and Sections 3 and 5(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No. 33 of 2011), H.E. the President notified the National Assembly of the nomination of **Dr. Kamau Thugge, CBS**, for appointment as **Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)**;

IT IS NOTIFIED to the general public that pursuant to the provisions of Article 118(1)(b), Section 13(1) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Cap. 491) and Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning of the National Assembly shall conduct approval hearing (vetting) of the nominee for appointment as Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya on Tuesday, **30th May 2023** in the **Mini Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings at 11.00 a.m.**;

AND WHEREAS, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Section 6(9) of the Parliamentary Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 provides that "any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated";

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the nominee for appointment as Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to **cna@parliament.go.ke**; to be received **on or before Friday, 26th May, 2023 by 5.00 pm**.

IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT, the nominee is required to: -

1. appear for the approval hearing with the original identity cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and
2. obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions: -
 - a. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - b. Kenya Revenue Authority;
 - c. Higher Education Loans Board;
 - d. Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and,
 - e. Office of the Registrar of Political Parties.

S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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