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## National Assembly, Private Sector rally to drive Legislative-backed economic growth



**T**he Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has called for collaboration between Parliament and the private sector to accelerate Kenya's economic growth.

Speaking in Mombasa during the official opening of the 8<sup>th</sup> Speaker's Roundtable themed

*"From Policy to Practice: Delivering through Business and Government Partnership",*

Dr. Wetang'ula reaffirmed Parliament's commitment to forge stronger ties with the private sector in advancing Kenya's economic growth agenda.

He committed to a more frequent, institutionalized engagement model.

"We are open to discussion & sharing ideas to make this country better. In an informal meeting I told the captains of industry we will have periodic reviews ahead of the annual roundtable so that every quarter Committees sit with KEPSA to appraise each other on progress." Reassured the Speaker.

His opening remarks also emphasized the

nation's potential, asserting a competitive edge on the continent.

"I have visited each and every of the 54 African countries and can tell you none is better than Kenya in many ways. The UNDP says we have the strongest and most developed human resource on the entire continent of Africa," he stated, even as he urged all stakeholders to be patriotic, and bear fidelity to our national interests, by fighting the vice of corruption.

Addressing the status of the current tax framework, the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, issued a direct challenge to the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) to co-develop a predictable fiscal environment ahead of the upcoming budget cycle.

"I want to challenge KEPSA to partner with Parliament and the National Treasury to develop a multi-year revenue and tax framework which will give investors confidence reduce uncertainty and enhance our competitiveness as a country." Said Hon. Ichung'wah.

The Leader of Majority also stressed the

imperative of unlocking domestic investment to power the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), urging collaboration to identify and dismantle regulatory barriers that restrict access to credit and innovation financing for local investors and SMEs.

KEPSA Chairperson, Dr. Jas Bedi called for the overhaul of the country's labour laws to boost productivity and competitiveness.

"Our labour laws over the last 50 years have been static. We need to move from minimum wage to living wage, the two institutions need to work together. We are a large importing economy and we need to move to an exporting economy. How can [we] facilitate a balance of trade," Bedi pointed out

He also noted that Central Bank efforts to stabilize the shilling were "still not translating to the market," necessitating a comprehensive review of the national macro/micro economic dynamic.

The implementation challenge was further elaborated by the Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Junet Mohammed, who argued that failure to operationalize

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## National Assembly, Private Sector rally to drive legislative-backed economic growth (Continued)

**▶ FROM PG 1** enacted laws creates an unfavourable climate. “Implementation gaps in critical legislation such as the Energy Act (2019), the Data Protection Act (2019), and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (2015) create an unfavorable investment climate.” Said Hon. Junet.

Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, affirmed Parliament’s commitment to providing a supportive legal framework, noting that the National Assembly recognizes that the success of any economy is “anchored on a predictable and supportive legal framework.”

“Through my office, we have ensured that engagements such as this Roundtable are well documented, tracked, and followed up for action. This approach guarantees that commitments made here translate into tangible outcomes, supporting the Rt. Hon Speaker’s vision of a results-oriented Parliament that listens, learns, and leads through partnership.”

The Parliament - KEPSA Roundtable, is an annual platform for structured dialogue between lawmakers and the business community.



Members of the National Assembly and representatives from the Kenya Private Sector Alliance during the opening of the 8th Speaker's Roundtable held on Friday, 7th November 2025 in Mombasa County

### PLENARY ▶

## We are closer to Universal Health Coverage through SHA, Health CS tells House

**T**he Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale has informed the National Assembly that 27.2 million Kenyans have so far registered under the Social Health Authority (SHA), moving the country closer to achieving universal health coverage.

He said this when he appeared before the House for Question Time to respond to questions raised by Kiambaa MP, Hon. John Njuguna Kwanjiku, on the implementation of the Social Health Authority (SHA) and the broader rollout of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Kenya

CS Duale informed the House that the Authority has collected KES 81.3 Billion in contributions and contracted over 10,500 health facilities nationwide, through which 7.7 million Kenyans have already accessed services.

*“The SHA model is anchored on three funds, the Social Health Insurance Fund, the Primary Healthcare Fund, and the Emergency, Chronic, and Critical Illness Fund,” said the CS. “These are the backbone of our UHC framework.”*



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon Aden Duale addressing Members of the National Assembly during Question Time on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

“We have removed limits on the number of treatment cycles. Patients can now receive all medically necessary sessions within their annual limit,” he explained.

The CS noted that 33,101 cancer patients have benefited from SHA coverage so far, with KES 5.8 Billion paid out in claims and KES 774 million currently under processing. He added that the Ministry has also negotiated with pharmaceutical companies to lower drug prices, including reducing the cost of Herceptin, a breast cancer drug, from KES 120,000 to KES 40,000 per dose.

Further, he pointed out that the government plans to raise the oncology package limit to KES 1 million per beneficiary, through the Benefits Package and Tariffs Advisory Panel established under the Social Health Insurance Act, 2023.

### On doctors' strike ▶

The CS also addressed the issue of the doctors’ strike in Kiambu County, which had disrupted services and strained Kenyatta National Hospital, saying it had been resolved.

He also expressed regret over the 14 maternal and 164 new-born deaths that were reported in Kiambu during the strike period, describing each as “one death too many.”

CS Duale reaffirmed the government’s commitment to a strong, accountable, and inclusive health system, noting that SHA’s progress is a clear demonstration that Kenya is on the right path toward equitable and affordable healthcare for all.

### SHA payments for cancer patients ▶

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treatment for cancer patients from diagnosis to palliative care, including chemotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery, and immunotherapy.

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## General ▶

## Remain factual in your reporting, Speaker Wetang'ula urges Parliamentary journalists



*The Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (fourth right) from his office accompanied by officers from his office poses for a photo with officials of the Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA) led by their Chairman Moses Aliwa (third right) at Parliament Buildings after he hosted them for a breakfast meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Speaker Wetang'ula is the Patron of the Association.*

**N**ational Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has called on journalists covering parliamentary affairs to uphold professionalism, accuracy, and impartiality in their reporting.

Speaker Wetang'ula was addressing officials of the

Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA) led by their chairman, Moses Aliwa.

The Speaker reflected on his extensive experience in Parliament since 1992, noting that he had worked with prominent journalists, including the late Oloo Orina, Otieno Makanyingo, and Heyman Omari.

He highlighted the evolution of Parliament from

a time when it operated largely as an extension of the State House to an institution with greater independence and robust democratic processes.

The Speaker reminded journalists of their “cardinal role” to set the agenda, inform the public freely, fairly, and with factual accuracy, while also providing a right of response to those being reported on.

“Parliament is not in an adversarial relationship with media houses. I want to encourage you to be factual about facts and appreciate the role of our Parliament” noted Speaker Wetang'ula.

“Criticise as much as you want, but always be factual. We will collaborate with journalists to foster the institution and enhance public understanding of Parliament’s work,” he noted.

As the KPJA patron, he pledged to support journalists in expanding their intellectual horizons, market-ability, and professionalism.

He further encouraged journalists to avoid “witch-hunts” and instead focus on informing the public.

Speaker Wetang'ula said plans were underway to establish a modern, state-of-the-art media centre and a fully-fledged parliamentary broadcast unit, independent from KBC, to improve coverage of parliamentary proceedings.

Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr Samuel Njoroge, lauded journalists as key partners in promoting transparency and accountability. KPJA Chairman Moses Aliwa pledged continued collaboration with Parliament.

## National Assembly Clerk sounds alarm over fake Bills, citing threat to national stability

**C**lerk of the National Assembly Mr. Samuel Njoroge has warned that the spread of fake Bills poses a grave threat to national stability, even as the government and private sector formalised a landmark partnership to jointly shape Kenya’s economic policy direction.

Speaking on Friday in Mombasa City during the KEPSA–National Assembly Roundtable themed “From Policy to Practice: Delivering Through Business and Government Partnerships,” Mr. Njoroge said the malicious circulation of counterfeit legislation online, risks undermining public trust in Parliament and igniting unnecessary tension.

The Clerk revealed that shortly after President William Ruto assented to several new laws, falsified versions, complete with fabricated clauses were shared widely on social media, causing confusion and panic among Kenyans.

“It pained us, and we had no space to explain,” Clerk Njoroge lamented. “Many people still believe those fake versions.”

He cited one case involving a law sponsored by MP, Hon. Simon King'ara, intended to safeguard public land by ensuring all parcels designated for public use are properly registered.

A fake version of the same Bill falsely claimed it would impose taxes on freehold land.

Similarly, a Bill by Suna West MP, Hon. Peter



*Clerk of the National Assembly Samuel Njoroge addresses delegates in Mombasa during the KEPSA–National Assembly Roundtable on Friday*

Masara meant to provide psychosocial support to police officers was distorted to suggest it sought to cut officers’ salaries.

Perhaps most striking, Njoroge said, was the case of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes (Amendment) Act, 2025, which was “heavily distorted in the public domain.”

“There are six entities in court on matters that were never in the Bill,” he disclosed.

The High Court has since suspended key provisions

of the new cybercrime law, including those related to cyber harassment, after petitioners argued they were vague and infringed on freedom of expression.

Clerk Njoroge issued a passionate plea for vigilance and unity in the face of this growing threat of misinformation.

“This country belongs to all of us. And if it flips because of fake news, it will burn with all of us,” he warned.

Despite the challenges, the Clerk reaffirmed Parliament’s commitment to its partnership with the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), which he described as a “marriage” designed to strengthen collaboration in governance and policy formulation.

“We are moving from an era of surprises to one of engagement,” Clerk Njoroge said.

“This partnership represents a new model of inclusive governance, where private sector expertise is integrated directly into the lawmaking process.”

The roundtable brought together lawmakers from key Committees including Finance, Communication, Health, and Trade with private sector representatives to discuss how to translate policy ideas into tangible national impact.

Clerk Njoroge noted that the partnership is already yielding results. KEPSA, through its Public Finance Sector Board, has been holding regular consultative forums with Parliament, particularly with the Committee on Finance and National Planning, to shape the Finance Bill.

The joint effort aims to craft a Bill that balances the government’s revenue needs with a conducive environment for business and investment ultimately delivering a more “pro-Kenyan and business-friendly” economic framework.

“This year’s theme is a timely reminder that progress is achieved when ideas are transformed into deliverable impact,” Clerk Njoroge told delegates.

## National Assembly to push for increased funding to protect Gazetted forests



Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr) Moses Wetang'ula delivering his speech during the 48<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at Kenya Forestry College in Londiani, Kericho county on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**T**he National Assembly will increase budget allocation to the Ministry of Environment to support the fencing of gazetted forests to curb encroachment, Speaker Hon. Moses Wetang'ula has said.

He noted that the rampant destruction and encroachment of forests threaten the government's efforts to achieve President William Ruto's directive of planting 15 Billion trees noting that fencing the water catchment areas would help stop illegal harvesting of trees.

"The National Assembly through the Budget Committee will enhance budget allocation to the ministry to fund the fencing of gazetted forests as an effort to support measures put in place to realise the President's target," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

The Speaker made the remarks at the Kenya Forestry College in Londiani, Kericho County, where he presided over the institution's 48<sup>th</sup> graduation.

He added: "Kenya Forest Service personnel can better protect water

catchment areas if the forests are fenced".

The Speaker also called on County governments to collaborate with KFS in training forest extension officers to strengthen conservation efforts.

He urged young forestry graduates to take the lead in restoring Kenya's forests, describing them as "the lungs of our nation" and pillars of the country's survival.

"National Assembly will also help enhance resources through the budget to support infrastructure development of the institution. I will also ask the PS Housing to consider construction of hostels under the Affordable Housing Programme," he added.

Hon Wetang'ula emphasised that training in forestry is not just technical but existential, coming at a time when climate change, deforestation and biodiversity loss threaten humanity's future.

Parliament, he said, remains steadfast in enacting laws and policies that safeguard water towers, empower local communities and promote climate-smart practices nationwide.



## COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP ▶

### MPs, Treasury, Education Ministry and Unions break deadlock on Lecturers' strike

**T**he Departmental Committee on Education has engaged stakeholders in the Higher Education Sector to resolve the long-standing strike by university unions over the implementation of the 2017–2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and ongoing negotiations for the 2025–2029 CBA.

In a meeting chaired by Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet), the Committee engaged from the Hon. John Mbadi, CS National Treasury, Mr. Julius Ogamba, CS Education, Dr. Constantine Wasonga Opiyo, UASU, National Secretary General and Prof. Fred Simiyu Barasa, Chair, Inter Public University Consultative Forum IPUCCF.

Hon. Melly said the Committee's priority was to ensure learning in universities continues uninterrupted while safeguarding lecturers' welfare.

"We must find a lasting solution to this matter. Students cannot continue to suffer every time a strike is called. We are ready to facilitate dialogue and push for an implementable payment plan," said Hon. Melly.

The unions had earlier demanded full implementation of the 2017–2021 CBA, arguing that only a portion of the KES8.8 Billion negotiated was released, leaving a deficit of approximately KES 7.9Billion.

Responding to legislators concerns, National Treasury officials confirmed that the Government remains committed to settling the arrears but proposed

a structured payment plan spread over several months to avoid straining the Exchequer.

"The Treasury is working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure the pending obligations under the CBA are cleared. However, due to the current fiscal constraints, payments will be done in two installments, 50% in this financial year and 50% in the next financial year" said a Treasury CS Hon. John Mbadi.

The unions, led by UASU Secretary-General Dr. Constantine Wasonga, welcomed the move but insisted that the Government must pay all at once.

"We are aware of the government offer of two installments, but my members voted no. Some are retired and need their pensions and arrears," said Dr. Constantine Wasonga.

He also pushed for the fast-tracking of the signing and registration of the 2025–2029 CBA to prevent a repeat of the current stalemate.

"We appreciate the Committee's intervention, but we also need commitment on the future CBA. Lecturers have waited too long. We want a clear implementation framework," Dr. Wasonga stated.

Hon. Melly urged both the Ministry and the unions to conclude the ongoing negotiations before the end of the year, emphasizing that the Committee will monitor progress closely.



Aerial view of the meeting between the Education Committee, the National Treasury, Ministry of Education and University Unions



From left Hon. John Mbadi, National Treasury and Mr. Julius Ogaamba, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education during the meeting.

## PIC-SSAA probes suspected multi-billion shilling scandal at Sports Kenya



The Vice-chairperson of PIC- Social Services Administration and Agriculture Hon. Caleb Amisi chairing a meeting with the management of Sports Kenya on audit queries at Parliament Buildings.

The Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture (PIC-SSAA) has questioned Sports Kenya over suspected misappropriation of Billions of shillings in stadium projects and sporting events.

In a session chaired by the Vice-chairperson Hon. Caleb Amisi, the Committee Questioned Sports Kenya CEO Gabriel Komora, exposing unexplained cost

escalations, missing financial records and unrefunded public funds that lawmakers said point to possible theft of taxpayer money.

“We are witnessing deliberate financial mismanagement. Taxpayers’ money cannot just disappear without accountability,” Hon. Amisi said.

### Stadium costs balloon without justification ▶

The inquiry revealed staggering cost increases. At Kinoru Stadium, the initial price of KES 109 million spiked to KES 355 million, with KES 246 million unaccounted for.

Regional stadiums showed similar discrepancies. Seven county stadiums budgeted at KES 2.854 Billion later appeared as eight projects costing KES 2.9 Billion, despite an ongoing Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) investigation. MPs questioned how an eighth stadium was added and why expenses continued to rise.

“The pattern of missing documentation, escalating costs and unrefunded advances points to systemic failures,” said Hon. Martin Owino.

### Millions spent on abandoned projects

Sports Kenya also paid KES 30 million to consultants to develop Public-Private Partnership stadium models that the government later shelved. MPs criticized the wasteful expenditure on plans that never materialized.

Komora told the Committee that original records

were surrendered to the EACC but were never returned, forcing reliance on certified copies. Members dismissed the explanation, insisting the watchdog must return documents.

The probe further uncovered irregular payments linked to the World U18 Athletics Championships. Sports Kenya spent KES 382 million, but the Ministry of Sports refunded only KES 274.8 million, leaving KES 47.39 million outstanding. An additional KES 73 million in interest certificates remains unpaid.

Sports Kenya’s remittance of KES 48 million to Athletics Kenya officials lacked documentation. Attempts to blame the Local Organizing Committee were rejected.

“If Sports Kenya paid out the money, it must account for it under the Public Finance Management Act,” Hon. Amisi asserted.

MPs vowed a thorough probe.

“There was significant corruption. The system was weak and open to abuse,” warned Hon. Benjamin Langat.

The Committee is set to invite the Ministries of Sports and Defence, EACC officials and former Sports Kenya officials for further questioning. Sports Kenya pledged cooperation as PIC-SSAA set a target to conclude the hearings in a few weeks.

## Committee raises alarm over floods and landslides, calls for swift action



Committee Chairperson, Hon. Peter Lochakapong (MP, Sigor) addresses the press on the worsening floods and landslides, flanked by Vice-Chair Hon. Liza Chelule (Nakuru County Woman Rep), Hon. Khamis Abdi Chome (MP Voi), Hon. Basil Robert (MP Yatta), and Hon. Paul Abuor (MP Rongu) at Parliament Buildings on Wednesday



The Departmental Committee on Regional Development has raised concerns over worsening floods and landslides affecting parts of Kenya, calling for urgent humanitarian action and stronger disaster preparedness measures. Speaking to journalists on Wednesday, Committee Chairperson Hon. Peter Lochakapong (MP, Sigor) expressed sympathy to families affected by the disasters, which have claimed over 34 lives, displaced hundreds, and destroyed homes, schools, roads, and livelihoods.

The hardest-hit areas include Chesongoch in Elgeyo Marakwet, Kimende escarpment in Kiambu, Kamutungi in Embu, Tinderet in Nandi, Narok South, and additional flood emergencies in Tana River, Laikipia, and the Lake Basin.

Hon. Lochakapong, flanked by Vice-Chair Hon. Liza Chelule (Nakuru County Woman Rep), Hon. Khamis Abdi Chome (MP Voi), Hon. Basil Robert (MP Yatta), and Hon. Paul Abuor (MP Rongu), urged agencies involved in relief operations to expedite their work.

“The Government, under President William Ruto, has activated multi-agency emergency response protocols involving national and county governments, the Kenya Defence Forces, the Kenya Red Cross, and other partners. We urge speed to prevent further loss of life,” said Lochakapong.

The Committee advised Kenyans to avoid flooded roads and rivers, move away from steep slopes, cooperate with evacuation teams, and rely on official updates. Citizens were cautioned against spreading unverified

information that could cause panic. Hon. Abuor noted that deforestation has worsened landslides and called for environmental conservation as part of disaster mitigation. Vice-Chair Hon. Chelule urged parents to monitor children closely during the heavy rains and school holidays. The National Assembly is finalizing the Disaster Risk Management Bill, which will strengthen legal and institutional frameworks for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The Committee also appealed to the private sector, the international community, and well-wishers to support relief operations.

Together, we can and will rebuild stronger, safer, and more resilient communities,” Hon. Chelule said, reaffirming the Committee’s commitment to coordinated and compassionate support for affected families.

## House Committee meets Nigerian ICPC delegation in Anti-Corruption dialogue

The National Assembly's Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC), led by Tharaka MP Hon. George Murugara, held a roundtable engagement with a visiting delegation of legislators from the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The meeting was also attended by officers from the National Assembly's Directorate of Litigation and Compliance Services.

### ICPC Benchmarks Kenya's Anti-Corruption Framework

The Nigerian delegation, comprising Members of Parliament and Senators serving in the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), was visiting the country for a benchmarking visit aimed at sharing experiences, identifying best practices, and fostering collaboration with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

*"The ICPC and the EACC have long been partners working toward a shared mission to eradicate corruption and related offences in both Nigeria and Kenya," noted Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu (SAN), Chairperson and Executive Officer of the ICPC.*

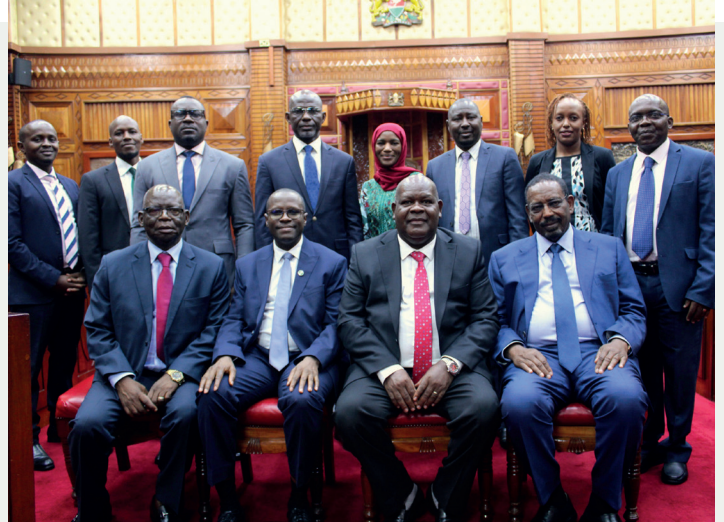
### Call for Continental Unity in Asset Recovery

Dr. Adamu emphasized that the challenges facing Kenya and Nigeria are mirrored across the continent, urging African nations to act collectively to curb the illicit transfer of stolen assets and cultural artifacts abroad.

*"This fight cannot be won without the support of parliaments and other legislative bodies," he added.*

### Kenya's Strong Legal Framework Highlighted

JLAC Member and Daadab MP, Hon. Farah Maalim encouraged the visiting legislators to study Kenya's Constitution, which anchors seven key statutes dedicated to the fight against corruption. He, however, underscored that despite a strong legal framework, more still needs to be done to effectively address the vice.



Seated L-R Senator Udende Emmanuel (Nigeria), Dr. Musa Aliyu (SAN) (Nigeria), Hon George Murugara (Chairperson JLAC) and Hon. Farah Maalim (JLAC). Standing L-R Wachira Wa Mwago (EACC) Hon. Kayode Moshhod Akiolu, (Nigeria), Prince Hassan Mohammed (ICPC), Ms. Rouqayya Ibrahim (ICPC), Mr. Ahmed Abdul (ICPC), Ms. Faith Nyokabi (EACC) and Mr. Sheriffsam Mwendwa (D. Director Litigation)

### Delegation Accompanied by Senior Anti-Graft Officials

Dr. Adamu was accompanied by Sen. Emmanuel Udende, Chairperson of the Nigeria Senate Committee on Anti-Corruption; Hon. Kayode Moshhod Akiolu, Chairperson of the House Committee on Anti-Corruption; Ms. Rouqaya Ibrahim, Chief of Staff to the ICPC Chairperson; Mr. Prince Hassan Mohammed, Director of the Special Services Department; and Mr. Ahmed Abdul, Head of External Cooperation at the ICPC.

The delegation was joined at Parliament by Mr. Wachira Wa Mwago and Ms. Faith Nyokabi from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

## Transport Committee seeks clarification from CS Chirchir on RMLF



Hon. George Kariuki MP Ndia seeking clarification from CS Chirchir on discrepancies and delays concerning the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF).

The Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, chaired by Ndia MP Hon. George Kariuki, has sought clarification from Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary (CS) Davis Chirchir over discrepancies and delays in the disbursement of the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF).

The meeting followed directives from National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula after Mandera North MP Hon. Abdullahi Bashir raised questions about inconsistencies in the revised RMLF ceilings for the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA)

and delayed fund releases for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Appearing before the Committee, CS Chirchir addressed two main issues — the discrepancy in RMLF figures and the delay in disbursement. He explained that an internal KeRRA letter that had caused confusion contained erroneous calculations and has since been withdrawn. Updated figures have been communicated, with the correct allocation per constituency now standing at KES. 52,106,315, instead of the earlier KES. 36,645,793.02.

The CS said the revision aligns with the government's plan to securitize an additional KES. 5 per litre of fuel from the existing KES. 18 per litre fuel levy. This securitization aims to supplement exchequer funding and ensure the continuity of road projects. Before this adjustment, the constituency allocation was KES. 62,403,939, but after a 17% reduction to accommodate the securitization, the figure was revised to KES. 52,106,315.

CS Chirchir emphasized that the government intends to pursue this additional securitization plan to bolster funding for road infrastructure, building on the earlier successful KES. 7 per litre program. He urged Parliament to support the proposal, noting its potential to enhance the sustainability of road construction and maintenance projects across the country.

On delays in fund release, the CS attributed the problem to a High Court Order issued on August 19, 2024, directing the ministry to withhold KES. 10.52 Billion from KeRRA and the Kenya Urban Roads



CS Chirchir while appearing before the Committee of Transport to address the issue of discrepancies in the RMLF

Authority (KURA). He said the Ministry has since released a portion of the funds, leaving a balance of KES. 3.156 Billion, divided between KeRRA and KURA in a 32:15 ratio.

CS Chirchir assured the Committee that the remaining amounts — KES. 973 million for KeRRA and KES. 2.1 Billion for KURA — have been authorized for release and are expected to be fully disbursed by the end of the week.

Hon. Kariuki said the Committee will table a comprehensive report in Parliament detailing the ministry's explanations and its recommendations.

## Committee engages NPS, NPSC, Ministry of Housing and Aldai MP on security infrastructure and Police welfare

The Committee on Administration and Internal Security, chaired by Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, last week held two separate meetings focusing on police welfare, housing, and security infrastructure.

### Enhancing Police Welfare and Housing ▶

The Committee first engaged the National Police Service (NPS), the National Police Service Commission (NPSC), and the Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works on the welfare of police officers, with particular emphasis on housing.

While appearing before the Committee, the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, urged the Ministry to prioritize the construction of police houses within police station compounds, noting that housing officers within station premises would significantly enhance rapid emergency response.

Officials from the Ministry, led by Secretary for Housing, Mr. Cassius Kusienya, informed the Committee that a total of 33,517 housing units had already been transferred to security agencies. He explained that the shift from free housing to a market-based allowance in 2018 had created challenges, with some officers still facing payroll deductions for houses they no longer occupy.

The Ministry further reported that only minor repairs in 525 units had been completed due to budget constraints, while several other units under the Affordable Housing Programme were at various stages of completion or procurement.

The Committee directed the Ministry to provide documentary evidence for completed projects and raised concerns over transfer unpredictability, which continues to complicate effective housing allocation.

The Vice Chairperson, Hon. (Rtd.) Col. Dido Rasso, proposed the establishment of a joint subcommittee comprising the Ministry, NPS, and NPSC to streamline roles and prioritise stalled housing projects.

### Addressing Insecurity in Aldai Constituency ▶

In the second meeting, the Committee met with the Member of Parliament for Aldai Constituency,



Chairperson of the Administration and Internal Security Committee, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, chairing a meeting

Hon. Marianne Kitany, who sought the Committee's support in establishing a police station in Kongoro to address rising insecurity in the area.

She cautioned that if the situation is not addressed urgently, it risks escalating into a border conflict. Hon. Kitany also requested the establishment of an additional police station in Kapsengere, which borders Vihiga, Kisumu, and Nandi Counties, citing increased criminal activity and the need for inter-border patrols.

The Vice Chairperson, Hon. (Rtd.) Col. Rasso, referred to the Committee's inspection visit to Nandi County, where varied conditions were observed — including cases where officers were operating from uni-huts, mud structures, and temporary cabins.

Hon. Kitany informed the Committee that one wing housing Administration Police officers and the Chief's office in Aldai had already been completed through CDF support. She further requested the revamping of the Kongoro Police Station and the deployment of an Anti-Stock Theft Unit to curb livestock theft between Muhoroni (Kisumu) and Aldai (Nandi).

In his remarks, Hon. Tongoyo advised the Member to expedite the securing of land for the proposed Kapsengere Police Station, assuring that the Committee would support efforts aimed at strengthening the Kongoro Police Station.

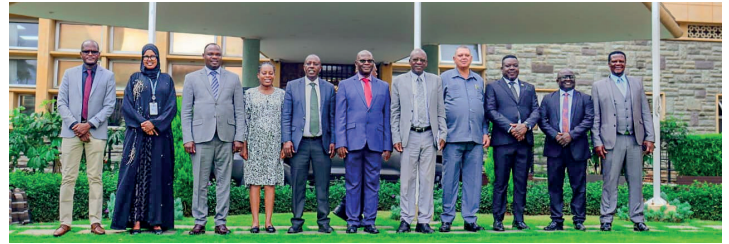
### Consideration of the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill ▶

The Committee also considered the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025), sponsored by Hon. Oku Kaunya.



The Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja (right), and the Acting Secretary for Housing, Mr. Cassius Kusienya (left), appeared before the Administration and Internal Security Committee on matters relating to police welfare.

## Housing & Lands Committees host Namibian Members of Parliament on benchmarking tour



Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committees on Lands and Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works pose for a photo with the Namibian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban, Rural Development and Land Reforms after a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at Parliament Buildings.

The National Assembly Departmental Committees on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works, and that of Lands held an experience-sharing session with the Namibian Members of Parliament aimed at strengthening legislative approaches to Housing and Land matters.

The Namibian delegation led by the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban, Rural Development and Land Reforms, Hon. Elifas Dingara sought to be apprised on how Kenya handles the intricacies of Land and the implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy.

Hon. Dingara shared Namibia's land ownership challenges where a larger portion of land is owned by foreign absentee landlords.

*"70 percent of land owners in Namibia belong to foreigners who live outside the country. Do you have such cases in Kenya?" Hon. Dingara posed.*

He further highlighted the high cost of land and housing in Namibia, explaining that most citizens opt for joint ventures with private developers to afford house ownership.

*"Housing in Namibia is very expensive. To build houses, people seek partnerships with private developers to be able to," said Hon. Dingara.*

Chairing the session, Housing Committee Member and Bobasi MP, Hon. Innocent Obiri shared Kenya's affordable Housing Strategy, emphasizing that all Kenyans have a right to own houses, including low-income earners.

*"Kenya has the Affordable Housing Act which is anchored in the anchored in law. The funds used to build these houses are deducted from the salaries of employees," Hon. Obiri explained.*

Sirisia MP and Housing Committee Member, Hon. John Waluke encouraged the Namibian MPs to strengthen their legislative framework to address housing and land ownership concerns.

*"It is your duty as MPs to pass laws and assist citizens of Namibia and also deal with absentee landlords. Why leave land to absentee landlords?" remarked Hon. Waluke.*

Addressing Land administration concerns, Lands Committee Member and Engwen MP Hon. Josses Lemengit outlined Kenya's land categorization and management, noting that there is a distinct framework.

*"We have Community, Private and Public land. The renewal of land leases falls under the National Lands Commission while inquiries and fraudulent land matters are handled by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission," said Hon. Lemengit.*

Kenya's 2010 Constitution limits foreign land ownership to leasehold tenures not exceeding 99 years while reserving Freehold ownership of land to Kenyan citizens only.

The Namibian delegation's meeting with both Housing and Lands Committees marked their week long engagement with different Committees in Parliament with learnt lessons on oversight activities by various Committees of the Kenyan Parliament.



Namibian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban, Rural Development and Land Reforms during a meeting with the Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committees on Lands and Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works

## Labour Committee vets Thoyah Kingi for SRC Commissioner's post

The National Assembly Committee on Labour conducted approval hearings for Hon. Eng. Thoyah Kingi, a nominee for appointment as a member of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

The vetting session, chaired by Kilifi South lawmaker Hon. Ken Chonga (Kilifi South), focused on the nominee's suitability and his plans to strengthen the commission's role in managing the public sector wage Bill.

Committee Members tasked Eng. Kingi to explain how he intends to tackle the issue of ghost workers in the public sector payroll, an issue that continues to exert pressure on the country's wage Bill.

*"How do you intend to assist the commission in finding a solution to the issue of ghost workers knowing that the commission has a duty and an obligation over payrolls?" Hon. Chonga questioned.*

In response, Eng. Kingi highlighted the importance of conducting regular payroll audits and integrating data systems across public institutions to enhance transparency and accountability.

*"It is very key to integrate the Public Service data with SRC in a digital platform for proper examination and verification of information to identify loopholes in the payroll systems," Eng. Kingi told the Committee.*

He appealed to legislators to support the Commission in coming up with legislation that would grant SRC enforcement powers to ensure compliance with its advisory and policy guidelines.

The Committee also revisited the past standoff between SRC and Parliament following the reduction of Members' allowances, which had strained relations between the two institutions.

*"The relationship between SRC and its stakeholders must be strengthened for harmonious relationship and cooperation in managing workers' affairs," remarked Hon. (Eng.) Kivai Kagesi.*

Members noted that the earlier differences have since been resolved through dialogue, with both institutions now working to maintain a cooperative relationship.

"If approved by this Committee, I will strictly be guided by the Law," Eng. Kingi assured.



Hon. Ken Chonga (Kilifi South) chairing the Labour Committee's Session.



Committee on Labour in session during the approval hearing of Hon. Eng. Thoyah Kingi.

## "Put in place regulations to govern on-lent loans," Public Debt and Privatization Committee tell Treasury

Chairperson, Hon. Abdi Shurie (Balambala), CS Mbadi disclosed that there were no clear regulations in place yet to govern on-lent activities. He however, assured the Members that his Ministry will ensure that they have stand-alone regulations.

*"Lack of regulations does not mean we are operating outside the law. What we just need to do is be neater and more procedural," CS Mbadi said.*

### MPs Challenge Treasury's Compliance with the Law ▶

However, according to Hon. Adan Daud (Wajir East), the Ministry has been operating outside the law as the PFM Act was enacted back in 2012 and thirteen years down the line is far too long not to have any regulations in place.

*"Section 57 of the PFM Act grants the National Government power to lend money, so my question is do you have any regulations in place to govern such*

*loans? If not, then what regulations are you using to ensure recovery," Hon. Daud had asked.*

### Audit Flags Huge Default Risks ▶

From the OA-G audit report, questions on the credit risk assessment prior to advancement of on-lent loans arose and the CS told the Committee that National Treasury has established a Fiscal Risk Committee (FRC) and going forward, all projects must meet strict financial evaluation criteria before the borrowing approval is granted.

According to the report presented earlier to the Committee by OA-G, the principal amount of on-lent loans due as at 30 June, 2024, amounted to KES.153,790 million and out of which only KES.1,602 million, representing 1.04%, had been repaid, adding that the default on repayment of on-lent loans by State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) presents the risk of shifting the debt repayment burden to the National Government.

### Treasury Commits to Reforms ▶

The CS assured the Committee that the the Ministry was taking steps towards ensuring that there is no recurrence of the queries raised by the OA-G in the next audit report.



Hon. Shurie during the meeting.

The Public Debt and Privatization Committee now want the National Treasury to put in place regulations to govern on-lent loans by the National Government as stipulated in Section 57 of the Public Finance Management Act.

This was during a meeting with Hon. John Mbadi, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Economic Planning who was before the Committee to respond to queries arising from the audit done by the Office of Auditor General on management of on-lent activities in the Country.

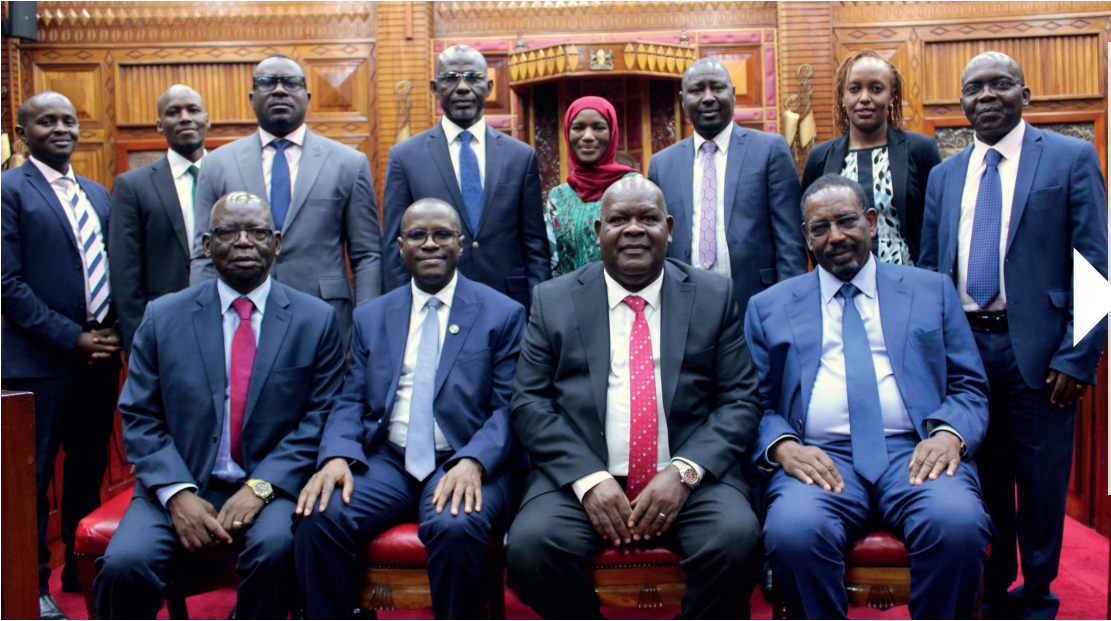
### CS Mbadi: Regulations Coming Soon ▶

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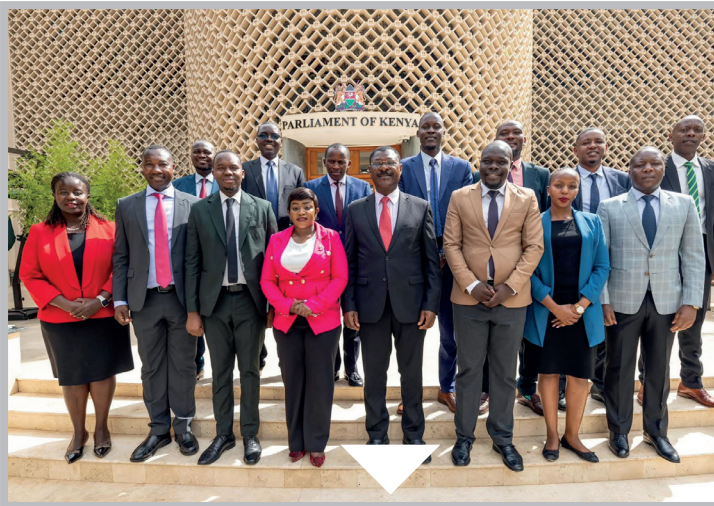


Committee Members Hon. Daniel Manduku (Nyaribari Masaba), Hon. Obadiah Barongo (Bomachoge Borabu) and Hon. Stanley Muthama (Lamu West).

**CLIQUE & CLICKS** ▶



Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) Chairperson & Tharaka MP, Hon. George Murugara (front row, second right) and Committee Member, Hon. Farah Maalim with a visiting delegation of legislators from the Federal Republic of Nigeria who were in the country on a study tour.



The Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (fourth right) from his office accompanied by officers from his office poses for a photo with officials of the Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA) led by their Chairman Moses Aliwa (third right) at Parliament Buildings after he hosted them for a breakfast meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Speaker Wetangula is the Patron of the Association.



National Assembly Speaker Rt Hon (Dr.) Moses Masika Wetang'ula holds a trophy won by members of the Kenya Disability Parliamentary Association (KEDIPA), led by caucus chairperson and Westlands MP Tim Wanyonyi. Looking on are Hamisi MP Charles Gimose, Kamukunji MP Yusuf Hassan, Karachuonyo MP Andrew Adipo Okuome, Nominated MP Harold Kipchumba and Nominated Senator Catherine Mumma, at Parliament Buildings on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

A group of lawmakers from both the National Assembly and the Senate, Kenyan-German Friendship group, led by the caucus Chairman Hon. Joshua Kandie pose for a photo with a delegation of German lawmakers from the Bundestag at Parliament buildings. The Bundestag team is in the country on a study tour.



## BUNGE MASHINANI ▶

KIMININI CONSTITUENCY

## Hon. Bisau leads relief efforts as floods ravage Trans Nzoia

Families affected by the ongoing floods in Trans Nzoia County have received relief food and other essentials as leaders called for long-term solutions to the recurring disaster.

Kiminini MP Hon Maurice Kakai Bisau, accompanied by Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mulongo Barasa and Transnzoia County Woman Representative Hon Lilian Chebet Siyoi, flagged off the distribution exercise at Namanjalala Comprehensive School. The leaders later toured Namanjalala River, which recently burst its banks, displacing several households and destroying property.

Speaking during the event, Hon Bisau thanked President William Samoei Ruto for the Government's timely intervention, saying the relief supplies had brought much-needed reprieve to flood victims.

He, however, urged both levels of Government to find a permanent solution to the recurring menace.

"This cannot be our story every five years. The Government should



Kiminini MP Hon. Maurice Kakai Bisau addresses residents of Namanjalala in Trans Nzoia County during the distribution of relief food and essentials to families affected by recent floods

consider relocating affected families to safer grounds," said Bisau.

The MP also called for enhanced coordination between the National Government and the County Government, led by the County Commissioner, to strengthen disaster preparedness and management.

The event was attended by Trans Nzoia County Commissioner and other local leaders, who pledged continued support to families rebuilding their lives after the floods.

WESTLANDS ONSTITUENCY

## Westlands MP Tim Wanyonyi delivers emergency relief to Kangemi fire victims



Kangemi fire victims receive donations from Westlands MP Hon Tim Wanyonyi's staff to bail them from the suffering they were subjected to after being rendered homeless the fierce fire

Westlands MP Hon. Tim Wanyonyi has delivered emergency relief supplies to families affected by two separate fire incidents in Kangemi St. Florence and Kangemi Seniors over the past two weeks.

Hon. Wanyonyi's Constituency officers distributed beddings, foodstuffs and other essentials on his behalf and conveyed his message of solidarity and

comfort to the affected residents.

The support comes as part of the MP's ongoing commitment to stand with Westlands residents during moments of crisis.

At St. Florence, a fire on October 18<sup>th</sup> destroyed 12 houses, while another blaze on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Kangemi Seniors razed 53 houses, leaving dozens of families homeless.

The families thanked Hon. Wanyonyi for being the only

leader who swiftly responded to their plight.

"Hon. Wanyonyi has put a smile on our face by remembering us. May God bless him," said one of the affected landlords as she requested for the Government and other humanitarian bodies to come to the rescue of victims.

## Sports ▶

## MPs slam Sports Ministry over delayed construction of sports academies

The Ministry of Sports has come under sharp criticism from Members of Parliament over delays in implementing the construction of sports academies in selected constituencies across the country.

During a heated session of the National Assembly Committee on Sports and Culture, chaired by Hon. Dan Wanyama (Webuye West), lawmakers accused ministry officials of dragging their feet and "playing games" with a flagship project meant to nurture young sporting talent.

The MPs expressed outrage that, despite budget allocations having been made, no tangible progress has been realised in any of the 37 constituencies earmarked for the first phase of the initiative.

"The Committee is deeply concerned that nothing is happening in the constituencies selected for the rollout of these projects," said Hon. Wanyama.

He added: "Construction of the academies was part of President William Ruto's national plan to nurture talent and provide young people with opportunities to explore their potential in sports."

Marsabit Woman Representative Hon. Naomi Waqo questioned the motive behind the delay, revealing that she had already provided land for the project in her constituency, yet no construction has commenced.

"I have tried in vain to get an explanation from the ministry on why work has not started. It is frustrating and it raises serious questions," she remarked.

Committee Vice Chairperson Hon. Githua Wamacukuru proposed that the Sports Ministry's Principal Secretary, Mr. Elijah Mwangi, be summoned to explain the delays.

"The PS must appear before this Committee to clarify why the project has stalled. We cannot allow officials to take this matter lightly," he said, warning that the delays could derail efforts to identify and develop young sporting talent.

Other lawmakers who expressed concern included Hon. Catherine Omanyo (Busia County), Hon. Charles Nguna (Mwingi West), Hon. Janet Sitienei (Turbo) and Hon. Richard Yegon (Bomet).

Hon. Yegon revealed that despite hosting National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula at a fundraising event on the proposed construction site in Bomet, no activity has been initiated.

"Everyone saw for themselves that nothing has started on the ground," he said.

Hon. Omanyo added that youth in Busia had been enthusiastic about the academy project, noting that the region has historically produced top athletes and sports personalities.



Sports Committee Members follow proceedings during a meeting at Bunge Tower on November 6th 2025.

"It is disappointing that Ministry officials appear to be sabotaging a project that could transform lives and give our youth new hope," she said.

The Committee resolved to summon both the Principal Secretary for Sports and the Principal Secretary for the National Treasury next week to account for the delays and clarify the status of the project funding.

"We will hear from both PSs before making a final decision," Hon. Wanyama said.

He warned that any officials found obstructing the implementation of the project would face disciplinary action.



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