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Ray of hope for childless couples as Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill is Passed

Couples who have suffered from childlessness now have a ray of hope after the National Assembly approved a crucial Bill seeking to allow them to leverage reproductive health technology towards parenthood.

The House on Tuesday, November 11 approved with amendments the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Bill, 2022. The Bill seeks to create a legal framework for surrogacy and other ART services in Kenya.

The approved version expressly prohibits commercial surrogacy while allowing only altruistic surrogacy confined to Kenyans who are divorced, widowed or single. Beneficiaries however have to be certified by an assisted reproductive technology expert as incapable of conceiving naturally.

The Bill sponsored by Suba North lawmaker, Hon. Millie Odhiambo, now moves to the Senate for further consideration. Key provisions include licensing clinics,

regulating donor consent, and providing guidelines for surrogacy, including preventing exploitation.

The Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill of 2022 was introduced in the House to regulate the emerging field of assisted reproduction for couples and individuals experiencing infertility or difficulty conceiving naturally.

Proponent urges swift passage of Bill

Making her contribution during the Third Reading of the Bill, Hon. Odhiambo underscored its impact on families that have been childless. She noted that any concerns that the law of enacted could be abused outweigh the solutions the Bills seeks to provide if enacted to law, and implored on her colleagues to pass the Bill.

She held that the passage of the Bill was long overdue, noting that it has been pending before the House for the past three Parliaments despite its significance.

“Hon. Members I implore you that we pass this Bill and allow it to proceed to the Senate.

Recommitting it will further delay this Bill. This is the third Parliament it has come before,” she noted.

Hon. Odhiambo wondered why the passage of the Bill, which had initially received broad support, had inordinately delayed.

“The first time I brought this Bill, it was supported 100 per cent. The Hansard can bear me out; there was no opposition to this Bill. It is meant to help men and women who cannot have children,” she argued.

Speaker Wetang’ula weighs in

Adding his voice to the debate, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang’ula urged the lawmakers to train their focus on the legislative substance of the debate.

He further cautioned that the proposed law should not be framed as a matter of social or economic status. Speaker Wetang’ula who hailed the Bill as progressive, added that it would open up opportunities for people suffering from infertility to graduate to parenthood.

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President to deliver State of the Nation Address on November 20, 2025

This year's State of the Nation Address to the joint sitting of Parliament by His Excellency President William Ruto is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025.

This is according to a notification for the same signed by the Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula and his Senate counterpart Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, issued on Tuesday November 11, 2025.

According to the notice, the session is set to begin at the usual commencement of Afternoon sittings; at 2:30 p.m. and will be at the National Assembly Chamber at the Main Parliament Buildings in Nairobi.

"Following a notification by His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, the Speaker of the National Assembly, and the Speaker of the Senate have convened a special

sitting of the Houses of Parliament to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 commencing at 2.30 p.m. for purposes of the President's Address", the notice read.

The joint sitting of Parliament is convened pursuant to Standing Order 22(2) of the National Assembly and Standing Order 25(2) of the Senate, which stipulate the procedures for notifying legislators about the date, time, and venue of such sessions.

The address is further provided for under Article 132(1) of the Constitution, which grants an opportunity for the President to outline government priorities, review policy implementation, and report on the progress made toward national values and international obligations.

The Head of State is also mandated by law to report to the nation once every year, on the measures taken and progress made in realizing national values as set out in Article 10 of the Constitution.

National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill becomes law, making provision for police officers' mental health



The President, H.E. William Samoei Ruto, poses for an official photo with Cabinet Secretaries and Members of Parliament shortly after the Bills were assented into law.

The National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024, has been signed into law by the President, H.E. Dr. William Ruto.

Sponsored by Hon. (Dr.) Peter Masara, the Bill seeks to address the mental health and well-being of police officers in Kenya.

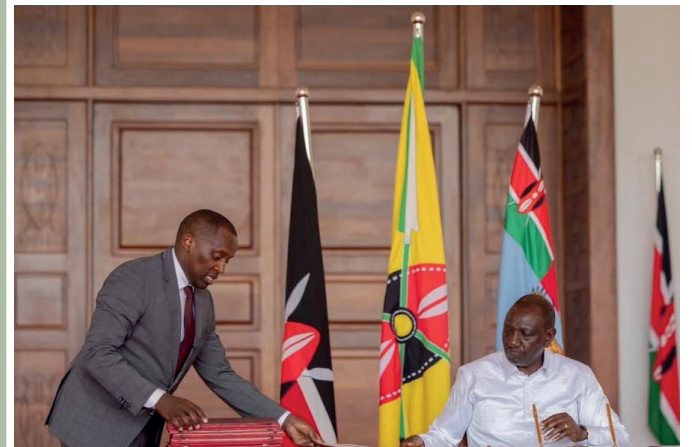
It amends the National Police Service Commission Act, 2011, to grant the Commission new and specific mandates.

Under the new law, the National Police Service Commission (NPSC), in consultation with the National Police Service (NPS), is now mandated

to establish well-equipped centres in every county where police officers can receive psychosocial support.


The law further makes it a formal function of the NPSC to provide mental health and wellness resources for police officers. It also requires the Commission to collaborate with the Ministry of Health to offer tailored mental health services.

Additionally, the amendment gives the NPSC a more direct role in disciplinary matters by mandating it to monitor compliance with disciplinary procedures, review actions taken by the Inspector-General, and hear appeals on disciplinary cases.



The President, H.E. William Samoei Ruto, assents to Bills presented at State House as the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, presents the documents for signing.

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THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

SPECIAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

(ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT)

WHEREAS, Article 132 (1) (b) of the Constitution requires the President to address a Special Sitting of Parliament once every year;

AND WHEREAS, following a notification by His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, the Speaker of the National Assembly, and the Speaker of the Senate have convened a special sitting of the Houses of Parliament to be held on **Thursday, 20th November, 2025 commencing at 2.30 p.m.** for purposes of the President's address;

FURTHER WHEREAS, Standing Order 22(2) of the National Assembly Standing Orders and Standing Order 25(2) of the Senate Standing Orders require the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament to, respectively, notify Members of Parliament of the place, date, and time of a special sitting of the Houses of Parliament convened under Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, Members of Parliament and the general public are hereby notified that a **Special Sitting of Parliament shall be held in the National Assembly Chamber, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi, on Thursday, 20th November, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.**

Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP
Speaker of the National Assembly

Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, EGH, MP
Speaker of the Senate

11th November 2025

Ray of hope for childless couples as Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill is Passed (Continued)

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"I know many of my relatives and friends who could potentially benefit from this law," he stated.

Even as the House moved to approve the Bill, Hon. Odhiambo added that if the Senate rejected it, she would reintroduce it in future, noting that it was an important cause for her.

Addressing the regulatory vacuum ►

Even though assisted reproductive technologies (ART) such as IVF, surrogacy, and others have been available for a long time, they are considered 'new' in Kenya.

The regulatory vacuum surrounding surrogacy processes and technologically assisted reproduction in Kenya has engendered an environment conducive

to unprofessional practices, hence the need for a regulatory framework to address these concerns.

During debate, both in the Second and Third Reading stages, it emerged that the void had resulted in a proliferation of legal disputes pertaining to the legitimacy of commissioning parents or individuals who enter into contracts with surrogates for the purpose of bearing a child on their behalf.

House annuls 10 Petroleum Sector Regulations over late submission by the Ministry



The National Assembly, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, approved the annulment of ten crucial sets of regulations governing the petroleum sector, citing a blatant failure by the Executive to adhere to statutory timelines.

In a Motion moved by Hon. Gichimu Githinji (Gichugu), Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, argued that the regulations were invalid because they were submitted to the National Assembly past the legally mandated deadline.

The primary reason for the annulment was the Executive's failure to comply with Section 11(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A. This law requires the regulation-making authority in this case, the Cabinet Secretary for the petroleum sector—to submit regulations to the Clerk of the National Assembly within seven sitting days of their publication.

► **Publication Date:** The ten regulations were all published in the Gazette on May 30, 2025.

► **Submission Date:** They were only submitted to the Clerk of the National Assembly on July 11, 2025, exceeding the seven-sitting-day window.

Hon. Gichimu Githinji, stated the Committee's position clearly, "The only reason the Committee is seeking to have them annulled is because they offend the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Statutory Instruments Act, CAP 2A... All these regulations were published on 30th May 2025 and were submitted before the Clerk of the National Assembly on 11th July 2025, well beyond the requisite period of seven sitting days."

The regulations, which sought to govern critical aspects of the petroleum value chain—from licensing to quality control—have been annulled in their entirety. They include:

1. The Petroleum (Petroleum Business Licensing and Petroleum Logistics Facility Construction Permit) Regulations (L.N. No. 95 of 2025)
2. The Petroleum (Licensing of Petroleum Road Transportation Business) Regulations (L.N. No. 96 of 2025)
3. The Petroleum (Operating of Common Petroleum Facilities) Regulations (L.N. No. 97 of 2025)
4. The Petroleum (Information and Statistics) Regulations (L.N. No. 98 of 2025)
5. The Petroleum (Lubricants Facility Construction and Licensing) Regulations (L.N. No. 99 of 2025)

6. The Petroleum (Retail Dispensing Site Construction and Licensing) Regulations (L.N. No. 100 of 2025)
7. The Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) Regulations (L.N. No. 101 of 2025)
8. The Energy (Petroleum Information and Statistics) (Revocation) Regulations (L.N. No. 102 of 2025)
9. The Energy (Retail Facility Construction and Licensing) (Revocation) Regulations (L.N. No. 103 of 2025)
10. The Petroleum (Products Quality Management) Regulations (L.N. No. 104 of 2025)

Members of Parliament called for accountability from the Executive, insisting on the need to protect the legislative authority of the House and respect the rule of law.

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani), the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, seconded the Motion, emphasizing the severity of the lapse:

"In the case of these particular regulations, they were presented out of time. There was nothing the Committee could do. Once it was established that the regulations were submitted outside the timelines that are provided under the Statutory Instruments Act, they became incurable. The Executive must respect the rule of law."

Concerns were also raised about Executive overreach through non-legislative actions, such as circulars, that attempt to carry the force of law without parliamentary approval.

Hon. Caroli Omondi (Suba South) questioned whether annulment alone was sufficient, suggesting the need for further action:

"Should we simply annul them, or should we go further and reprimand such conduct? What action should we take to ensure this does not become a routine practice among the Executive agencies?"

Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) also expressed frustration over the waste of time and tax-payer money and the importance of timely legislation for the vital petroleum sector. "When Parliament has to now quash these ten regulations just because a Cabinet Secretary failed to perform their duty, it should not happen in this country. The petroleum sector in this country is very important. It is one of the sectors that we must have timely regulations because it drives almost every part of the economy."

National Assembly approves amendment on the Establishment of East African Customs Union



The House has overwhelmingly approved the ratification of the amendment to Article 24(2)(a) of the Protocol on the establishment of the East African Community (EAC) Customs Union, paving the way for the accommodation of the EAC's new entrants to the Trade Remedies Committee (TRC).

Kenya now becomes the second Partner State after Burundi to ratify the amendment. Once all the nine Partner States complete the process, the Republic of Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, DRC Congo, and Somalia will each nominate three members to the Trade Remedies Committee.

The expanded membership will take part in handling matters pertaining to rules of origin, anti-dumping measures, subsidies and countervailing measures, safeguard measures, and dispute settlement within the Customs Union.

Currently, the Protocol has capped the membership of the Trade Remedies Committee at nine (9), comprising three representatives each from Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

Committee Chairperson leads Motion in the House ▶

Moving the motion, the Chairperson of the Regional Integration Committee, Hon. Irene Mayaka, informed the House that the Committee duly followed the required procedures and that the ratification of the Protocol would strengthen Kenya's engagement within the EAC.

"The Committee received a memorandum from the African Women's Study Centre proposing a gender-balanced inclusion in the nomination of members to the TRC. The Committee further deliberated the concerns with the Ministry of East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) &

Regional Development, and the Ministry of Foreign & Diaspora Affairs. Consequently, the Committee recommends that the House approves the ratification of the amendment to operationalize the TRC and enhance Kenya's participation in the East African Community," said Hon. Mayaka.

Leaders back amendment, urge deeper regional cooperation ▶

Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, supported the amendment, urging Partner States to open their borders to unlock regional and continental economic growth.

"As we accommodate all these good neighbors, those restrictive to open the borders must embrace the spirit of East African Cooperation and the African Free Trade Area because bigger numbers come with a bigger market and will help drive economic growth," Hon. Ichung'wah said.

Eldas MP, Hon. (Dr.) Adan Keynan, supported the Motion, emphasizing Kenya's leadership role in the EAC bloc. He noted that the amendment would help resolve petty regional antagonism.

"Kenya is a leading nation. Let us demonstrate leadership in terms of payments for other Partner States to emulate. Ratifying this amendment will help address regional rivalry that continues to pose challenges derailing the development of the bloc," said Hon. Keynan.

Mombasa County MP, Hon. Mohammed Zamzam, echoed these sentiments, noting that the amendment would promote active participation of all EAC Partner States. However, she called for fair treatment of Kenyan businesspeople across the region.

"The East African Community is expanding and it is important to note that no country should be left out. Kenya is a welcoming country, and I urge our other Partner States to allow Kenyans to move freely and conduct business with ease," said Hon. Zamzam.

Members commend Committee's work ▶

Backing the Motion, Molo MP, Hon. Kimani Kuria, thanked Hon. Mayaka's Committee for its efforts in ratifying the amendment. He nonetheless urged the Finance Ministers across the EAC region to remain mindful of citizens' welfare when imposing taxes and tariffs on goods.

"I commend Hon. CPA Irene Mayaka for the effort her Committee has put in this amendment. However, I urge the Finance Ministers for all countries in the EAC region to always embrace a consultative approach so that our traders and business people won't wake up to new import duties or tariffs that raise the price of goods," said Hon. Kimani.

Kathiani MP, Hon. Robert Mbuyi, also expressed support for the motion, emphasizing the significance of the amendment to the EAC Community.

"This is the beginning of a long journey. The ultimate goal is to end up with a political federation and a monetary union, in addition to deepening and widening the integration of the community bloc," said Hon. Mbuyi.

Upon full ratification and operationalization of the Protocol, the expanded Trade Remedies Committee is expected to strengthen regional mechanisms for addressing trade disputes, enhance fair competition, and deepen economic integration among EAC Partner States.

House mourns Isiolo South MP

Members of the National Assembly have paid solemn tributes to the late Isiolo South MP Hon. Tibu Bidu Mohammed Tibu who passed away on 12th November, 2025 while undergoing treatment at Nairobi Hospital.

Until his demise, Hon. Bidu was serving his first term as a Member of Parliament and was a committed member of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry & Mining and also Public Petitions.

According to the Communication from the Chair read by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss, Hon. Bidu was as a selfless leader who always strived to improve the lives of Kenyans and his constituents through thoughtful contributions.

"He will be remembered for his deep concern for the security and welfare of the people of Isiolo County. He spoke often and passionately about the struggles of his people, especially those living in areas affected by conflict and marginalisation. This was evident in his deep concern and active advocacy on security including his recent request for a Statement on insecurity in the county which he had requested on 1st July 2025 and was responded to on 14th August 2025," the statement read in part.

Delivering a message on behalf of Jubilee Party, Embakasi West MP Hon. Mark Mwenje described the late Hon. Bidu as a resolute decision maker with a strong concern for the people he served.

"He will be remembered with deep respect as a

passionate advocate for environmental protection especially the pastoral population. He stood firm for what he believed was right even when standing alone. He got a mark of courage during the voting of the Finance Bill where he voted NO despite other MPs in Isiolo voting YES," said Hon. Mwenje.

Kiharu MP Hon. Ndindi Nyoro portrayed the late MP as a warm hearted and approachable legislator.

"He was very amiable and humble person, personal in conversations and extended the same to the people of Isiolo South. He interacted with everyone in a humane and humble manner," Hon. Nyoro said.

Busia County MP Hon. Catherine Omanyong described the late Hon. Bidu as a steadfast and principled individual and unwavering in judgement.

"I remember Hon. Bidu as a firm leader in making decisions in Azimio la Umoja One Kenya Coalition. His loss is grief in this House," said Hon. Omanyong.

Attesting to his deep love for his people, Hon. Sabina Chege (nominated) portrayed the late MP as an icon of love and a pillar for the Jubilee Party.

"I am just from Isiolo where I had gone to attend his burial and we have received a lot of love from his people. As the Jubilee Party, we have lost a dedicated leader. The people voted for him in 2022 despite going through grief of loosing a wife. He gave all to his people," said Hon. Sabina.

Kamukunji MP Hon. Abdi Yusuf Hassan

eulogized Hon. Bidu as a forward-thinking and development-oriented leader.

"He was a brilliant politician who understood the needs of his people and championed their development. He had carried himself with dignity and had upright principles. Isiolo has lost a wonderful person," said Hon. Yusuf.

Sambu County MP Hon.

Pauline Lenguris described him as a hardworking peace ambassador.

"He was a close friend and neighbour who united differing communities despite pastoral traditions. Even in poor health, he struggled to he strived to attend House sessions and to serve his constituents said Hon. Lenguris.

Having served with him on the same Committee, Turbo MP Hon. Janet Sitienei highlighted his commitment and active participation.

"On behalf of Public Petitions Committee, I say he was a straightforward man who stood by the truth. He rarely missed a Committee session and always fought for the rights of the people," said Hon. Sitienei.

May Allah grant him Jannatul-Firdaus!



Isiolo South MP, the late Hon. Mohamed Tubi

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National Assembly Speaker urges World Bank support to strengthen oversight and fight against corruption



The Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (centre) flanked by the World Bank Group Division Director Mr. Qimiao Fan (left), and the Chairperson, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF and Wajir East MP, Hon. Mohamed Adan Daud (right) during a consultative meeting with a delegation from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at Parliament Buildings last week

National Assembly Speaker, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has called on the World Bank to support the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) in enhancing its capacity to audit public institutions effectively.

Speaking during a meeting with a World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation at the Parliament Buildings last week, Hon. Wetang'ula said inadequate financial and human resources have hampered the OAG, forcing it to rely on external auditors to fulfill its mandate.

"The OAG has raised concern to me that her office is forced to hire external auditors to help in auditing

public institutions in an effort to meet our obligations," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

He noted the critical role of the National Assembly in overseeing public expenditure and recommended that similar capacity-building support be extended to the offices of the Attorney-General, the Judiciary, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) to strengthen the fight against corruption.

Hon. Wetang'ula reaffirmed Parliament's commitment to enacting legislation aimed at expediting the resolution of corruption cases, noting that delays in courts hinder the country's anti-corruption efforts.

He expressed appreciation for the continued partnership with the World Bank and IMF in supporting Kenya's economic growth.

The World Bank delegation was led by Group's Division Director Mr. Qimiao Fan and joined by the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF Caucus chaired by Wajir East MP Hon. Mohamed Adan Daud.

Speaker Wetang'ula emphasised that audit reports from the OAG form the cornerstone of Parliament's oversight mandate, making it crucial to strengthen the capacity of the watchdog entity to ensure prudent utilisation of public resources.

"Count on the National Assembly in any engagement you need in your programmes. I assure you that the House will not be a lame duck in the pool when you need us," he said and affirmed Parliament's alignment with national values and principles of good governance promoted by the World Bank.

Mr. Fan acknowledged the continued financial support from the World Bank towards Kenya's economic growth and urged Parliament to strengthen its oversight to ensure that resources are used for their intended development purposes.

He highlighted the challenge of rising youth unemployment and noted that World Bank-supported programmes are aimed at creating job opportunities for young Kenyans.

"The number of youth joining the job market every year is soaring. We are supplementing government efforts to create jobs through support to programmes that address this national challenge," said Mr. Fan.

He further noted that development partners, including the World Bank, have allocated a total of KSE. 57 billion for county government projects, with the World Bank contributing KSE. 51 billion to drive grassroots economic growth.

Hon. John Kiarie elected Global President of World Scout Parliamentary Union as Nairobi hosts 11th general assembly

Dagoretti South MP Hon. John Kiarie has been elected the Global President of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU), following a decisive endorsement by the Executive Committee at the conclusion of the WSPU 11th General Assembly in Nairobi.

In his acceptance speech, Hon. Kiarie pledged to champion the implementation of the Assembly's resolutions, acknowledging the weight of responsibility that comes with steering the global body.

"I come into the office at a time of great global shakeups—a reality in the world today," he said. "But there is space for us scouts to put our mark on the global footprint and make it better."

He emphasized that despite global instability, the scouting movement remains a vital force within governments, institutions, religious entities, families, and society at large.

"A lot is happening globally, but there is a place for scouting. Today the world is crying, and critical thinkers are needed to make informed decisions. WSPU, in its special place, has a big role to play," Hon. Kiarie added.

Reflecting on pressing global challenges, the newly elected president cited lack of awareness and insufficient self-evaluation as major barriers to achieving shared goals—such as ending gender-based violence and femicide.

"There is a great need to refocus and re-anchor ourselves to belong, be proud of who we are, of the families we come from, and the organizations we partner with," he urged, calling on delegates to embrace their identities proudly.

He underscored patriotism as a cornerstone for achieving both local and global aspirations.

"From all deliberations, we have been told there is a great need to refocus and anchor ourselves to belonging—and that calls upon us to have the virtue of patriotism to face both local challenges and global disasters," he said.

Hon. Kiarie also expressed optimism about Africa's emerging leadership on the world stage, pledging to rally more partners toward the WSPU's mission.

"It's time for Africa. Africa is ready to take the



mantle, and we shall be going out there putting up a crusade to recruit more people to join our worthy cause. And it's a great honour to be serving you," he concluded.

Parliamentarians champion stronger equitable path to save lives of women and newborns



A section of MPs with officials from HENNET and Jhpiego during the Media briefing

Members of Parliament have held discussions with officials from the Health NGOs Network (HENNET) and JHPIEGO to explore ways of improving Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) outcomes in the country.

Through the campaign dubbed "Every Woman, Every Newborn Everywhere" (EWENE), the meeting sought to mobilise lawmakers to align budgets and shape policies, with lawmakers committing to create progressive laws that guarantee a gender-responsive agenda and a lasting solution.

The forum followed concerns of high maternal and newborn mortality rates attributed to systemic barriers limiting access to better healthcare services.

KEWOPA reaffirms its commitment to women's and children's health

Speaking during the meeting, Laikipia County MP Hon. Jane Kagiri reaffirmed the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association's (KEWOPA) commitment to improving the lives of women and children in Kenya.

"At KEWOPA, we remain committed to championing gender-responsive legislation, ensuring adequate budget allocation, and enhancing oversight to achieve results for women, children and adolescents," said Hon. Kagiri.

Hon. Kagiri called on all stakeholders to turn policy intent into measurable impact and secure quality health care to every woman and newborn everywhere.

Jhpiego calls for stronger leadership in maternal and newborn health

Jhpiego's Country Director, Mr. Paul Nyachae called on MPs to strengthen maternal and newborn health priorities.

"We need an extra voice to champion change in society. How can you help us in newborn issues in the country?" posed Mr. Nyachae.

Paediatricians urge MPs to boost staffing and promote maternal checkups

Addressing Hon. Members of Parliament, the Paediatricians present in the meeting urged the MPs to push for the agenda on employment of more nurses and doctors to help manage the rising cases of maternal and newborn deaths. They also encouraged MPs to promote regular healthcare visits among expectant mothers noting, at least eight ante-natal visits can help prevent most complications.

Women MPs commit to champion the EWENE campaign

The Women MPs in the meeting pledged to be advocates of EWENE campaign, amplify community awareness and efforts and also champion the expansion of SHA coverage for newborns in addition to advocating for the establishment & operationalization of Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and the emergency obstetric units in all hospitals across all 47 counties to ensure timely care for newborns and mothers.

Male MPs call for broader engagement and stronger maternal-child support

Advocating for stronger support for expectant mothers and children, the Male MPs, popularly known as "the He for She champions" urged HENNET and JHPIEGO to engage Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health together with the Ministry of Health and SHA officials, to conclusively address matters affecting maternal-child.

The Male MPs also called for the involvement of more Senators in future discussions, noting that Health is a devolved function and that broader participation will strengthen efforts to improve mother-child outcomes nationally.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP ▶

Health Committee probes legality of kidney transplants at Mediheal Hospital



Seme MP Dr. James Nyikal, Chairperson of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health, addresses a press conference at the Main Parliament Buildings after a meeting with the top management and directors of Mediheal Group of Hospitals, as well as transplant surgeons.

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health says investigations are underway to determine whether kidney transplant procedures conducted at Mediheal Hospital in Eldoret were lawful and ethically compliant.

Speaking during a media briefing on Monday after meeting with top Management and Directors of Mediheal Group of Hospitals as well as transplant surgeons, Seme MP Dr. James Nyikal, who chairs the Committee confirmed that the facility has performed over 470

transplants, predominantly kidney procedures, involving both Kenyan and foreign patients and donors.

“We have the details of the patients, their nationalities, and also those of the donors,” Dr. Nyikal said. “What is for sure, for now, is that transplants were going on. That is not a problem. Transplants can go on. But as to whether it is proper or improper, it is difficult to say at this time until we go through all the information.”

Hon. Dr. Nyikal stated that the Committee is reviewing extensive documentation submitted by Mediheal management before drawing any conclusions.

The Committee visited the Eldoret-based hospital after reports surfaced alleging possible illegal organ trafficking involving foreign nationals.

He urged the media to support transparency by reporting contextually and comprehensively once the investigation is completed.

Dr. Nyikal said the House team has also taken into account interviews with several patients they met in Eldoret City acknowledging some were accompanied by Mediheal representatives.

“We saw about four patients who came out themselves,” he revealed.

“We take into consideration that they came with Mediheal, but they provided information, and we have it.”

The Committee has not yet spoken directly to foreign donors a key issue at the heart of the trafficking allegations.

Hon. Dr. Nyikal committed that within a month, the Committee will issue a full report outlining its findings and recommendations.

KenGen boss probed over flawed hiring and KES 5bn asset transfer delay

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has questioned the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) executives over questionable hiring practices, delayed asset transfers, and infrastructure impairments.

The session, chaired by Pokot South MP, Hon. David Pkosing, examined audit reports for the financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23, with Members citing breaches of the Constitution and violations of human resource policies.

The Auditor-General found that ten employees, including four engineers, were hired in 2020/21 without job advertisements, while 28 others were recruited the following year from an internal database. The Committee noted that this contravened Article 232(1) of the Constitution, which demands fairness, transparency, and open competition in public service recruitment.

KenGen defends its hiring practices ▶

KenGen Managing Director, Mr. Peter Njenga, defended the recruitment process, saying the decision was driven by the urgency to staff international drilling projects in Ethiopia and Djibouti.

“We used our HR database containing applications from our website and internship programmes,” he said.

However, Committee Member dismissed the justification, with Ganze MP, Hon. Kenneth Tungule, terming the process “unfair and exclusionary.”

Hon. Pkosing also questioned the legality of the exercise, to which Mr. Njenga assured the Committee

that all future positions will be openly advertised in adherence to public service regulations.

Lawmakers raise concern over delayed asset transfer ▶

The Committee further raised concern over the delayed KES 5.3 billion transfer of the Olkaria IV and I AU substations to the Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO).

Mr. Njenga informed Members that the National Treasury finalized the novation agreement in June 2024, thereby removing the asset from KenGen's books.

MPs query KES 5.9 billion asset impairment ▶

Lawmakers also questioned a KES 5.9 billion impairment, which included KES 2.1 billion attributed

to the Muhoroni Power Station, who's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) expired in April 2023.

Mr. Njenga explained that the impairment was based on accounting prudence pending renewal approval from relevant authorities.

Committee Chairperson calls for transparency and accountability ▶

In his concluding remarks, Hon. Pkosing underscored the need for state corporations to uphold transparency and accountability, particularly in recruitment and asset management.

He pledged that the Committee would present firm recommendations to Parliament to strengthen oversight and ensure prudent use of public resources.



Lawmakers raise alarm over Kenya Power's deepening financial crisis



Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy Chairman Hon. David Pkosing (right) and Vice-Chair engage KPLC officials during a tense session at Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, as lawmakers grilled the utility's top management over audit queries and financial losses.

Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) is once again under scrutiny as MPs question its financial stability, governance, and accountability amid rising debts, forex losses, and procurement irregularities.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy (PICCAE) chaired by Pokot South MP David Pkosing, Managing Director Dr. Joseph Siror faced scrutiny over audit queries for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years.

The Auditor-General reported that KPLC recorded a net loss of KSh 4.4 billion and a negative working

capital of KSh 51 billion, marking its seventh straight year of financial distress. "There exists material uncertainty on the company's ability to meet its obligations," the report warned.

Dr. Siror said reforms and tariff reviews were helping stabilize the firm, noting a reduction in the working capital deficit from KSh 75 billion in 2020 to KSh 51 billion in 2023. MPs, however, expressed concern over government institutions' unpaid bills totaling KSh 26 billion, including KSh 19.4 billion owed since a 2019 Cabinet directive.

Lawmakers also cited KSh 23 billion in foreign exchange losses and questioned irregular procurements,

such as land bought in Machakos for KSh 75 million nearly double its valuation and KSh 488 million paid for decade-old invoices.

KPLC's electricity losses remain high at 23 percent above the EPRA approved 19.5 percent costing billions in unrecovered energy.

Over 21,000 stalled connection projects worth KSh 12 billion further highlight inefficiency.

Hon. Pkosing said Kenya Power's woes reflect deep institutional rot.

"The people of Kenya cannot continue paying for inefficiency, corruption, and poor management," he said.

Dr. Siror maintained that reforms were underway to restore stability.

"Our goal is to make Kenya Power self-sustaining once again," he said.

Follow-up meetings are scheduled to ensure proper oversight of this critical matter.



KPLC Managing Director Dr. Joseph Siror responds to tough questions from MPs on the company's mounting debts, forex losses, and stalled projects during his appearance before the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy.

Environment Committee remembers late Hon. Tubi as a champion of Environmental matters and a devoted Committee Member



Isiolu South MP, the late Hon. Mohamed Tubi

Members of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining have described the late Hon. Tubi Bidi Mohamed as a principled and devoted colleague with whom they had the honor of serving together in the distinguished Committee.

In their moving messages of condolence to the family of Hon. Tubi who was a first term MP in the 13th Parliament, representing constituents of Isiolu South in the County of Isiolu where he was the inaugural Speaker of the County Assembly before joining elective politics at the National level, the Hon. Members led by Committee Chairperson Hon. Vincent Musyoka, MP. Mwala described the late lawmaker as a committed

defender of environmental justice and consistently raised his voice against any ills in the sector.

"We have lost a dedicated Member of this Committee; Hon. Tubi continuously raised his voice against the uncontrolled Gold mining in Isiolu and the historical dumping of harmful waste in North-Eastern Kenya. His integrity, forthrightness and unwavering commitment to truth distinguished him as a leader who called a yes, a yes and a no, a no", Said Hon. Joseph Emathe, MP Turkana Central in his statement.

"It is sad for or Committee, the family and Kenyans at large, we pray that God grants us the strength to withstand the pain. The late Tubi was a

joyful, dedicated and straight team player. He always fought for Isiolu south people with honest, we as a Committee send our condolences to everyone who knew the Hon. Member", Hon. Charles Kamuren, MP Baringo South and Committee Vice Chairperson.

Other Committee Members, Hon. Beatrice Kemei, MP Kericho and Hon. Getrude Mbeyu, MP. Malindi also remembered the late MP as a humble, jovial and a dedicated team player who had immense contributions on environmental matters both at the Committee level and beyond.

Education and social life ►

The late Hon. Tubi was elected to the National Assembly in August 2022 general elections under the Jubilee Party. His legislative interest included wildlife conservation, environmental management and infrastructure development.

He began his formal education in Isiolu Secondary school where he completed his O-Levels in 1975. He then attended the College of African Wildlife management in Moshi Tanzania earling a Diploma in Wildlife between 1999 and 2001.

He later pursued higher education at Greta University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Community development in the year 2018.

Between 1997 and 1999 he served as Acting Warden-in-Charge at the Isiolu County Council which he later advanced to Senior Warden in the same Council. He also served Maasai Mara National Reserve in the same position under Narok County Government between 2009 and 2012 before solidifying his leadership skills to become the inaugural Speaker of Isiolu County Assembly between 2013 and 2017.

The Hon. Member was laid to rest last week, Thursday 13th of November 2025.

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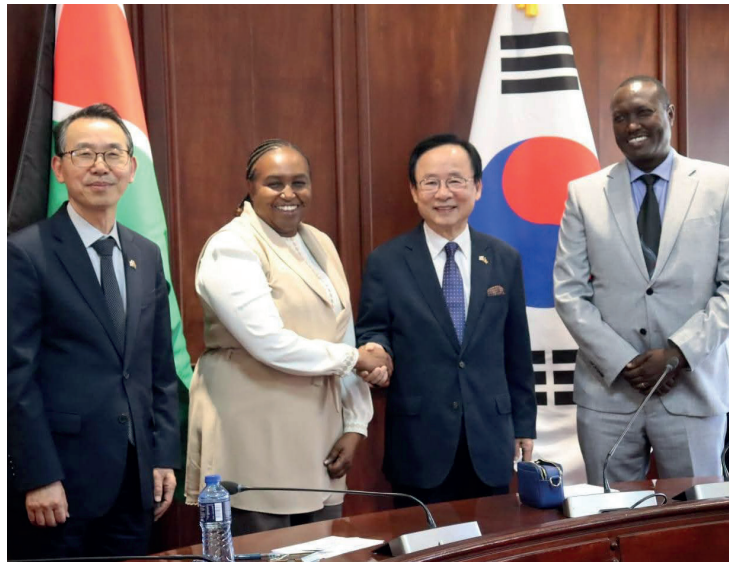
Dagoretti South MP and WSPU President, Hon. John Kiarie poses with an international delegate during the closing ceremony of the 11th World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) General Assembly at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi



National Assembly Speaker Emeritus, Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo (left) share a copy of his book "Calming the Storms" with a distinguished delegate on the sidelines of the 11th World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) General Assembly at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (fourth right), shakes hands with the leader of the World Bank delegation, Mr. Qimiao Fan, after a photo session outside Parliament Buildings, as a section of MPs (right) and other members of the team look on



The Chairperson of the Kenya- Korean Parliamentary Friendship Group, Hon. Marianne Keitany (Aldai-second left), with her counterpart from Korea, Hon. Ju-Young (second right). Looking on are Deputy Leader of Minority and Kathiani MP, Hon. Robert Mbu (right) and Republic of Korea's ambassador to Kenya H.E. Amb. Kang Hyungshik (left) after the group's meeting at Parliament buildings in Nairobi.



Hon. Mary Emaase (Teso South) with Hon. Umulkher Kassim (Mandera County MP) and Hon. Jayne Kihara (Naivasha) addressing the press after a high-level breakfast meeting attended by members of KEWOPA and convened by HENNET and jhpiego to review Kenya's progress in Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child & Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N)



A meeting between a section of the Kenyan Parliamentary Friendship Group with South Korea and a visiting delegation from South Korea led by former Deputy Speaker in the South Korean National Assembly Hon. Lee Ju-Young. Also in attendance was South Korean Ambassador to Kenya Kenya H.E. Amb. Kang Hyungshik.

BUNGE MASHINANI ▶

SAMBURU CONSTITUENCY

Samburu NG-CDF to construct 10 boreholes for adequate supply of water to residents, says Hon Lesuuda.



Samburu West MP Hon Naisula Lesuuda inspects land set aside for construction of a bore holes. 10 bore holes are set to be constructed

Samburu West constituents are set to benefit from new water projects after the NG-CDF approved construction of 10 bore holes spread in various parts of the constituency.

Samburu West MP Hon Lesuuda said that projects that will be constructed in the 2025/2026 Financial Year will go along way in dealing with the perennial water shortages residents have been experiencing.

"I am happy to inform my voters that we have finalised plans to construct bore holes in Nolkera, Sirata, Alu, Nontonto, Seketet, Nomo-tio, NkejuEmuny, Ang'ata Ronkai,

Seketet (Lorien), and TSeuketet," said Hon Lesuuda as she toured some areas earmarked for the projects.

"She added: "Through NG-CDF we are also completing the Sura Adoru Health Facility, KMTC, and constructing the Loosuk Administration Block with ongoing water projects in Naing'olie, Lederero, and Yare".

"Special thanks to Patrick Lengees for his selfless dedication in leading project implementation ensuring community engagement, conflict resolution, supervision, and delivery," she added as she asked residents to protect the projects once completed and operationalized

GILGIL CONSTITUENCY

Langalanga primary school handed over two modern classrooms set up by Gilgil NG-CDF.

Gilgil MP Hon Martha Wangari has handed over two Modern classrooms to Langalanga primary school in the constituency constructed by the local NG-CDF.

The MP while presiding over the ceremony noted that the new classrooms would provide conducive

environment to learners and teachers hence improve education standards.

"We proudly hand over two new classrooms and lockers in Langalanga primary school to be used by the learners especially the grade nine candidates," she added.

Said the MP: "We had previously done and equipped a classroom for children living with disabilities and we shall continue supporting them. We thank the Graham family for supporting the school with a water purification system to ensure the learners have clean drinking water".



Gilgil MP, Hon. Martha Wangari, welcomed at Langalanga Primary School where she handed over two new classrooms to the institution.

HAMISI CONSTITUENCY

Hamisi MP hands over eight modern classrooms to Gimariani primary school



Hamisi MP Hon Charles Gimose cheered on after opening a new classroom at Gimariani Primary School funded by NG-CDF

Gimariani Primary school has benefited from an infrastructure programme funded by the NG-CDF in which eight modern classrooms were handed over to the institution.

The MP also handed over a new administration block at Gimariani Secondary School during their Annual General Meeting.

"These developments are a true testament to our commitment to quality education, strong leadership, and

sustainable development in Hamisi," said Hon Gimose.

He explained that by expanding learning spaces and improving school infrastructure, he was empowering learners with the tools they need to succeed and shaping a brighter future for our community.

"Education remains the cornerstone of progress, and I will continue to champion projects that uplift our schools and create opportunities for every child in Hamisi," he added.



Hon. Martha Wangari, pupils, and guests enjoy the ambience of the new modern classrooms at Langalanga Primary School.

Sports

Kenya promises victory in Netball at EAC Games in Uganda – Hon. Adagala

Kenya is confident of clinching victory in netball at the upcoming East African Community Inter-Parliamentary Games (EAC-IPG), set to take place in Uganda from December 5 to 17, 2025.

Hon. Dr. Beatrice Adagala (Vihiga), captain of the Kenyan Parliamentary Netball team, expressed optimism about the country's chances, noting that Kenyan lawmakers across various sports disciplines have also trained extensively and are ready to outperform their regional counterparts.

"This year we will bring the cup home, not only in netball but other sports as well," said Hon. Adagala. "Our team spirit is high, and we have been training every Tuesday and Thursday, so we are all well prepared for the games," she added.

At the last edition of the Inter-Parliamentary Games, held in Mombasa, Kenya, from December 5 to 18, 2024, Uganda dominated the competition. In netball, the Ugandan team impressed with strong coordination and strategic play, earning the gold medal. Hon. Sarah Kayagi Netalisile delivered a standout MVP performance. Kenya and Tanzania claimed silver and bronze respectively in closely contested matches.

Ugandan lawmakers also performed strongly in other disciplines, securing top positions in athletics, football, basketball, and tug-of-war.

However, Hon. Adagala believes Kenya will reverse the outcome this year, despite Uganda, known as the "Pearl of Africa," hosting the tournament.

"We are confident we will thrash Uganda in the spirit of strengthening, widening, and deepening our regional cooperation," she said.



Hon Beatrice Adagala (Vihiga) the Captain of the Parliament of Kenya Netball Team in action during the team's match with MPs from EALA in December 2024. Pictured (Centre) is Hon Irene Mayaka (Nominated)

The 15th edition of the EAC-IPG will be hosted at various venues in and around Kampala. The historic Mandela National Stadium, commonly referred to as Namboole, will be the main venue, hosting athletics and tug-of-war events. Located on the eastern outskirts of Kampala, the stadium will feature competition in sprints, relays, and middle-distance races.

Other events will take place at additional venues, including football matches at St Mary's Stadium-Kitende and the walking race at MTN Arena Lugogo.

The Games will bring together parliamentarians from all six EAC partner states to compete in football, volleyball, basketball (men and women), golf, athletics, netball, tug-of-war, and more

Quotes of The Week



The Government should stop funding Kenya Airways, cut out costs and let it go private or let it go down so that a new airline that can serve the Kenyan public, can come into its place because Nairobi is a central hub. It is a regional, and an African hub. Unless we have a great airline like Ethiopian Airlines, we are never going to be a competitive country. Our airports are not served well because of the weaknesses of Kenya airways. We are not competitive enough, so Kenya Airways is taking down the development of Kenya's aviation industry. It is also taking down with it the Kenya's tourism industry and it is a high time that we moved forward so that we can re-establish Nairobi as the International African hub it should be"



Hon. Hassan Abdi Yusuf – MP, Kamukunji on the floor of the House, Wednesday November 12th 2025 afternoon session.



I want to urge all Members of Parliament that we think forthright and come up with proper legislations which will eliminate hidden costs on power in this country and make power affordable for all Kenyans. I also want us to look into the skewed distribution of power across the country which has been done along ethnic and political lines in the country; it is unfair to have certain areas with 98% electricity connectivity when others have less than 15% electricity connectivity. Connecting new customers to the grid will increase taxes to our government".



Hon. Basil Robert Ngui –MP, Yatta on the floor of the House, Wednesday November 12th, 2025, afternoon session



Most of Government entities receive money from the exchequer and at the end of the day when we look at value for that money, for some of us who serve in Audit Committees like Public Accounts Committee, Special Funds and others, in most cases when you look at audited accounts, we ask questions as to where is the value for this money. Those State agencies that are not self sustaining and continuously dependant of the exchequer instead of generating their own resources need to be privatized to save the exchequer"



Hon. Mary Otuchu Emase, MP Teso South on the floor of the House, Tuesday, November 11th 2025, afternoon session



The late Hon. Mohmmmed Tubi supported education in this country in a way the Government and especially the Ministry should emulate, the recently sent circular in terms of raising school fees cannot happen in Kenya because we cannot afford to go back on the gains we have made on affordable education in the country, therefore we call upon the Government to backtrack that circular they sent to our institutions that the parents should be paying KES 22,000 every year. That is not a very good trajectory especially as we put concerted efforts in supporting education as Members of this House and also as leaders in this republic".



Hon. Nyoro Samson Ndindi – MP, Kiharu on the floor of the House Thursday November 13th 2025, afternoon session.



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