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## Parliament and Judiciary united for a stronger justice system

The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Gladys Boss, joined the Judiciary and key justice-sector leaders for the launch of the Annual State of the Judiciary and the Administration of Justice Report (SOJAR) FY2024/25. Attending in her official capacity and representing the Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, Hon. Boss underscored Parliament's strong and ongoing commitment to strengthening justice delivery for all Kenyans.

### Key achievements highlighted in the SOJAR report ▶

The report presents an unvarnished look at the Judiciary's journey over the past year. It highlights meaningful gains in digitization, human resource optimization, backlog reduction, and people-centered reforms, including mediation and Alternative Justice Systems.

These reforms continue to expand access to justice and restore trust in

institutions that are central to Kenya's democratic stability.

### Persistent challenges facing the Judiciary ▶

The report also exposes persistent gaps that require urgent attention. Several court stations continue to operate in temporary or dilapidated structures, while other gazette stations remain unopened due to funding and staffing shortfalls. With the Judiciary currently operating at only 64% of its approved establishment, the human resource deficit continues to slow service delivery and strain the system's capacity.

### Parliament's commitment to legislative support ▶

The Deputy Speaker reiterated Parliament's position, that a strong, well-resourced Judiciary is indispensable to upholding the rule of law. In this regard, the National Assembly is moving forward with legislative interventions that reinforce institutional independence and long-term sustainability. These include the Judges Retirement Benefits Bill, safeguarding the welfare of retired judges, and

the Kenya Judiciary Academy Bill, which institutionalizes training, research, and continuous professional development for judicial officers and sector stakeholders.

### Budget priorities for Judicial strengthening ▶

Beyond legislation, Parliament remains committed to ensuring adequate budgetary allocations to support the operationalization of dormant court stations, modernization of infrastructure, and expansion of judicial presence in underserved counties. Such investments reflect a shared national promise: that justice must be timely, accessible and delivered with dignity.

### A unified effort toward justice for all ▶

Hon. Boss reaffirmed Parliament's unified resolve to collaborate with the Judiciary and the Executive in advancing the administration of justice.

The event marked another step in strengthening accountability, deepening institutional trust, and ensuring that every Kenyan, regardless of location, can rely on a justice system that works for them.

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General ▶

# Lawmakers feted for championing Sustainable Development Goals-Aligned Legislation



Hon. Peter Masara poses for a photo with other participants after he was awarded for championing the welfare of the police officers through the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill which he sponsored. He's joined by Kaiti MP, Hon. Joshua Kimilu (second right) who was also feted.

**F**our Members of the National Assembly have been recognized for demonstrating exemplary leadership in promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-aligned Legislation at the recent Annual National SDGs Multi-Stakeholder Conference.

The lawmakers were feted during the closing of the conference, which was held from November 26–28, 2025, at the Pride Inn Paradise Resort in Mombasa.

The event was hosted by the State Department for

Economic Planning in collaboration with the SDGs Inter-Agency Technical Working Sub-Committee.

### Focus on Partnership and Innovation ▶

Held under the theme “Race to 2030: Partnership, Collaboration, and Innovative Finance,” the conference convened a diverse array of participants, including government representatives, civil society organisations, the private sector, academia, the media, and development partners.

The participants deliberated on practical and

scalable solutions to accelerate Kenya’s progress toward the SDGs.

The highlight of the three-day event was the closing gala dinner where the four lawmakers were recognized for their specific legislative advocacy among other nominees from various categories.

Hon. Peter Masara was feted for his National Police Service (Amendment) Act, 2025, while

Hon. Irene Mayaka was recognized for sponsoring the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Startup Bill, 2022.

Hon. Joshua Kimilu also received recognition for sponsoring the Institute of Social Work Professionals Bill, 2023.

The Chairperson of the Kenya Youth Parliamentary Association (KYPA) Hon. John Mukunji was also recognized for championing youth inclusion through the Association.

Bondo lawmaker and the Chairperson of the SDG Parliamentary Caucus, Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Ochanda, also attended the event where he delivered a key note address.

### Commitment to leave no one behind ▶

The conference concluded with a strong commitment to deepen collaboration, strengthen data-driven decision-making, and scale innovative financing models as Kenya approaches the 2030 deadline.

Participants reaffirmed the national pledge to “Leave No One Behind,” emphasizing that SDGs implementation must remain inclusive, equitable, and centered on the needs of all citizens—especially vulnerable and marginalized communities.

The renewed partnerships and resolutions set during the conference positions Kenya strategically to advance more decisively toward a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for all.

## National Assembly greenlights Bill seeking to improve access to birth and death registration services

**T**he Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has been passed by the National Assembly.

The Bill sponsored by Gilgil MP, Hon. Martha Wangari, seeks to improve access to birth and death registration services across Kenya by establishing at least one registration office in each constituency.

According to the sponsor of the Bill, there are only 143 such offices, making it difficult for many Kenyans to obtain essential documents like birth certificates and death certificates.

It has a proposed amendment in line with Article 6(3) of the Constitution, which guarantees every Kenyan the right to be registered as a citizen. By increasing the number of registration offices, the government aims

to make it easier for citizens to exercise this right and access other important services that require proof of identity.

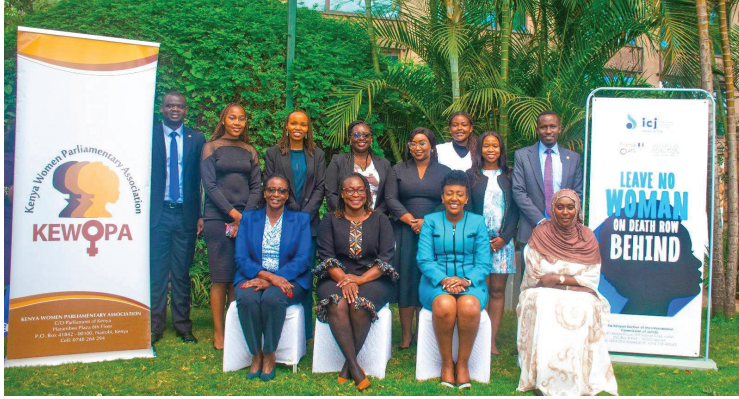
If enacted Kenyans, particularly those living in rural areas and marginalized communities will reduce the time and effort required to obtain birth and death certificates, which are essential for accessing education, healthcare, employment, and other social services.

The amendment is also expected to improve the accuracy and completeness of birth and death records, which are crucial for planning and development. By having more registration offices, it will be easier to collect data on births and deaths, which can be used to inform policies and allocate resources effectively.



Gilgil MP Hon. Martha Wangari speaking on the floor of the National Assembly during debate on the Bill.

# KEWOPA calls for an end to the death sentence for women



Hon. Beatrice Elachi (KEWOPA vice chairperson and Dagoretti North MP), Senator Tabitha Mutinda (nominated) and Hon. Mohammed Fatuma Zainab pose for a photo with the chairperson for ICJ Kenya, Ms. Christine Alai, ICJ officials and KEWOPA Secretariat after the breakfast meeting on the plight of women facing death row charges



Senator Betty Syengo (KEWOPA member) making her remarks during the KEWOPA & ICJ breakfast meeting on 25th November 2025

**M**embers of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) have commenced efforts to champion the abolishment of the death sentence for women in the country with commensurate charges that are deterrent.

This call for gender justice comes ahead of the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV) with the Women MPs advocating for the adoption of the African Union's draft Protocol on the abolition of the death penalty.

During a round table breakfast meeting with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Kenya section, the women MPs expressed their concerns as human rights champions, justice advocates and as women who understand the complex vulnerabilities that shape the lives of women in the criminal justice system.

Speaking on behalf of the KEWOPA chairperson, Senator Beth Syengo reaffirmed the Women MPs'

dedication to advocacy on legal reforms and gender responsive justice systems for women.

"We stand ready to work with ICJ Kenya, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, development partners, and fellow parliamentarians to ensure that no woman is further victimised by a system meant to protect her," Sen Syengo said.

While highlighting the lived realities of women facing death row charges, Sen. Syengo noted the structural challenges that they encounter in their pursuit of justice.

"When a woman is sentenced to death, she is not only punished for a crime, she is often punished again for her gender, for systemic inequities, and for the failures in structures meant to protect her," she said.

Calling for the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights, the chairperson for ICJ Kenya, Ms. Christine Alai affirmed that the death penalty is still handed down to the offenders.

"While the application of capital punishment has been restricted by the abolition of the mandatory death sentence for murder in 2017 and by occasional mass commutations of death sentences to reduce numbers on death row, Courts continue to sentence defendants to death for murder, robbery with violence, attempted robbery with violence, and treason.

Ms. Alai urged Women lawmakers to pay attention to the plight of women facing capital punishment, noting that their unique needs and challenges are overlooked by the criminal legal systems historically created by men for men, failing to consider the pathways to female incarceration and their mitigation.

The Women MPs underscored the need for leaders to engage women prisoners to understand their grievances, noting that many women facing death charges are victims of domestic violence. They stressed that Judges should consider such when making judgments against women.

## Hon. (Dr.)Oundo requests for a Statement over assault of a Kenyan worker by a foreign National at the TCM Mabati factory in Eldoret

**F**unyuula lawmaker Hon. Dr. Wilberforce Oundo last week rose on the floor of the House seeking for a Statement following a video that went viral on the social media showing a foreign National while violently assaulting a Kenyan worker at the TCM Mabati factory located in Eldoret town.

In his Statement, Hon. Oundo said that the foreign national identified as Mr. Shi Zhendhing, a supervisor of Chinese origin at the factory was captured in a video clip while violently assaulting, threatening and demeaning one Mr. Andrew Tabu Kagwa Waliera, a resident of Sibinga Sub-Location in Funyuula constituency. The MP noted that,

*"The act has sparked widespread outrage and raised serious concerns about the treatment of Kenyan workers by certain foreign employees operating in our country".*

*"Hon. Speaker, the victim is currently in poor health, nursing serious injuries sustained during the assault. He has been unable to resume his duties effectively and shockingly is now reportedly facing threats of dismissal from employment".*

*"Even more worrying is the allegation that he was coerced into recording a video with his assailant, purporting to forgive him an act clearly aimed at hiding the truth and obstructing justice. This touches*

*on dignity of Kenyan workers, the sovereignty of our labour laws and the responsibility of the State to protect its workers within their places of work", Hon. Oundo added*

It is against this background that the MP asked the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour to provide a Statement on the lawful actions being taken against the Chinese national, Mr. Shi Zhendhing in accordance with the provisions of Kenyan labour, immigration and criminal laws. He is also seeking to know the steps being initiated to ensure adequate compensation and medical support for the victim, Mr. Andrew Kagwa Waliera for the injuries, trauma and economic losses he has suffered.

Lastly, the MP requested that the Committee on Labour also provides a Statement on the immediate and long-term measures the Government is putting in place to prevent the recurrence of such assaults, mistreatments and violations of Kenyan workers by foreign employers, and to guarantee a safe dignified and lawful working environment for all employees.

The speaker directed that the issue be forwarded



File Photo. Hon. Dr. Wilberforce Oundo in a past Committee sitting.

to the Committee of labour for a response before the House goes on long recess scheduled for this week.

## Kewopa calls for enhanced support to curb child and maternal deaths



**T**he Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) has pledged to continue collaborating with partners to deliver reforms that improve the lives of mothers, newborns and children across the country.

KEWOPA Deputy Secretary Hon. Phylis Bartoo (Moiben) said development partners play a key role in building the capacity of female lawmakers, but called for increased support.

“Female legislators play in shaping laws that protect rights of women and children, advance gender equity and uphold the dignity of families,” said Prof. Bartoo.

“We appreciate and acknowledge the support of development partners who work with lawmakers, but more can still be done to better equip female legislators to fight to improve the welfare and wellbeing of mothers and children,” she added.

Prof. Bartoo spoke during a consultative engagement on Strengthening the Legal Framework for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health in Kenya.

The meeting was convened by the Health NGOs Network (HENNET) and attended by the National Assembly Health Committee Chairperson Hon. Dr. James Nyikal (Seme) and members of the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA).

“As KEWOPA, we remain committed to cross-party collaboration and constructive engagement to deliver reforms that safeguard health rights and ensure quality services reach every Kenyan,” she said.

The high-level dialogue follows growing concern over high maternal and newborn mortality rates caused by systemic barriers that limit access to quality health-care services.

Participants called for stronger oversight, clear commitments and a unified approach to advancing reproductive, maternal, and newborn, child and adolescent health.

### PLENARY ▶

## Parliamentary Litigation and Compliance Service officers urged to be adaptive to emerging trends and changes affecting the legal profession

**T**he Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS, has challenged Parliamentary Legal Counsel in the Directorate of Litigation and Compliance Services to remain proactive and continuously sharpen their professional competencies in order to better serve the institution.

Speaking while officially opening a retreat for officers from the Directorate, Mr. Ndombi observed that the legal profession has undergone significant transformation in recent years, driven by rapidly evolving jurisprudence, technology, and governance demands.

He underscored the need for sustained skills

enhancement, agility, and adaptability among Legal Counsel to effectively respond to these changes and strengthen the institution's legal capacity.

In his remarks, Mr. Ndombi also emphasised the importance of holistic personal development as a foundation for professional excellence.

He highlighted the need for Parliamentary officers to maintain a healthy balance across critical life pillars, including education, career, family and health, stating that such balance plays a pivotal role in supporting mental wellness and fostering a productive work environment.

“All these aspects are important. A balanced life

not only enhances the quality of your work but also the quality of your overall life,” he noted.

During the retreat, officers participated in a range of specialized sessions, including Personal Financial Management and Leveraging on Emerging Technologies for Effective Public Service, among others, all aimed at strengthening the capacity within the Directorate.

The Directorate of Litigation and Compliance Services is responsible for managing all court matters involving the institution, providing legal compliance oversight, and offering legal advisory support to the National Assembly, amongst other matters.



National Assembly Deputy Clerk Mr. Jeremiah Ndombi when he officially opened the retreat of officers from the Directorate of Litigation and Compliance

Some of the Legal Counsel during the retreat

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP ▶

## Blue Economy Committee engages stakeholders on Fisheries Management and Development Bill, 2023



Mathira MP and leader for Naivasha Team Hon. Eric Wamumbi with Hon. Dorothy Muthoni (nominated) during the public participation exercise in Naivasha

**T**he Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation has conducted a series of public participation forums on the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 29 of 2023).

The engagements, held at the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute in Naivasha; Kalokol in Turkana County; and the Kambi Samaki Beach Management Unit in Baringo County, brought together a wide spectrum of stakeholders including fisherfolk, beach management representatives, local leaders, conservation groups, women and youth traders, county officials, marine officers, researchers and national government administrators.

The Bill seeks to repeal the Fisheries Management and Development Act to align fisheries governance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and respond to emerging needs within the blue economy. It aims to enhance sustainable management and conservation of aquatic resources, improve food security and livelihoods, and support Kenya's broader development goals under Vision 2030 and relevant international commitments.

In Naivasha, stakeholders emphasized the need for stronger recognition of Beach Management Networks, establishment of designated breeding grounds, and expansion of landing sites to support growing activity. They further called for clear operational guidelines for landing stations, improved cold

storage facilities, protection of riparian land and enhanced involvement of KMFRI, KEBS and relevant ministries in oversight. Participants also sought clarity on the fishing levy, fresh registration of vessels, regulation of subsistence fishing, creation of buffer zones and increased Coast Guard staffing.

In Kalokol, residents raised concerns about political interference in the management of Beach Management Units and urged strengthened governance structures to ensure transparency and accountability.

At the Kambi Samaki Beach Management Unit in Baringo North, environmental conservation dominated discussions. Residents highlighted the spread of invasive species, declining fish stocks, limited access to modern equipment, unclear county roles, and rising youth unemployment. Women traders appealed for improved cold storage and more accessible credit facilities.

Veteran fisher Daniel Kiprono called for protection of artisanal fishers from exploitative middlemen, noting that many earn very little despite the risks and long hours associated with the profession.

Across all regions, the Committee encouraged submission of additional views and written memoranda within seven days through the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly. Committee leaders assured residents that all contributions would be considered in the final report to be tabled before the National Assembly.



Mwingi North MP Hon. Paul Nzengu when he chaired the public participation meeting in Turkana County



A local resident sharing his views of the Bill in Naivasha

## Diaspora Committee pledges support to Uwezo Fund and Youth Enterprise Fund amid calls for better negotiated BLAs



Diaspora Affairs and Migrant Workers Committee Chairperson, Hon. Lydia Haika, chairing a meeting with representatives from the Uwezo Fund and the Youth Enterprise Fund

**T**he Youth Enterprise Fund's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Josiah Moriasi, has called for stronger and properly negotiated Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs) to ensure that Kenyan workers are not disadvantaged when seeking opportunities abroad.

Appearing before Hon. Lydia Haika's Diaspora Affairs and Migrant Workers Committee, Mr. Moriasi noted that the absence of well-structured BLAs has left Kenyan workers unfairly exposed in certain countries.

His remarks followed the Committee's questioning of why a bank statement is required as proof of eligibility for travel, a requirement that continues to disadvantage many Kenyans.

According to documents tabled before the Committee, Members also sought clarification on why some constituencies register significantly higher beneficiary numbers than others.

Responding to these concerns, Mr. Moriasi explained that recruitment is not handled by the Youth Enterprise Fund but by the Ministry of Labour.

"The recruitment of candidates is done by the recruitment agencies under the Ministry of Labour. Ours is just to facilitate the candidates. This feedback is positively taken and we will inform the relevant State Department," Mr. Moriasi

On its part, the Uwezo Fund, represented by the Head of Secretariat, Mr. Peter Lengapiani, highlighted progress under its labour mobility financing programme dubbed, 'Wezesha Majuu', which was initiated in March 2025, the pilot cohort has already supported 221 youths with a total of KES 32,612,634.

Mr. Lengapiani emphasized the need for further financial reinforcement to expand the programme's reach.

"From the pilot experience, the programme has potential for enhanced impact and is a viable intervention towards resolving the surging youth unemployment in the country. However, it requires additional capital injection to meaningfully impact and meet the demand across the constituency," Mr. Lengapiani

The Committee pledged its support, noting the critical role the two funds play in covering ticket fees, visa fees, and attestation costs, significantly easing the financial burden for Kenyans seeking opportunities abroad.



From right: Youth Enterprise Fund CEO, Mr. Josiah Moriasi, and Uwezo Fund Head of Secretariat, Mr. Peter Lengapiani, during their engagement with the Diaspora Affairs and Migrant Workers Committee

## PIC-SSAA demands answers from KMTc over KES. 2.1 billion pension deficit, two-decade financial disputes

The Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture (PIC-SSAA) pressed the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) to account for a staggering pension deficit and financial disputes dating back more than 20 years. The institution appeared before the Committee to respond to audit queries for the 2021/2022 and 2023/2024 financial years.

KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch and his senior team faced tough questioning over recurrent debt issues, governance lapses, and delayed institutional reforms. Lawmakers expressed frustration with what they termed “routine” audit challenges that appear before the Committee year after year.

“These issues are routine, and we must conclude them once and for all,” said Committee Vice-Chairperson Hon. Caleb Amisi.

The Committee resolved to invite several government institutions — including Kenyatta National Hospital, the University of Nairobi, the Attorney-General’s Office, and the Ministries of Health, Education, and Lands — to help fast-track a final resolution.

### Repetitive financial issues ▶

One of the major disputes involves KES. 7.4 million

in rent arrears owed by the University of Nairobi for 96 rooms occupied by medical students. Despite an eviction notice issued in July 2018, UoN has neither vacated nor responded formally. KMTc said the matter had been escalated to the Attorney-General and the Head of Public Service, insisting that available documentation confirms the property belongs to the college.

The most alarming disclosure before the Committee was a KES. 2.125 billion pension deficit within KMTc’s defined benefit scheme as of June 2024. Dr. Oluoch said actuarial assessments showed that the scheme’s assets had not grown sufficiently to meet both current and future pension obligations.

“While pension benefits for current retirees are protected by law, we’ve had to finance remedial measures from student fees,” he cautioned, warning that this could strain the institution’s liquidity without Treasury support.

To address the crisis, KMTc has increased its sponsor contribution rate from 20% to 27.6% beginning July 2024 and committed to injecting KES. 100 million annually. The Committee said it would invite the Retirement Benefits Authority and the National



The Vice-chairperson of the PIC-SSAA hon. Caleb Amisi, chairing a meeting with the management of the KMTc on audit queries at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings

Treasury to examine broader systemic issues affecting public pension schemes.

On governance, the Committee questioned why only 16 campuses and a few training schools have been formally gazetted despite the college operating dozens of campuses nationwide. KMTc pledged to fast-track the gazette process.

## House audit Committee wants DCI to hasten investigations into KES.100 million NG-CDF scandal in Kaiti



Members of the DFA Committee (from left) Hon. Richard Kilal, Hon. Dorothy Muthoni, Hon. Martin Wanyonyi, and Hon. Mburu Kahangara during the meeting on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee has called for the immediate arrest of former Kaiti Constituency NG-CDF Account Manager Daniel Maluki, amid ongoing investigations into the alleged embezzlement of KES.100 million from the constituency fund in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Chaired by Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Mulyungi, the Committee met the former manager in a follow-up session aimed at clarifying how KES.18,158,000 was spent on irregular allowance payments and KES.81,341,700 on questionable imprest withdrawals.

According to the Office of the Auditor-General, three officers received large sums of imprest from the NG-CDF main account KES.34,844,700 to the Fund Manager, KES.31,736,000 to the NG-CDF Committee Chairperson, and KES.14,761,000 to the District

Treasury Cashier amounting to 66% of all irregular expenditures.

“As a Fund Manager, was it within your mandate to withdraw and pay all these monies in cash?” posed Hon. Mburu Kahangara (Lari).

Mr. Maluki, now a university lecturer, claimed the money was used for public participation forums to identify CDF and NHIF beneficiaries. MPs, however, questioned how such activities could consume KES.100 million.

“It is very clear that these people colluded to withdraw this money and defraud the public,” said Hon. Dorothy Muthoni (Nominated).

Committee Members urged the DCI to expedite investigations, insisting the case presents blatant misuse of public funds.

“This issue is a clear case of open theft of public

funds. The relevant agencies must conclusively handle the matter and furnish Parliament with their findings,” stated Hon. James Koyoo (Muhoroni).

Elgeyo Marakwet Woman Representative Hon. Caroline Ngelechei called for strict action against CDF managers implicated in the misuse of funds.

“Such errant officers should not be walking freely among us. He should be in prison even as investigations continue,” she said.

Mr. Maluki told MPs that five public participation meetings were held in each of the 14 locations in Kaiti—70 meetings in total. However, the Committee found it untenable that such activities would cost KES.100 million and insisted that all involved individuals must be held accountable.

“We need to hear from the DCI how far these investigations have gone, and whatever other information the manager is withholding,” said Hon. Martin Pepela Wanyonyi (Webuye East).

In conclusion, Chairperson Mulyungi directed the Committee to hold a joint session with the three officers who withdrew the funds, the DCI, CDF Committee Members, and the District Accountant to determine the way forward.



Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee Chairman Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Mulyungi speaking during the meeting with Kaiti Constituency on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## PIC Governance and Education cracks down on mismanagement in institutions of higher learning

The Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, chaired by Hon. Wanami Wamboka (Bumula), spent the day engaging a series of institutions to strengthen accountability in Kenya's higher learning sector. The conversations were rooted in the need to protect public funds while improving the quality of education for Kenyans who depend on these institutions.

In the morning session, the Committee engaged Kenya Private Security Regulatory Authority on its stalled staffing plan, urging the Director-General to avoid commitments that rely on approvals outside his control. At Pwani University, Members questioned the absence of a Chancellor and raised multiple concerns around procurement, misclassified payments, and a KES. 29 million expenditure that lacked proper documentation. The Auditor-General was directed to verify the financial trail and establish whether the institution complied with approval procedures.

Kiambu National Polytechnic also appeared before the Committee, with Members reviewing the handling of KES. 2.8 million held in an account for a prolonged period. The Ministry of Education is required to respond on the utilization of the funds. Legislators



Hon. Wanami Wamboka, Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, during the meeting cautions Institution Heads on financial mismanagement in institutions of Higher Learning

acknowledged progress made in addressing earlier audit concerns.

Appearing in the afternoon session Samburu Technical and Vocational College faced questions after generating only KES. 76,000 in revenue over an entire year. Legislators challenged the management to explore realistic income-generating ventures such as livestock keeping and farming, reminding them that institutions must diversify beyond capitation.

At Moi Teachers Training College, the Committee

found the Finance Officer unfit to hold office after it emerged he lacked the required professional qualifications and was not a member of ICPAK. The former Principal has also been summoned to address unanswered audit questions.

Moi University's Head of Finance was deemed incompetent for failing to submit documentation on unaccounted legal fees to the Auditor-General. The former Vice-Chancellor will be required to explain why staff retirement benefits went unremitted under his tenure. Hon. Wamboka emphasised the gravity of the matter, noting that the Committee seeks to "create solutions that protect pensioners." The Committee will summon the last three Vice-Chancellors to fully understand the decline of the institution and further guide on continuity.

Despite the concerns, Members acknowledged the current Vice-Chancellor's efforts in increasing student enrollment and reclaiming university land irregularly leased out. They encouraged him to rebuild the institution with sound leadership and strong governance.

This Committee will always ensure that public institutions are well-managed and remain accountable because Kenyan students, workers and taxpayers deserve nothing less," Hon. Wanami stated in his closing remarks

## Security Committee engages Moyale residents over the Hillo gold

Residents of Moyale are now calling on the government to accelerate the reopening of the Hillo gold mine.

During a meeting with a delegation from the Administration and Internal Security Committee, led by its Vice Chairperson, Hon. (Rtd.) Col. Dido Rasso, the residents expressed concern over the worsening state of the local economy.

They highlighted that the mine was their main source of income and called on the government to expedite its reopening.

The six tribes of Moyale, Sakuye, Borana, Gabra, Garre, Burji, and Kona, presented a united front, all advocating for the reopening of the Hillo mine.

Mr. Abdikadir Waqo, in his remarks, said that artisanal miners should be licensed, claiming that residents were facing hunger due to the closure.

He further proposed the establishment of a police station in the area to safeguard both the mines and the community.

Residents further raised concerns about exploitation by Rota System Limited, the investors operating at the site.

They alleged that proper public participation had not been conducted, leaving them vulnerable and uninformed as the investors moved into the area.

"We don't want investors to come and suffocate and inconvenience our artisanal miners. We want an honest public participation on this matter done," said one of the elders.

Mr. Rashid, Chairman of the Marsabit Artisanal Mining Cooperative Union, echoed the sentiments of other speakers, noting that reopening the site would help locals improve their livelihoods and boost

economic growth. He also mentioned that the mine would generate significant revenue for the country.

Earlier, the Committee held a meeting with security officials in the region, led by ACC Mr. Jimmy Ochoka, who confirmed that the officers stationed at the Hillo mine had maintained safety and order.

However, he pointed out that some residents continued to sneak into the site to mine, leading to some incidents resulting in fatalities.

Mr. Ochoka stressed the importance of controlled mining in the area.

The area MP, Hon. Prof. Guyo Wako Jaldessa, emphasised that gold is a natural resource that must be protected.

He affirmed that it remains a major source of trade for residents and insisted that there are no security issues justifying the continued closure of the mine.

Following the engagement with residents, the Committee is scheduled to visit the Hillo gold mines to assess the situation on the ground.



Hon. (Rtd.) Col. Dido Rasso chairs a meeting with residents of Moyale



Residence of Moyale following through the session

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Members of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee get taken through the tea testing process at the Tea Board of Kenya Mombasa. This was during their inquiry into tea pricing



From left: The vice chairperson of KEWOPA Hon. Beatrice Elachi, MP Dagoretti North and the County MP, Nairobi Hon. Esther Passaris joined by Nominated Senator Hon. Tabitha Mutinda holding a selfie photo board after a meeting on 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV) at a Nairobi Hotel

From left: Executive Director, International Parliamentary Network for Education, Mr. John O'Reilly posing with Members of the Education Committee, Hon. Abdul Haroand Hon. Dick Maungu on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November after a joint sitting at Parliament buildings



Hon. Irene Mayaka (second left) is feted for sponsoring Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and Startup Bill, 2022 during the Annual National SDGs Multi-Stakeholder Conference in Mombasa



Hon. John Mukunji (right) being recognized for championing youth inclusion through the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA)



Kirinyaga Central MP Hon. Gachoki Gitari who is also a certified surveyor (Right) explains to his colleagues during a visit by the Departmental Committee on Lands at the Kenya Survey Headquarters. Looking on are fellow Committee Members Emugwen MP Hon. Bosses Lelmengit (in brown suit), Changamwe MP Hon. Omar Mwinyi (Centre) and Hon. Mathias Robi of Kuria West flanked by officials from the Ministry of lands.

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ISILO COUNTY

## Isiolo County MP empowers youth, women and PWDs with financial grants



Isiolo County MP Hon Bonaya Mumina Gollo (centre in a cap) cheered on by women who were among beneficiaries of an empowerment programme she rolled out in the devolved unit recently

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) have received support worth KES.12. million from Isiolo County MP Hon. Bonaya Mumina through the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF)

Members of the groups were given cash and items such as tents, water tanks, car washing machines, chip-making equipment, and other tools to boost their businesses to help improve their livelihoods, promote self-reliance, and enhance economic participation.

"This investment goes beyond

financial support it is about building skills, creating opportunities, and fostering entrepreneurship," said Hon Mumina.

She added that majority of beneficiaries were women emphasising that empowering women means strengthening families' economically and for inclusivity and ensuring a fair society. She also included PWDs who have been neglected.

The County MP added that this initiative is a clear step towards sustainable development and social transformation in Isiolo County.

MALINDI CONSTITUENCY

## Boost to Maziwani Secondary school in Malindi constituency as MP hands over a modern laboratory



Malindi MP Hon Amina Mnyazi accompanied by other leaders at the new laboratory she handed over to Maziwani secondary school recently

Maziwani Secondary school got a boost after Malindi MP Hon Amina Mnyazi handed over a 45-capacity science laboratory to the institution funded by the Malindi NG-CDF.

Hon Mnyazi noted that the project will greatly support students and teachers in conducting science practicals and adequately prepare them for the national examination.

"Handing over of the project to the school marks the third laboratory constructed through Malindi NG-CDF, reinforcing our commitment

to expanding access to quality science education in our schools," she added.

She added that her target was to ensure all schools have modern and equipped laboratories to cushion students from travelling to other schools to share such facilities.

The also toured Ganda ward where she handed over a new classroom to Miwani primary school, launched electricity connectivity programme and gave out a 2000 litre water tank, a water pump and a car wash machine to a group of youth donated by area governor.

DAGORETI NORTH CONSTITUENCY

## Schools in Dagoreti North benefit from infrastructure programme funded by NG-CDF



Dagoreti North MP Hon Beatrice Elachi (centre in a blue jeans) welcomed by teachers and students of Kawangware primary school during the unveiling of modern classrooms.

The Dagoreti North NG-CDF under the patronage of area MP Hon Beatrice Elachi is undertaking an infrastructure programme in public schools aimed at giving the institutions a facelift and boost enrolment.

Kawangware primary school is one of the institutions that has benefited from the programme as the MP through the Fund set up modern classrooms and a perimeter wall, giving the school a new face.

"From dusty classrooms to bright, modern spaces full of life and hope

— Kawangware Primary School has truly been transformed. Seeing our children learn in a clean, dignified, and inspiring environment gives me so much joy. Education is the best investment we can make for our community, and together we're giving our young ones a reason to dream bigger," said Hon Elachi.

Hon Elachi said schools in the area have been overwhelmed by increasing number of pupils enrolling every year due to shortage of facilities noting that the programme would cure the challenge.

KARACHUONYO CONSTITUENCY

## Karachuonyo MP inspects tarmacking of Ojijo Otioko road, unveils other project in the constituency



Karachuonyo MP Hon Adipo Okuome (in a white shirt) leads other officers in inspecting ongoing works on Ojijo Ring road in the constituency.

Karachuonyo MP Hon Andrew Adipo Kuome inspected the tarmacking of the Ojijo Otioko Ring Road, one of the key roads in the constituency.

"I am satisfied with the work on the road and I urge the contractor to double his efforts to be able to complete the road in the stipulated time. Once completed, this road will not only open up trade and business opportunities but also enhance access to schools, health facilities, and markets within our community," said Hon Okuome.

The MP also witnessed the handing

over of new classrooms, an ICT hub and an administration block constructed by Safaricom to Omollo Agar primary school.

He added that the project would not only give the school a new face but provide a conducive environment for pupils and teachers hence improve education standards.

He added that through the NG-CDF he had sponsored 600 youths to undergo driving lessons and acquire driving licences, and also launched electricity connections to homes in Masongo and Gogo villages.

## Sports ▶

# Team Kenya targets clean sweep at EAC Inter-Parliamentary games



The Parliament of Kenya 400m relay team celebrate after winning gold at the 2024 EAC Games in Mombasa. The team members are (starting from Second From Left) Hon John Mukunji, Hon. Benard Kitur, Hon. Charles Nguna, Hon. Vincent Musyoka and Hon Josses Lemengit

**T**eam Kenya is determined to win the overall title at the upcoming East African Community Inter-Parliamentary Games (EAC-IPG), set to take place in Kampala, Uganda, from December 5 to 17, 2025.

Bunge Sports Club Co-Chairperson and Team Kenya Captain, Hon. Vincent Musyoka (Mwala), expressed confidence in the team's preparations and performance prospects. He said lawmakers were better prepared this year and ready to compete for gold in all disciplines.

"The members participating in the various games are well prepared. They have trained hard and assured me of gold medals in their respective games. Our target is a clean sweep of all the medals and to take the overall title," said Hon. Musyoka.

The tournament will feature eight sports disciplines, including football, netball, volleyball, golf, tug of war, basketball (men and women), athletics, and darts.

Hon. Musyoka, who is also the athletics captain, said he had spoken with the leaders of different teams, and all were confident of victory.

"They trained at least twice a week as team members, and some continued training even in their homes and in other sports clubs," he added.

Uganda won the overall title during the 14<sup>th</sup> edition held in Mombasa in December 2024, bagging gold medals in football, netball, basketball, tug of war, and several athletics races, especially sprints.

Kenya, however, caused an upset in the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the games, by winning the 4x400m relay, with Hon. Musyoka being among the sprinters.

Reflecting on last year's performance, Hon. Musyoka admitted it was disappointing to lose at home but acknowledged Uganda's strong preparation. "We took gold in a couple of games, but we ought to have performed better considering that we were the hosts. We are confident that we will turn the tables on our good colleagues from Uganda in their home country," he said.

He added, "Personally, I am aiming for gold in my specialty of 100 metres, which I lost last year. We won gold in the 400m relay race, and we will retain our title."



Hon Vincent Musyoka, the Team Kenya captain in action, during the last EAC games in Mombasa.



Members of the Women 400m relay team in Mombasa. From Left- Hon. Linet Toto, Hon. Catherine Omany, Hon. Florence Jematiah and Hon. Betty Maina

## Bunge Basketball teams declare readiness as they head to Kampala for EAC Games

**K**enya's men's and women's basketball teams are exuding confidence and unity ahead of the 15th Edition of the East African Community Inter-Parliamentary Games set to kick off in Kampala, Uganda, from December 5 to 15.

After weeks of rigorous training, the two squads say they are in peak condition and ready to mount a strong title challenge.

Speaking to Bunge Weekly, team captains noted that the structured drills, competitive build-up matches and enhanced team chemistry have lifted morale as the teams prepare to face regional rivals.

"Our players are in top form. Morale is high and everyone is fully committed," said men's team captain Hon. Brighton Yegon during an early morning session at Nyayo Stadium.

And added: "We have been training every Tuesday and Thursday from 6am to 8am. The team dynamics have come together very well and we are going to Kampala to win."

The men's side is particularly motivated by last year's near-miss, when Kenya lost to Uganda in a tense final in Mombasa, a defeat that has since fuelled a determined comeback spirit.

Yegon added that the team has recently played several high-intensity friendly matches to refine their technique, boost confidence and improve resilience.

"The build-up games have been crucial in sharpening our on-court chemistry and fitness. Basketball demands a lot of energy and these sessions have helped us prepare mentally and physically," he said.

He also revealed that the return of Lang'ata MP Hon. Jalang'o, who has recovered from injury, has given the squad a major boost.

So far, the team has not registered any serious injuries.

Women's team captain Hon. Haika expressed similar optimism, commending her squad for its discipline, focus and personal commitment to excellence.

She said the training intensity over the past weeks has elevated the team's preparedness and competitiveness.

"Every session has been focused and purposeful. We know what lies ahead and we are ready to give our very best," she said.

She noted that opponents should brace for "tough but honourable encounters" from a team that is "more ready than ever".

Hon. Haika also disclosed that several players have taken up additional evening fitness sessions to enhance stamina and maintain peak form ahead of the games.



## Quotes of The Week



An institution mandated to regulate NGOs must itself demonstrate exemplary governance. Individual responsibility is key. The Kenyan taxpayer deserves transparency and accountability.”

Hon. Caleb Amisi (Saboti)



These issues concerning pension deductions are highly emotive and require solid evidence,”

Hon. Martin Owino (Ndhiwa)



We need to streamline the Health sector, It has become clear that there are far too many bodies regulating health training, yet the quality of graduates is still uncertain. The fees charged to private institutions are prohibitive and inconsistent. We must harmonise training standards,”

Health Committee Chair, Hon. James Nyikal (Seme)



We are calling for immediate action to standardise fees across regulators. Why should every agency charge its own levies? This duplication burdens parents and students and must be harmonised,” he said.

Hon. Robert Pukose (Endebess)



This petition exposes discrimination against students in private institutions. We must ensure that all trainees both public or private receive equal treatment, training and certification,”

Hon. Peter Otero (Kibra)



KHPOA should work with all training regulators – TVETA, CDACC, KNQA, and the professional councils – to develop common policies for curriculum, qualification standards, and training oversight. The goal is to ensure that Kenya produces competent and ethical health professionals.”

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet)



### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION (2025)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 118(1)(b), AND 250(12) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL) ACT (CAP. 7F)

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 16(1) OF THE SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION ACT (CAP. 412D)

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSION SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION

#### NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL HEARING AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with provisions of Article 250(12) of the Constitution and Section 16(1) of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Cap. 412D), the Commission is empowered to appoint, with prior approval of the National Assembly, a Commission Secretary/Chief Executive Officer. In exercise of the said powers the Salaries and Remuneration Commission has forwarded the nomination of **Mr. Ali Abdullahi Surraw** for consideration and approval by the National Assembly for appointment as the Commission Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, following receipt of the nomination, the Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly vide a Communication made on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025** conveyed the nomination to the National Assembly and referred the name and *curriculum vitae* of the nominee to the **Departmental Committee on Labour** for consideration and reporting to the House;

**IT IS NOTIFIED** to the general public that pursuant to **Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F)**, the Departmental Committee shall conduct the Approval Hearing (Vetting) of the nominee on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025** in the **Mini-Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, County Hall, Parliament Buildings** at **10:00 am**;

**AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F) provides that **“any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”**;

**IN COMPLIANCE** with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of **written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the candidate** for appointment to the aforementioned office.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke) to be received **on or before Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025 by 5.00 p.m.**

**IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT** the nominee is required to—

- (1) Appear for the approval hearings with his original identity card, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and
- (2) Obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions—
  - (a) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
  - (b) The Kenya Revenue Authority;
  - (c) The Higher Education Loans Board;
  - (d) The Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
  - (e) The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;
  - (f) The Commission for University Education; and
  - (g) A Credit Reference Bureau.

**S. NJOROGE, CBS  
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

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