



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT– (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

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**ON**

**RESUMPTION OF SITTINGS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. I wish to welcome you back to the House for the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth Parliament. I trust you had a restful holiday break with your families and friends, and that you also took the opportunity to engage with constituents on key development matters. I am confident that you are well rejuvenated and ready to embark on the business that is ahead of us this Session.
2. From the onset, I wish to thank you, **Honourable Members**, for availing yourselves for the Legislative Retreat held in Nakuru County from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026. A high turnout of over ninety percent of the House was in attendance. I extend my gratitude to all of you for your active participation, which made the legislative programme a success.
3. As you recall, during the Retreat, we reviewed the National Assembly's performance, reflected on lessons learned, set priorities for the Fifth Session, and held candid discussions on key national issues that are of concern to the people. The key resolutions and strategic approaches adopted to ensure the effective and timely processing of legislative business for the remainder of this Session and the parliamentary term will be communicated to Members in due course.

4. Further, the retreat agreed on several sector-specific resolutions, including matters relating to National Security. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration shall appear before the House in a Speaker's *Kamukunji* on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at 10.00 a.m. to brief Members on the state of security.
5. With respect to the Education Sector, you will recall that we agreed that the Departmental Committee on Education shall undertake continuous oversight of the implementation of the agreed measures on financing, infrastructure, staffing, enforcement, and equity in the education sector. The Committee will also be required to obtain periodic progress reports from the Ministry of Education to ensure sustained accountability and follow-through.
6. Having said that, **Honourable Members**, as the Fifth Session gets underway, I wish to remind the House that in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders, business that was not concluded at the end of the Fourth Session has lapsed.
7. This includes any pending Motions, Statements, Questions, and certain Bills. As such, any Committee or individual Member wishing to re-introduce any lapsed business is advised to do so in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Standing Orders and our parliamentary practice. Members who may not be clear on the procedure are advised to visit the Table Office for assistance.
8. **Honourable Members**, with regard to the lapsing of Bills, you will recall that on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, the House passed a procedural Motion exempting twenty-two (22) Bills from lapsing during the period of the Fourth and Fifth Sessions. The Bills that were saved are—

- (i) The Political Parties (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 35 of 2022);
- (ii) The Petitions to Parliament (Procedure)(Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 51 of 2022);
- (iii) The Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 19 of 2023);
- (iv) The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 29 of 2023);
- (v) The Kenya Roads (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2023);
- (vi) The National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2023);
- (vii) The Meteorology Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 37 of 2023);
- (viii) The Universities (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2023);
- (ix) The Mining (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 51 of 2023);
- (x) The Employment (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 62 of 2023);
- (xi) The Universities (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 64 of 2023);
- (xii) The National Cohesion and Integration Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 74 of 2023);
- (xiii) The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 78 of 2023);
- (xiv) The Universities (Amendment) (No.5) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 79 of 2023);
- (xv) The Kenya Sign Language Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2024);
- (xvi) The Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2024);

- (xvii) The Universities (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2024);
- (xviii) The Public Relations and Communication Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 17 of 2024);
- (xix) The Kenya Roads Board (No.2) (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2024);
- (xx) The National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2024);
- (xxi) The Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25 of 2024);  
and
- (xxii) The Environmental Professionals Institute of Kenya Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2024).

**9. Honourable Members,** with regard to Questions, any Questions that had been transmitted to the respective Ministries and not received a response by the end of the Session have lapsed. However, if any Member still wishes to obtain a formal response, the Member is advised to visit the Questions Office to formally indicate their interest in obtaining a response.

**10.** This must be done by close of business on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to enable the Leader of the Majority Party to prioritise Questions when scheduling the appearance of Cabinet Secretaries before the House. Any Questions that had not yet been transmitted to the Ministries, Constitutional Commissions, and Independent Offices have also lapsed. Members are, however, still at liberty to file them afresh, if they so wish.

**11. Honourable Members,** as we commence this Session, I wish to remind the House of the need to reconstitute the Powers and Privileges Committee and the Members' Services and Facilities Committee, whose terms lapse at the end of every Session.

12. I urge the leadership to expedite this process to ensure these committees are promptly reconstituted and able to continue overseeing matters relating to Members' privileges, welfare, and services. Additionally, the Committee on Selection is reminded to hasten the process of placing our new Members into the various Committees, to enable their full participation in matters of representation, legislation, and oversight.

13. As we settle into this new Session, I urge all Members to update their biodata with the Office of the Clerk at their earliest convenience, in order for it to be accurately captured in the records of the House and on the website.

14. **Honourable Members**, on a related note, allow me to mention an important development that occurred during the recess period. Several Members of this House were conferred State honours by His Excellency the President during the 62<sup>nd</sup> Jamhuri Day Celebrations. These national honours were awarded in recognition of their distinguished service to the nation in various capacities. The following Members were conferred the honour of the **Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS)**—

1. The Hon. Mark Mwenje, MP;
2. The Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, MP;
3. The Hon. Fabian Muli, MP;
4. The Hon. John Waluke, MP;
5. The Hon. John Kiragu, MP;
6. The Hon. Eve Obara, MP;
7. The Hon. Benard Shinali; MP
8. The Hon. Marwa Kitayama, MP;
9. The Hon. Rindikiri Murwithania, MP;
10. The Hon. Samuel Atandi, MP;
11. The Hon. William Kamket, MP;


12. The Hon. James Wamacukuru, MP;
13. The Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu, MP;
14. The Hon. Didmus Barasa, MP;
15. The Hon. Jackson Kosgei, MP;
16. The Hon. Charles Kamuren, MP;
17. The Hon. Tindi Mwale, MP;
18. The Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP;
19. The Hon. Kassim Tandaza, MP;
20. The Hon. Dido Rasso, MP;
21. The Hon. Brighton Yegon, MP;
22. The Hon. Simon King'ara, MP;
23. The Hon. Major (Rtd) Bashir Sheikh, MP;
24. The Hon. Sarah Korere, MP;
25. The Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP;
26. The Hon. Liza Chelule, MP;
27. The Hon. Patrick Munene, MP;
28. The Hon. Hilary Kosgei, MP;
29. The Hon. Rahim Dawood, MP;
30. The Hon. Robert Gichimu, MP;
31. The Hon. Alfah Miruka, MP;
32. The Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP;
33. The Hon. Christine Ombaka, MP;
34. The Hon. Lemanken Aramat, MP; and
35. The Hon. Fred Kapondi, MP.

- 15.** Let us take a moment to congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition, alongside several members of staff, including our Directors of Legislative & Procedural Services (Mr. Kipkemoi arap Kirui), Legal Services (Ms. Vane Akama) and Departmental Committee Services (Mr. Peter Chemweno), who were awarded the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW) for their commendable service to the nation.
- 16. Honourable Members,** before I conclude, it is with profound sorrow that I remind the House of the untimely demise of our esteemed colleague, **the late Hon. Joseph Hamisi Denar, MP,** a Nominated Member of the National Assembly under the Amani National Congress (ANC) Party, who passed away on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, only two days after commencement of the long recess. Indeed, I notified Members of this sad development on the same day. The late Hon. Hamisi Denar was interred on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, in Kwale County.
- 17.** The late Hon. Denar served this House with diligence and commitment, contributing significantly as a member of the Departmental Committee on Sports & Culture; and the Select Committee on National Cohesion & Equal Opportunities. In recognition of his dedicated service to the House and the nation, I request that we observe a **minute of silence** as a mark of respect and remembrance.
- 18.** With respect to the NGCDF, **as Hon. Members** are now aware, the Court of Appeal delivered judgment on the constitutionality of the NGCDF Act, 2015 on Friday last week. In its decision, the Court upheld all the provisions of the Act except one sub-section which ties the term of the NGCDF Manager to the term of Parliament. We celebrate the decision of the three-judges of the Court of Appeal to side with the people and their representatives.

19. **As I have reiterated time and again, NGCDF remains the most impactful national intervention on the lives of the common *mwananchi* since independence.**
20. I commend the work of the House Legislative Caucus that is ably co-chaired by the Hon. Otiende Amollo, SC and the Hon. Samuel Chepkong'a. With the support of our Directorate of Litigation and Compliance, **the team painted the true picture of the NGCDF to the Court and faithfully told our story. We are grateful for your selfless service to the House.**
21. I am informed that Notice of Appeal has now been lodged in the matter. As it proceeds to the Supreme Court, I remain confident that our Litigation Team **shall steadfastly defend this second Appeal and again persuade the bench on the constitutionality of the Fund.** In the meantime, I urge Members to be measured in their comments as the matter pends final resolution. **Avoid engaging in any rhetoric that casts the NGCDF as a competition or supremacy battle with other bodies or groups.**
22. **Conscious that the Fund is a national government entity domiciled in the State Department for Economic Planning and managed by a Statutory Board, I advise that we focus our energies on allowing the Fund to continue delivering its tangible benefits to the people of Kenya.**
23. Finally, **Honourable Members,** as we embark on the Fifth Session, I am confident that the House will continue to build on its commendable performance in consideration of key legislative business and other crucial committee business.

24. Let us remain committed to serving people with diligence, integrity, and efficiency. I once again welcome you back to the House and look forward to a productive Fifth Session.

**I thank you!**

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, SC, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026*

