



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 AT 9.30 A.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
 2. Communication from the Chair
 3. Messages
 4. Petitions
 5. Papers
 6. Notices of Motion
 7. Questions and Statements
- 8*. **PROCEDURAL MOTION – EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN BUSINESS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 40(3)**
(The Leader of the Majority Party)

THAT, this House resolves to exempt the business appearing as **Order No. 12(i)** in today's Order Paper from the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for Business not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or Business sponsored by a Committee.

- 9*. **THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 45 OF 2025)**
(The Hon. Jane Kagiri, M.P.)

Second Reading

(Question to be put)

- 10*. **THE PREVENTION OF LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE THEFT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2023)**
(The Hon. Rahim Dawood, M.P. – *Co-Sponsor*)

Second Reading

(Question to be put)

11*. THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2026)

(The Hon. Duncan Mathenge, M.P.)

First Reading

12*. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(i) The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025)

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

(Subject to Order No. 8)

(ii) The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023)

(The Hon. Tandaza Sawa, M.P.)

(iii) The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023)

(The Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona, M.P. and the Hon. Umulkher Harun, M.P. – *Co-Sponsors*)

(iv) The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)

(The Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga, M.P. – *Co-Sponsor*)

13*. THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2024)

(The Hon. Anthony Oluoch, M.P.)

Second Reading

14*. MOTION: 003/2025 – SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND VALORIZATION OF ORGANIC WASTE FROM AVOCADO PROCESSING

(The Hon. Mary Wamaua, M.P.)

That, aware that avocado farming and processing activities have expanded rapidly in Kenya; noting that the *Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Economic Survey, 2024* approximated the national avocado production at 848,100 tonnes in 2024, up from 633,000 tonnes in 2023, valued at Kenya Shillings 29.5 billion; appreciating that, according to the survey, Murang'a County contributed about 200,991 tonnes of the total production, making it the leading avocado-producing county in the country; concerned that avocado processing generates large volumes of organic waste, including peels, seeds, pulp, and pomace, which, when improperly managed, cause environmental degradation, water contamination, and increased greenhouse gas emissions; further concerned that residents of Murang'a County and other major avocado-growing regions have raised serious concerns over the improper disposal of avocado waste which undermines the right to a clean and healthy environment as envisaged under Article 42 of the Constitution, thus posing significant public health and environmental risks; appreciating that studies by the *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO, 2023)* and global best practices from Mexico and Chile demonstrate that avocado waste can be converted into biofertilizer, biogas, animal feed, and other

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value-added products; recognizing that by embracing valorisation of avocado waste, Kenya stands a chance to reduce environmental pollution and public health risks, create employment opportunities, and support a circular economy in the avocado sector; appreciating the role of the national government in the formulation of policies and frameworks to guide and support effective waste management by county governments; now therefore, this House **resolves** that the national government formulates an avocado waste management and valorisation policy to provide for –

- (i) sustainable avocado waste management and valorization, including research, training, and technology transfer to farmers and provision of processors on modern waste management and valorisation practices, with the aim of reducing pollution, improving public health, and creating jobs in the avocado-producing regions;
- (ii) promotion of investment and innovation by providing subsidies, incentives, and technical support for waste-to-value initiatives such as biodigesters, biorefineries, and other circular economy solutions; and
- (iii) collaboration mechanisms for the National Government, county governments and private sector partners in sustainable avocado waste management and valorisation.

15*. THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2023)

(The Hon. Didmus Barasa, M.P.)

Second Reading

16*. THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 62 OF 2023)

(The Hon. Didmus Barasa, M.P.)

Second Reading

17*. MOTION: 001/2026 – MANDATORY GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING PROGRAMME IN ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KENYA

(The Hon. Rahab Mukami, M.P.)

THAT, aware that, learners in primary and secondary schools across the country are increasingly exposed to social, psychological and behavioural challenges, including drug and substance abuse, indiscipline, school unrest and academic underperformance; noting that, there has been a disturbing rise in cases of sexual violence against children, including incidents where minors are abused or killed by individuals known to them, including relatives and caregivers, thereby exposing learners to trauma and long-term psychological harm; further noting that, many learners come from homes affected by domestic violence, family instability, economic hardship and other social pressures that adversely affect their emotional wellbeing, safety and concentration in school; concerned that, guidance and services

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in most primary and secondary schools remain informal, inadequately structured and under-resourced, with no standardized national framework to ensure professionalism, accountability and effective delivery; appreciating that, structured psychosocial support, life skills training, child protection awareness and early intervention during formative years are critical in safeguarding learners, strengthening resilience, promoting discipline and improving academic outcomes; this House therefore **resolves** that, the Government, through the Ministry of Education: -

- (i) introduces a mandatory, structured and time-tabled Guidance and Counselling Programme in all public and private primary and secondary schools in Kenya;
- (ii) develops and implements a national policy framework providing for the recruitment, accreditation and deployment of professionally trained school counsellors;
- (iii) integrates mental health education, child protection awareness, personal safety training and life skills development into the school curriculum;
- (iv) allocates adequate resources to support counselling services in schools; and
- (v) establishes clear coordination and referral mechanisms between schools, child protection institutions and relevant government agencies to ensure effective safeguarding of learners.

18*. MOTION: 002/2026 –

**POLICY TO DEVELOP A STRUCTURED
ENGAGEMENT OF NATIONAL YOUTH
SERVICE GRADUATES AS SECURITY
OFFICERS IN GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTIONS**

(The Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu, M.P.)

THAT, aware that approximately 18,000 youth graduate from the National Youth Service (NYS) annually; further aware that, Article 55 of the Constitution requires the State to take measures, including affirmative action programmes to ensure that the youth access training, employment and opportunities to participate fully in the social, economic and political life of the nation; appreciating that, the Government has in the recent years rolled out deliberate programmes aimed at equipping NYS graduates with skills for employment into the disciplined services and key sectors which include agriculture, construction and security; noting that, government institutions continue to engage private security firms to supplement uniformed officers in providing security services, thereby incurring significant recurrent expenditure; further noting that, the NYS graduates possess foundational training in discipline, security awareness, public service ethics and emergency response, making them suitable for deployment within government institutions; recognising that, there is need to have a balanced approach that promotes youth employment through structured engagement of the NYS graduates, while preserving opportunities for private security firms to continue to operate and partner with government institutions; this House therefore **resolves** that the National government develops and implements a policy framework and guidelines to steer government ministries, departments, agencies, on–

- (i) prioritisation of engagement of the National Youth Service graduates to provide supplementary security services to public entities;
- (ii) the criteria for determination of a formula for allotment of a quota of provision of security services in public entities to the NYS graduates, and private security services firms; and
- (iii) modalities for structured recruitment, deployment and terms of service, including remuneration, training and career progression for NYS graduates engaged to provide supplementary security to government entities.

19*. THE MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25 OF 2025)

(The Hon. Mukunji Gitonga, M.P.)

Second Reading

20*. THE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25 OF 2024)

(The Hon. Tandaza Sawa, M.P.)

Second Reading

21*. MOTION: 003/2026 – FORMULATION OF A POLICY ON POWER SUBSIDIES FOR EXPORT-ORIENTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

(The Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, M.P.)

THAT, aware that agriculture remains the backbone of Kenya's economy, contributing substantially to the GDP, rural employment, and foreign exchange earnings, with key export crops such as coffee, tea, avocados, cut flowers, macadamia nuts, cashew nuts, and related horticultural produce collectively accounting for a significant share of the country's total export value; further aware that these commodities are largely produced for the export market, positioning Kenya as a global leader in cut-flower exports, one of Africa's largest producers and exporters of avocados and macadamia nuts, and a major supplier of tea and coffee; noting that the commencement of duty-free access to the Chinese market for these products effective May 2026 presents a historic opportunity to widely expand export earnings, create thousands of rural jobs, promote value addition, and strengthen the country's position in global agricultural trade; concerned that the high cost of electricity in Kenya, as evidenced by commercial and industrial rates significantly exceeding those of regional competitors such as Ethiopia and Tanzania, continues to erode the competitiveness of export-oriented agriculture by inflating the costs of critical operations such as irrigation, cold-chain storage and logistics, processing, drying, grading, packaging, and other value-addition activities essential for meeting stringent international quality, food safety, and phytosanitary standards; cognisant that affordable and reliable power supply is a critical input for smallholder farmers, farmer cooperatives, aggregators, and agro-processors engaged in these export crops; further cognisant that the lack of targeted electricity subsidies has led to reduced profitability, discouraged investment in modern technologies such as solar-assisted irrigation and energy-efficient cold rooms, and increased vulnerability to global price volatility and

climate shocks; acknowledging that whereas, the National Energy Policy 2025–2034 and the Policy Framework for Sustainable Financing and Subsidy Management in Agriculture provide a broad foundation for targeted interventions, no specific mechanism exist on subsidised electricity tariffs exclusively for export-oriented agricultural production, processing, and related infrastructure; now therefore, this House **resolves** that the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum formulates a National Policy on Power Subsidies for Export-Oriented Agricultural Production that provides for tiered electricity tariff subsidies including off-peak and time-of-use rates, exclusively for registered producers, cooperatives, processors and exporters of coffee, tea, avocados, cut flowers, macadamia nuts, cashew nuts and other designated export crops.

22*. MOTION: 004/2026 – MOTION TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN LEARNING INSTITUTIONS THAT IMPEDE ACCESS TO BASIC EDUCATION

(The Hon. Duncan Mathenge, M.P.)

THAT, aware that, Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education and Article 21(2) obligates the State to take legislative and policy measures to ensure the progressive realisation of socio-economic rights which includes the right to education under Article 43(1)(f); **further aware that**, the Basic Education Act, Cap. 211, obligates the State and school administrators to ensure equitable access, retention and completion in basic education, and prohibits administrative barriers that exclude learners; **noting that**, the Children Act, Cap. 141, requires the best interests of the child to be the primary consideration in all actions concerning children, including in education; **recognising**, Kenya’s international and regional obligations under Articles 2 and 28 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Convention against Discrimination in Education, which require States to ensure education is accessible, non-discriminatory, and free from economic or social barriers; **concerned that**, certain administrative practices in schools, particularly compulsory sourcing of uniforms from designated outlets, exclusion of learners for inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial class charges or other non-statutory levies, have the effect of imposing economic and administrative barriers and in some instances creating possible avenues for abuse of office and improper financial benefit; now therefore, **this House resolves that:**

- (i) All basic education institutions shall allow purchase of school uniforms from the open market, as long as they generally conform to the school design and standards and further that any attempt to monopolise, control or otherwise influence the supply of school uniforms is unlawful;

- (ii) All learners shall have uninterrupted access to school regardless of inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial charges, development levies or any other charges not expressly provided for under the Basic Education Act or any other regulation approved by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education;
- (iii) The Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education, in consultation with the Teachers Service Commission, shall within ninety (90) days:
 - i. develop a comprehensive regulatory and enforcement framework, including monitoring mechanisms, a complaints & redress system for parents and learners, as well as a nationwide public awareness programme to ensure full compliance; and
 - ii. provide that any person or institution, action or policy that violates this resolution shall be subject to disciplinary action under the relevant statutes including the Teachers Service Commission Act, the Basic Education Act, the Children Act and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act.

Denotes Orders of the Day

NOTICES

I. THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 38 OF 2025)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining intends to move the following amendments to the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025) at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the definition of the term “indigenous forest”;

(b) in paragraph (c) by—

(i) deleting the definition of the term “biodiversity hotspot”;

(ii) deleting the definition of the term “forest reference level”;

(iii) deleting the definition of the term “forest technology”;

(iv) deleting the definition of the term “natural capital accounting”;

(v) deleting the definition of the term “tree canopy cover”;

(vi) deleting the definition of the term “watershed”;

(vii) deleting the definition of the term “water tower”;

(viii) deleting the definition of the term “ecosystem services” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“ecosystem services” means the benefits humans obtain from natural ecosystems, arising from interactions between living organisms and their environment and include the habitat for biodiversity, provision of essential resources like food and water, the regulation of environmental conditions such as climate and water quality, the support of life-sustaining processes like nutrient cycling and soil formation, tourism services such as recreation, hiking and aesthetic enjoyment and cultural benefits including rites of passage, prayers and other cultural activities; and

(ix) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence —

“buffer zone” means a designated transition area of vegetation not exceeding one hundred metres wide separating a forest from other land use types intended to reduce external pressures and protect forest areas;

“National Safeguards Information System” means a mechanism used to collect, monitor, and report how environmental and social standards are implemented in forest-related activities ensuring the protection of biodiversity, ecosystems, and the rights and livelihoods of local and indigenous communities;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of Forest Regulation provided in section 29B; and

“timber grading” means the process of classifying wood based on its quality, strength, and appearance according to established regulations made under this Act;”

CLAUSE 5

THAT clause 5 of the Bill be amended by deleting the proposed new paragraph (nc) and substituting therefore the following new paragraph—

“(nc) provide technical assistance to the county governments in the development of agroforestry and commercial forestry in community land.”

NEW CLAUSES

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after clause 5—

Amendment
of
section 9
of Cap
385.

“5A. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “nominated by a national body representing” appearing in paragraph (g)(ii) and substituting therefor the words “a representative of a registered community forest association;”

Amendment
of
section
14 of
Cap 385.

“5B. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(c) has a master’s degree in any of the following fields—

- (i) forestry;
- (ii) natural resource management;
- (iii) environmental studies;
- (iv) strategic management;

- (v) law;
- (vi) economics; or
- (vii) public administration.”

CLAUSE 6

THAT clause 6 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a) by inserting the words “responsible for matters related to internal security” immediately after the words “The Cabinet Secretary” appearing in the proposed new subsection (1);
- (b) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after the proposed new subsection (5)—

“(6) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the provisions of Part III and Part IV of the Independent Policing and Oversight Authority Act, Cap 86 shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to uniformed and disciplined officers under this Act.”

CLAUSE 7

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 7.

CLAUSE 8

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 8.

CLAUSE 10

THAT clause 10 of the Bill be amended —

- (a) in the proposed New Part IIIA of the Bill by deleting the word “DIRECTOR” and substituting therefor the word “SECRETARY”;
- (b) by deleting the proposed new section 29A and substituting therefor the following new section—

Directorate. **“29A.** (1) There is established the Directorate of Forest Regulation which shall be an office in the public service.

(2) The Directorate shall be headed by the Secretary of Forest Regulation.”

(c) by inserting the following new section immediately after the proposed new section 29A—

Appointment of Secretary. **“29AA.** (1) The Secretary of Forest Regulation shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Public Service Commission.

(2) A person shall be qualified to be appointed as a Secretary of Forest Regulation, if that person—

(a) is a citizen of Kenya;

(b) holds an undergraduate degree from a university recognized in Kenya;

(c) has a postgraduate degree in any of the following fields—

(i) forestry;

(ii) botany;

(iii) environment;

(iv) natural resources; or

(v) plant ecology.

(d) has had at least fifteen years proven experience in the relevant field; and

(e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.”

(d) by deleting the proposed new section 29B and substituting therefor the following new section—

Functions of the Secretary. **“29B.** (1) The Secretary of Forest Regulation shall—

(a) advise the Cabinet Secretary on the development of national standards, codes, procedures and guidelines for participatory forest management, forest utilisation and forestry, forest products and services, and traceability systems for forest produce;

(b) issue regulatory guidelines to persons and entities within the forestry sector, and make recommendations to county governments and other public bodies on forestry matters;

- (c) monitor, inspect and audit compliance with this Act and the applicable standards in forest management and protection;
- (d) advise and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary, the Service, county governments and other agencies on enforcement actions, suspension, variation or revocation of licences;
- (e) establish and coordinate a national forest compliance and enforcement framework in consultation with relevant agencies;
- (f) register, license and regulate forest certification experts, timber graders, and such other professionals as may be prescribed by any written law;
- (g) develop professional standards and codes of conduct for licensed professionals under this Act;
- (h) ensure linkage of the national forestry registry with national systems, including carbon registry mechanisms under the Climate Change Act;
- (i) develop reporting requirements for actors in the forestry sector;
- (j) receive, review and analyse reports relating to forest-related activities;
- (k) advise the Cabinet Secretary on regulatory risks, compliance status and corrective measures within the forestry sector;
- (l) develop and monitor strategies for achieving and maintaining at least ten per cent tree and forest cover;
- (m) monitor and provide regulatory oversight on ecosystem service payments, benefit-sharing mechanisms and other climate-related forestry initiatives;
- (n) establish and maintain the National Safeguards Information System;
- (o) receive and investigate complaints made to it by any individual or entity with respect to any matter concerning forestry management and make recommendations to relevant authorities;
- (p) prepare and publish annual reports on the state of regulation in the forestry sector and submit to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling before Parliament; and

(q) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or provided under this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Secretary of Forest Regulation or a duly authorized officer may—

(a) issue compliance notices requiring remedial action for purposes of compliance with this Act;

(b) require any person or entity to produce records, data or information necessary for regulatory oversight;

(c) at all reasonable times enter and inspect any forestry activities in any premises or installations;

(d) conduct audits and investigations to confirm compliance with this Act and applicable standards;

(e) impose administrative sanctions to forest certification experts, timber graders, and such other professionals licensed by the Secretary;

(g) recommend to the relevant authority the suspension, variation or revocation of licenses, permits or approvals;

(h) refer any matter for prosecution to the relevant authority with respect to any offences committed under this Act; and

(j) perform such other acts as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Directorate.”

(e) in the proposed new section 29C by—

(i) deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”; and

(ii) deleting the words “office of the Director” appearing in subsection (2) and substituting therefor the word “Directorate”;

(f) in the proposed new section 29D by deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”;

(g) in the proposed new section 29E by deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”; and

(h) in the proposed new section 29I by—

(a) deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(g) three other persons appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, out of whom—
(i) one shall be nominated by the Forestry Society of Kenya;
(ii) one shall be a member of a registered community forest association; and
(iii) one shall represent the forest industry;”

(i) in the proposed new section 29N by deleting paragraph (f);

(j) in the proposed new section 29S(2) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a) possesses a Doctorate degree in any of the following fields—

- (i) forestry;
- (ii) botany;
- (iii) environmental studies;
- (iv) natural resources;
- (v) public administration;
- (vi) economics;
- (vii) strategic management; or
- (viii) plant ecology.

(k) by deleting the proposed new section 29T; and

(l) in the proposed new section 29W by deleting the word “Parliament” appearing in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the words “the National Assembly”

CLAUSE 11

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 11 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment
of
section
42 of
Cap.385

11. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (3)—

(4) A person responsible for a public forest or community forest shall designate specific areas of the forest as buffer zones to reduce negative edge effects and enhance ecosystem services.

CLAUSE 12

THAT clause 12 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new section 43A by inserting the words “relevant lead agencies” immediately after the words “collaboration with” appearing in subsection (2).

CLAUSE 14

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 14 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment
of
section
55 of
Cap.385

14. The principal Act is amended by deleting Section 55 and substituting thereof the following new section—

Tree growing
initiatives.

“55. The Cabinet Secretary shall plan and execute programmes necessary for observing tree growing initiatives and other international forest events.”

CLAUSE 15

THAT Clause 15 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

(c) the provisions of subsection (2)(da) and (db) shall not apply to private forests.

NEW CLAUSE 16A

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 16—

Amendment
of section
59 of Cap
385.

“16A. Section 59 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

- (2) Any person authorized by the Cabinet Secretary to operate as a timber grader or valuer immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue operating as a timber grader or valuer and shall be deemed to have been authorized by the Secretary of Forest Regulation upon commencement of this Act.”

CLAUSE 18

THAT Clause 18 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a).

CLAUSE 20

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 20 and substituting therefor the following new clause —

Amendment
of
Section
71 of
Cap 385.

“20. Section 71 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations necessary for the carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(b) in subsection (2) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (t)—

(u) management of forest carbon including the Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation nesting;

(v) nursery certification, seed and seedling standards;

(w) forest data, research, and information management systems;

(x) the framework for awarding an inventor or innovator by the Institute;

(y) agroforestry and farm forestry systems; and

(z) buffer zones and boundary tree planting.”

NEW CLAUSE 20A

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 20—

Amendment
of
section
72 of
Cap 385.

“20A. Section 72 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2)—

(3) The Chief Conservator of Forests shall, on a quarterly basis, submit to the Secretary of Forest Regulation copies of the registers of forest management and conservation activities specified in subsection (1).”

II. THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8 OF 2023)

Notice is given that the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock intends to move the following amendments to the Crops (Amendment) Bill, 2023 at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 1

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 1.

CLAUSE 2

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 2.

III. THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 9 OF 2023)

Notice is given that the Nominated Member (Hon. Umulkher Harun) intends to move the following amendments to the Kenyan Sign Language, 2023 at the Committee Stage—

NEW PART I

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before clause 1—

“PART I—PRELIMINARY”

CLAUSE 2

THAT, Clause 2 be amended, by—

- (a) inserting the expression “unless the context otherwise requires” in the opening statement immediately after the word “Act”;

- (b) deleting the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to persons with disabilities;

- (c) deleting the definition of the term “Council” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“Council” means the Kenya Sign Language Council established under section 5A;

- (d) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

“deafblind” means a person who is either born deaf and blind or became deaf and blind due to illness or a condition at a later stage of life and uses tactile and Braille as a means of communication;

“Registrar” means the person appointed as such under section 5K”.

NEW PART II

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part immediately after Clause 5—

PART II—KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE COUNCIL

Establishment
of the Council.

5A. (1) There is established the Kenya Sign Language Council.

(2) The Council is a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

Headquarters of
the Council.

5B. (1) The headquarters of the Council shall be in the Nairobi, but the Council shall ensure access to its services in all parts of the Republic in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Constitution.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Council may establish such units as it considers necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

Functions of
the Council.

5C. The functions of the Council shall be to—

- (a) regulate the use and development of sign language in Kenya;

- (b) put in place measures for the recognition and preservation of the use of Kenyan Sign Language;
- (c) undertake research and create awareness on the culture and heritage of the deaf community in Kenya;
- (d) set and enforce standards for the training, practice and use of Kenyan sign language and Kenya Sign Language interpretation;
- (e) register and license sign language interpreters in Kenya;
- (f) maintain a register and keep a record of all sign language interpreters registered under this Act;
- (g) protect and promote the right of the deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community to equal access to information and communication, including the right to access to justice;
- (h) determine the minimum fees chargeable for the provision of services under this Act;
- (i) advise the Cabinet Secretary and county governments on matters relating to sign language;
- (j) develop and regulate ethical and disciplinary standards for sign language interpreters;
- (k) collaborate with other relevant government agencies in the use and development of sign language in Kenya; and
- (l) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by any other law or as necessary for the promotion of the objects of this Act.

Powers of the
Council.

5D. (1) The Council shall have all the powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act and any other written law.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Council shall have the power to—

- (a) manage, control and administer the assets of the Council in such manner and for such purposes as best promotes the purpose for which the Council is established;
- (b) open such bank accounts for the funds of the Council as may be necessary;
- (c) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for the reserves of the Council;
- (d) subject to approval of the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance, invest any surplus funds of the Council not immediately required for the purposes of this Act, as it may determine;
- (e) receive gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Council and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;

Composition of
the Council.

- (f) enter into association with such other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Council is established; and
- (g) undertake any activity necessary for the performance of any of its functions.

5E. (1) The Council consists of—

- (a) a chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to education or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to culture or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the chairperson of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) three persons nominated by the most representative registered national association of the deaf community in Kenya;
- (f) two persons nominated by the most representative registered national association for sign language interpreters in Kenya; and
- (g) the Registrar who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the Council if the person—

- (a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has proven knowledge and experience of at least ten years in matters of—
 - (i) Kenyan Sign Language;
 - (ii) deaf and hard of hearing communications and other communications formats; and
 - (iii) disability rights;
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) A person qualifies for appointment as a member of the Council under subsection (1)(e) and (f) if the person—

- (a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has knowledge and experience of at least five years in any of the following matters of—

- (i) Kenyan Sign Language;
- (ii) deaf and hard of hearing communications and other communications formats;
- (iii) disability;
- (iv) human rights; or
- (v) social sciences;

(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(4) The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations to prescribe the criteria for nomination of members referred to in subsection (1)(e) and (f).

(5) A person shall not qualify for appointment as a chairperson or a member of the Council, if the person—

- (a) is a member of Parliament or County Assembly;
- (b) is an official of a governing body of a political party;
- (c) is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (d) has been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;
- (e) has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law; or
- (f) in the case of members referred to in subsection 1(f), has been and remains removed from the register or his or her practicing certificate has been suspended under section 9H.

(6) The appointment of the chairperson and members under subsection 1(e) and (f) shall be by name and by notice in the *Gazette*.

Term of office.

5F. (1) The chairperson and members shall serve on part-time basis.

(2) The members appointed under section 5E (1)(a), (e) and (f) shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term.

(3) The members appointed under section 5E (1)(b), (c) and (d) shall hold office during their tenure of office unless removed from office by the appointing authority.

Vacation of office.

5G. (1) A member of the Council, other than an ex officio member, shall cease to be a member of the Council, if the person—

- (a) is unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of mental or physical infirmity;
- (b) is incompetent or has neglected duty;
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of more than six months;

- (e) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Council without good cause;
- (f) resigns in writing by a notice addressed to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (g) dies; or
- (h) is removed from office in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(2) Whenever a vacancy arises under section 5E (1)(e) and (f), the Cabinet Secretary shall within seven days of such vacancy, notify the respective associations to submit the names of their nominees within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the notification.

Committees of the Council.

5H. (1) The Council may establish Committees for the effective performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Council may co-opt into the membership of a Committee established under subsection (1), any person whose knowledge and expertise may be necessary for the effective performance of the functions of the Council.

(3) A person co-opted into a Committee under subsection (2), may attend the meetings of the Committee and participate in its deliberations, but shall not vote at such meetings.

Conduct of affairs and business of the Council.

5J. (1) The Council shall conduct its business and affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), all Council meetings shall be conducted in both spoken and sign language.

Registrar of the Council.

5K. (1) The Council shall, through an open, transparent and competitive recruitment process, appoint a suitably qualified person to be the Registrar of the Council.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the Registrar of the Council if the person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree in social sciences or its equivalent, from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has had at least ten years proven experience at management level;
- (d) has had at least five years' experience in sign language proficiency in Kenya; and
- (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Registrar shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(4) The Registrar shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further and final term of five years

(5) The Registrar shall, in the performance of the functions and duties of the office, be responsible to the Council.

(6) The Registrar shall—

(a) be the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Council;

(b) be responsible for—

(i) implementing the decisions of the Council regarding all matters relating to the registration and regulation of sign language interpretation;

(ii) the day-to-day administration and management of the affairs of the Council;

(iii) coordination and supervision of the staff of the Council;

(iv) keeping and maintaining the register of persons registered as sign language interpreters in accordance with this Act;

(v) subject to the directions of the Council, make the necessary alterations or corrections in the register;

(c) perform any other duties as may be assigned by law or the Council.

Removal of the Registrar from office.

5L. (1) The Registrar may be removed from office by the Council in accordance with the terms and condition of service, for—

(a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising out of physical or mental infirmity;

(b) gross misconduct or misbehaviour;

(c) incompetence or negligence of duty;

(d) violation of the Constitution or any other written law; or

(e) any other grounds specified in the terms and conditions of service of the Registrar.

(2) Where the question of the removal of the Registrar under subsection (1) arises, the Council shall act in accordance with the principles of fair administrative action prescribed under Article 47 of the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act.

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Staff of the
Council.

5M. (1) The Council shall, through a competitive and transparent process, employ such officers, agents and other staff as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, upon such terms and conditions of service as the Council may determine.

(2) The staff referred to in subsection (1) may, upon the request of the Council, be seconded by the Public Service Commission to the Council.

(3) The Council shall, in the appointment of staff, ensure—

- (a) equalization of opportunity for the deaf community;
- (b) equalization of opportunities for the youth;
- (c) that not more than two thirds of its staff are of the same gender; and
- (d) that the appointment of staff reflects the ethnic and regional diversity of the people of Kenya.

Remuneration.

5N. (1) The members of the Council shall be paid such remuneration, allowances and disbursements as may be approved by the Cabinet Secretary in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

(2) The Registrar and staff of the Council shall be paid such salary or allowances as shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

Common seal.

5O. (1) The common seal of the Council shall be kept in the custody of the Registrar or such other person as the Council may direct, and shall not be used except on the order of the Council.

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson and the Registrar.

(3) The Council shall in the absence of wither the chairperson or the Registrar, in any particular matter, nominate one member of the Council to authenticate the seal of the Council on behalf of either the chairperson or the Registrar.

(4) The common seal of the Council when affixed to a document and duly authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed, and unless the contrary is proved, any necessary order by the Council under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

Protection from personal liability.

5P. (1) A matter or thing done by a member of the Council or by any officer, member of staff, or agent of the Council shall not, if the matter or thing is done *bona fide* for executing the functions, powers or duties of the Council under this Act or any other written law, render the member, officer, employee or agent or any person acting on their directions personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever.

(2) Any expenses incurred by any person in any suit or prosecution brought against him or her in any court, in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him or her under the direction of the Council, shall, if the court holds that such act was done *bona fide*, be paid out of the general funds of the Council, unless such expenses are recovered by him or her in such suit or prosecution.

Liability for
damages.

5Q. The provisions of section 5P shall not relieve the Council of the liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for any injury to him or her, his or her property or any of his or her interests caused by the exercise of any power conferred by this Act or any other written law or by the failure, wholly or partially, of any works.

NEW PART III

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before clause 6—

“PART III—ACCESS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION”

CLAUSE 7

THAT, Clause 7 be deleted and replaced with the following new clause—

Kenyan Sign
Language in
education.

7. The Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to basic education shall for the purposes of giving effect to Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution—

- (a) so far as is reasonably practical, establish a mechanism for the provision of Kenyan Sign Language lessons to—
 - (i) the parents, siblings and grandparents of a child who is Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind; or
 - (ii) other persons who serve as guardians to a child who is Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind;
- (b) ensure that Deaf learners and learners who are hard of hearing are taught in a manner that they are able to understand and use the dominant language of instruction in the education system;
- (c) ensure development of appropriate instruction materials for the education of Deaf learners and learners who are hard of hearing;
- (d) ensure that learning institutions for the Deaf and hard of hearing provide formal and non-formal education, skills development and self-reliance for Deaf learners as appropriate;
- (e) ensure that there is a sufficient number of learning institutions offering Kenyan Sign Language training for the Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind children attending public or private schools;
- (f) ensure the provision of education and support services to children who are Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind who are attending accredited schools by determining, from time to time, the minimum placement and qualifications of the teachers of such children;

- (g) ensure that public institutions of higher learning undertake continuous research in the development and use of sign language;
- (h) ensure that Kenyan Sign Language is integrated in the basic education curriculum and is taught to all learners as one of the languages recognized under Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (i) ensure that the training and education of teachers offering basic education includes training and education on Kenyan Sign Language and interpretation;
- (j) ensure that Kenyan Sign Language is integrated in early childhood education generally and in particular, that Kenyan Sign Language is taught to the Deaf learners and hearing learners in public and private early childhood education centres; and
- (k) ensure that public institutions offering tertiary education shall do all that is reasonable and necessary to provide free interpretation services as may be needed by Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind.

NEW CLAUSES 8A AND 8B

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after Clause 8—

Media services.

8A. (1) Television stations shall provide closed captioning and a Kenyan Sign Language inset covering at least one-third of the size of the television screen, in all newscasts, educational and national programmes, for the purpose of ensuring equality and respect for human dignity in the promotion and broadcasting of such programmes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), content on television including content transmitted through the internet shall be made accessible to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind community through the provision of closed captioning and transcripts on all content.

Telecommunication services.

8B. Telecommunication service providers shall make their services accessible to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind community through establishment and provision of relay services, including text relay, video relay, captioned telephone relay, and communication facilitators for the Deaf, hard of hearing or Deafblind.

NEW PART

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part immediately after Clause 9—

**PART IV—REGISTRATION OF SIGN LANGUAGE
INTERPRETERS**

Registration.

9A. (1) A person who wishes to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services shall apply for registration to the Council in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Registrar shall, upon receipt of the application and as soon as is practicable bring every application before the Council for consideration.

(3) Where the Council has determined that a person has complied with the provisions of this Act, the person shall be registered and is eligible to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(4) The Council may issue a person who has been registered under this Act with such identification document in the prescribed manner, and which shall be valid for such period as the Council may specify.

Qualifications for registration.

9B. A person is qualified to be registered to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services under this Act, if the person—

- (a) has proficiency in English or Kiswahili languages as contemplated under Article 7(1) and (2) of the Constitution;
- (b) possesses such professional qualifications from an institution recognized by the Council;
- (c) has obtained practical experience and skills in Kenyan Sign Language interpretation as may be prescribed by the Council; and
- (d) has successfully passed the continuing professional development examination or such other requirements as may be conducted by the Council, from time to time.

Application for registration.

9C. (1) A person who meets the requirements under section 9B of this Act, may apply to the Registrar for registration to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(2) The application referred to under subsection (1), shall be in the prescribed manner, accompanied with—

- (a) copies of professional and educational certificates;
- (b) such registration fees as may be determined by the Council; and
- (c) any other document as may be necessary to prove qualification for registration.

Effect of
registration.

9D. A person whose name has been entered in the register as a licensed Kenyan Sign Language interpreter, shall, for as long as his or her name remains in the register, be entitled to adopt and use the style and title “professional sign language interpreter”.

Certificate of
registration.

9E. The Registrar shall issue to every person registered under this Act, a certificate of registration in the prescribed form.

Register.

9F. (1) The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register in which the name of every person registered by the Council to provide Kenya Sign Language interpretation services of all the registered sign language interpreters under this Act shall be entered showing—

- (a) the date of the entry in the register;
- (b) the registration number of the person;
- (c) the address of the person registered;
- (d) the nationality of the person;
- (e) the qualifications of the person; and
- (f) such other particulars as the Council may prescribe.

(2) A person whose name is entered in the register under subsection (1) shall inform the Registrar of any changes in the particulars set out under subsection (1).

(3) A person may, during normal office hours and on payment of the prescribed fee, inspect the register and any document relating to an entry and may obtain from the Registrar a copy or extract from the register of any such document.

(4) The Registrar shall cause to be published in either electronic or print media, not later than the 30th day of April of every year, particulars of licensed Kenya Sign Language interpreters duly registered under this Act.

(5) A publication made under this subsection (4) shall be prima facie evidence—

- (a) that a person whose name has been entered in the register under this Act is qualified to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services; or
- (b) that a person whose name does not appear in such publication or has been deleted from the register as notified by such publication is not licensed to provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services.

(6) The Registrar may remove from the register—

- (a) the name of a deceased member in a manner prescribed by Council;
- (b) any entry which has been incorrectly or fraudulently made;
- (c) the name of a person convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;
- (d) a person whose name the Council has directed that it should be removed from the register for breach of the provisions of this Act;
- (e) the name of a person who has been declared bankrupt; or
- (f) the name of a person who has failed to satisfy the requirements for the continuing professional development programme for the time being in force.

(7) Where the Registrar establishes that an entry has been erroneously or incorrectly entered in the register, the Registrar may correct the error and notify the affected person of such corrections.

(8) The Registrar shall cause the name and address of a person whose name is removed from the register under this section, to be published in the *Gazette* within one month from the date of such removal.

(9) Upon the removal of a name from the register, the Registrar shall inform the person of the removal by registered mail to the person's last recorded postal address, or through the person's last known email address.

(10) Where the name of any person has been removed from the register under this Act, it shall not be reinstated except by the direction of the Council.

(11) A person whose name has been removed from the register shall cease to be registered for the purpose of this Act from the date of such removal.

Practising
certificate.

9G. (1) A person shall not provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services unless that person has been issued with a practicing certificate under this Act.

(2) A person wishing to obtain a practicing certificate shall apply to the Council through the Registrar.

(3) An application under this section shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(4) Where an application is made by a person in accordance with this section, the Registrar shall, upon direction by the Council, issue such a person a practicing certificate if satisfied that the person—

- (a) is registered under this Act; and
- (b) meets such other requirements as may be prescribed.

(5) A practicing certificate issued under subsection (1), shall be valid for a period of one year running from the 1st of January to the 31st of December of each year and may, upon expiry, be renewed on making an application for renewal.

Renewal of
practising
certificate.

9H. (1) A person who holds a practicing certificate may on the expiry of the practicing certificate apply to the Council for a renewal of the certificate.

(2) An application made under subsection (1), shall be accompanied with—

- (a) a declaration in the prescribed form;
- (b) fees for the current practicing period and subject to the approval by the Council, any unpaid fees, including penalties as prescribed by the Council; and
- (c) proof of fulfillment of all applicable conditions for renewal of a certificate.

(3) The Council may, with sufficient cause, refuse to issue or renew a practicing certificate and shall communicate the refusal and give reasons for such refusal to the applicant within twenty-one days of making the decision.

Suspension and
cancellation of
practising
certificate.

9I. (1) The Council may suspend or cancel a practising certificate issued under this Act where—

- (a) allegations of misconduct have been investigated and proven against a sign language interpreter;
- (b) a sign language interpreter has been convicted of an offence under this Act;
- (c) a false declaration was made in an application for a practising certificate; or
- (d) a sign language interpreter has contravened any of the provisions of this Act.

(2) The cancellation or suspension of a practising certificate under subsection (1) shall be subject to the principles of fair administrative action prescribed under Article 47 of the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act.

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Effect of removal of name, suspension or cancellation of a practising certificate.

9J. A person whose name has been removed from the register or whose certificate has been suspended or cancelled, shall not provide Kenyan Sign Language interpretation services during the period of removal of name, suspension or cancellation of his or her practising certificate.

CLAUSE 10

THAT, Clause 10 be deleted.

CLAUSE 11

THAT, Clause 11 be deleted.

CLAUSE 12

THAT, Clause 12 be deleted.

CLAUSE 13

THAT, Clause 13 be deleted.

CLAUSE 15

THAT, Clause 15 be amended by deleting the expression “Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the most representative registered association of sign language interpreters” and substituting therefor the word “Council”.

NEW PART

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part immediately after Clause 16—

PART V—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the Council.

16A. (1) The funds of the Council shall comprise of —

- (a) such monies as may accrue to or vest in the Council in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act;
- (b) monies as may be payable to the Council pursuant to this Act or any other written law;
- (c) gifts, grants, donations or endowments as may be given to the Council; and

- (d) all moneys from any other lawful source provided, donated or lent to the Council.

(2) All the funds donated, lent or issued to the Council under this Act shall be accounted for and appropriated in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

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Financial year.

16B. The financial year of the Council shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

Annual estimates.

16C. (1) At least three months before the commencement of the financial year, the Council shall cause to be prepared estimates of its revenue and expenditure for that financial year.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all estimated expenditure of the Council for the financial year concerned, and in particular shall provide for the—

- (a) the payment of salaries, allowances and other charges in respect of the staff of the Council;
- (b) the payment of pensions, gratuities and other charges in respect of retirement benefits which are payable out of the funds of the Council;
- (c) the proper maintenance of buildings and grounds of the Council;
- (d) the acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement of the equipment and other movable property of the Council; or
- (e) the creation of such reserve funds to meet future or contingent liabilities in respect of retirement benefits, insurance or replacement of buildings or equipment, or in respect of such other matters as the Council may consider appropriate.

(3) The annual estimates shall be approved by the Council before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate and, once approved, the sum provided in the estimates shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval.

(4) Expenditure shall not be incurred for the purposes of the Council except in accordance with the annual estimates approved under subsection (3), or in pursuance of an authorisation of the Council given with prior written approval of the Cabinet Secretary.

Accounts and audit.

16D. (1) The Council shall cause to be kept proper books and records of accounts of its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

(2) Within a period of three months after the end of each financial year, the Council shall submit to the Auditor-General, the audited accounts of the Council together with—

- (a) a statement of income and expenditure of the Council during the year; and
- (b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Council on the last day of that year.

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(3) The accounts of the Council shall be audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions of the Public Audit Act.

Annual report.

16E. The Council shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Council for the immediately preceding year.

NEW PART VI

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following heading immediately before clause 17—

“PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS”

NEW SCHEDULE

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after clause 19—

SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS AS TO THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COUNCIL

Meetings.

1. (1) The Council shall meet not less than four times in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1), the chairperson may, and upon requisition in writing by at least five members shall, convene a special meeting of the Council at any time for the transaction of the business of the Council.

(3) Unless three-quarters of the total members of the Council otherwise agree, at least fourteen days’ written notice of every meeting of the Council shall be given to every member of the Council.

(4) The quorum for the conduct of the business of the Council shall be five members including the chairperson or the person presiding.

(5) The chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Council at which he is present but, in his absence, the members present shall elect one of their numbers to preside, who shall, with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereat, have all the powers of the chairperson.

(6) Unless a unanimous decision is reached, a decision on any matter before the Council shall be by a majority of votes of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(7) Subject to subparagraph (4), no proceedings of the Council shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

Disclosure of interest by Council members.

2. (1) If a member is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter before the Council and is present at a meeting of the Council at which the contract, proposed contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, that member shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after the commencement thereof, disclose the fact and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any questions with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter:

Provided that, if the majority of the members present are of the opinion that the experience or expertise of such member is vital to the deliberations of the meeting, the Council may permit the member to participate in the deliberations subject to such restrictions as it may impose but such member shall not have the right to vote on the matter in question.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Council who contravenes subparagraph (1) commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings, or both.

Execution of instruments.

3. Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specially authorized by the Council for that purpose.

Minutes.

4. The Council shall cause minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of meetings of the Council to be entered in books kept for that purpose.

IV. THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

Notice is given that the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock intends to move the following amendments to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 3

THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - “(b) to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity for improved benefits;”
- (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
 - “(ba) to enhance coordination and collaboration for improved research, extension and clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chains;”
- (c) by deleting paragraph (e);
- (d) by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 3—

3A. In the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers conferred on the Service under this Act, the Service shall be guided by— Guiding principles

- (a) The national values and principles of governance set out in Article 10 of the Constitution;
- (b) accountability and focus on citizens;
- (c) simplicity and practicability;
- (d) productivity and income generation;
- (e) social inclusivity, non- discrimination and equity;
- (f) modernization and use of new technology;
- (g) consistency and predictability; and
- (h) technical and financial sustainability.

CLAUSE 4

THAT, Clause 4 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a)—
 - “(aa)capture the new technologies and innovations to progressively modernize extension services;”
- (b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 5

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “*county* government”.
- (b) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 8

THAT, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a)regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services;”
 - (ii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a)—

“(aa)enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;”
 - (iii) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d)—

“(e)create and manage a national agriculture and livestock extension data centre that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable; and
(f)monitor and moderate linkages within and between the Service and other relevant data and information sources.”
- (b) in subclause (2)—
 - (i) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately before paragraph (a)—

“(aa)advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to agricultural extension services;”
 - (ii) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(b)undertake research and support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and promote extension service to improve economic activities;”
 - (iii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture and livestock industry;”
 - (iv) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (k)—

- “(l)encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in a simple and easily accessible digital system;
- (m)encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;
- (n)establish partnerships and networks with relevant regional, continental and international research, extension and training bodies;
- (o)develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in agricultural extension services;
- (p)coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technology, innovations and management practices through continuous inventions from ongoing and completed government funded programs and projects; and
- (q)secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform extension services; and
- (r)carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.”

CLAUSE 10

THAT, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in sub clause (1)—
- (i) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;”
- (ii) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(d) one person appointed by the Council of County Governors who shall be the vice-chairperson of the Board;”
- (iii) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(e)one person representing the umbrella farmers organization;”
- (iv) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(f) the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;
- (v) by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(g) one person representing the agricultural extension and advisory service providers appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;”

(b) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (e), (g) and (h) by notice in the *Gazette*.”

CLAUSE 11

THAT, Clause 11 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (1)—

(i) by deleting the opening statement and substituting therefor the following new opening statement—

“(1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (d), (e), (g) and (h) if that person—“

(ii) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(c) has at least three years’ experience in management for the vice-chairperson or a member and at least ten years for the chairperson in matters relating to agriculture, livestock extension service or any other relevant field;”

(b) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (c)—

“(d)is declared to be of unsound mind; or

(e)has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.”

CLAUSE 12

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after Clause 12—

12A. The Chairperson or a member may be removed from office only for—

Removal from office.

(a) being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, in the case of a member, and the Cabinet Secretary in the case of the Chairperson;

(b) contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other law;

(c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office;

(d) being an undischarged bankrupt;

(e) being convicted of a felony; or

(f) being incompetent or neglecting duty.

12B. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the relevant appointing authority shall appoint a new Chairperson or member, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Filling a vacancy

CLAUSE 14**THAT**, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word “benefits”;
 - (ii) by deleting the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the word “benefits”;
 - (iii) by deleting the word “continuing” appearing in paragraph (h) and substituting therefor the word “continuous”; and
 - (iv) by inserting the words “on extension service delivery” immediately after the word “industry” in paragraph (i);
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (c) by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause (14)—

14A. (1) The Board shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

Powers of the Board.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board has power to—

- (a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;
- (b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;
- (c) receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;
- (d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;
- (e) open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and
- (f) invest any of its funds not immediately required in a manner and purpose provided in the Act.

CLAUSE 16**THAT**, the Bill be amended in Clause 16—

- (a) by numbering the existing clause as subclause (1)—
- (b) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1)—
 - (2) A delegation under this section—

- (a) shall be subject to any conditions as the Board may impose;
- (b) shall not divest the Board off the responsibility concerning the exercise of its powers or the performance of the duties delegated to it; and
- (c) may be withdrawn, and any decision made by the person to whom the delegation is made may be withdrawn or varied by the Board.

CLAUSE 19

THAT, Clause 19 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - “(a) be responsible for the accounts of the Board and the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;”
- (b) in paragraph (c) inserting the words “the head of secretariat and” immediately after the word “be”;

CLAUSE 20

THAT, Clause 20 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c)—
 - “(ca) is incompetent or neglects duty;”
- (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (e)—
 - “(ea) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.”
- (c) by deleting paragraph (f).

CLAUSE 26

THAT, Clause 26 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 27

THAT, Clause 27 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (b) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
 - “(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection (1), the county government shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed to devolved units and the resolution centres.”

CLAUSE 30

THAT, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in paragraph (iv) and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (c) in paragraph (b) by inserting the following new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iv)—
 - “(v)the geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover”. and
- (d) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 31

THAT, Clause 31 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
 - (ii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
 - “(c)position of functional technology and data centres;”
- (b) in subclause (2)—
 - (i) by inserting the words “as per the tallies of the data centres” immediately after the word “county” in paragraph (a); and
 - (ii) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “county government” in paragraph (e).

NEW PARTS

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part IV(A) and Part IV(B) immediately after Clause 31—

PART IV(A)-NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE DATA CENTER

31A. (1) There is established a Data Centre to be known as the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre.

(2) The Centre shall serve as a centralized digital storage in which information on agricultural extension services is stored.

Establishment of the National Agricultural Extension Services Data Center

(3) The Centre shall contain agricultural information and data for use in extension services research from—

- (a) Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation;
- (b) universities;
- (c) agricultural research institutes;
- (d) agricultural professionals;
- (e) farmer organization;
- (f) international agricultural research organisations; and
- (g) any other relevant organization.

(4) The Centre shall be easily accessible and user friendly.

31B. The functions of the Centre shall be to —

Functions of the
Data Centre.

- (a) receive, analyse, process and sort out agricultural challenges as relayed by farmers through established diagnostic processes with a view to proposing solutions;
- (b) promote scientific and technological advancements by highlighting on the available improved agricultural varieties and technologies;
- (c) store agricultural research data;
- (d) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education and benefits;
- (e) establish extension planning and information sharing platforms;
- (f) test promising technologies from research on the farmers' fields and promote relevant ones for mass adoption;
- (g) strengthen the agricultural research - extension - farmer-linkage;
- (h) design and supervise on-farm adaptive research trials;
- (i) inform better focused research through development of appropriate up-to-date technologies and innovations oriented to farmers' needs;
- (j) enable the synchronized processing of agricultural data and information; and
- (k) facilitate co-ordination and partnership among agencies involved in agricultural information and data generation.

31C. (1) The Centre shall be administered by the Service.

Administration of
the Data Centre

(2) The Service shall establish a digital platform for data storage.

(3) The Service shall ensure maintenance of the integrity and security of the Center.

31D. (1) All county governments shall be users of the Centre.

Registration of users

(2) Any person or entity may apply to the Centre through the Service for registration as a user of the Centre.

(3) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form.

(4) The Service shall —

- (a) issue a notification of registration to a registered user of the Centre; and
- (b) maintain an electronic register of the registered users of the Centre.

(5) The Service may—

- (a) reject an application under this section where a person fails to meet the conditions specified in the Regulations or any other law; and
- (b) deregister a person registered under this section, where the person—
 - (i) contravenes the conditions specified in the Regulations made under this Act or any other law; or
 - (ii) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other relevant law relating to improper access to or interference with the Centre.

PART IV(B)–AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

31E. (1) Each county government shall establish an Agriculture and Livestock Diagnostic Centre.

Establishment of the Agricultural Diagnostic Centre.

(2) The diagnostic centre shall serve as the primary agricultural extension services diagnostic center.

(3) The diagnostic centre shall be funded by the county government.

31F. The functions of the diagnostic centre are to—

Functions of the diagnostic centre.

- (a) diagnose prevailing farming problems in the county;
- (b) relay the diagnosed farming problems to the data centre to obtain appropriate solutions;
- (c) simplify complex problems and provide solutions for use by farmers and other value chain actors;
- (d) act as a link between farmers, extension service providers and the data centre;
- (e) empower farmers to access and utilize agricultural extension services;
- (f) promote farmer groups and high-level farmer organizations to develop capacity to manage farming enterprises;
- (g) to support the private sector to develop capacity for delivery of agricultural extension services;
- (h) foster farmer education;
- (i) promote scientific and technological advancements in agricultural extension services;
- (j) provide essential public services through consultations and online support, aimed at enhancing farmers' capabilities;

- (k) receive request for information and data on abnormal occurrences for solutions;
- (l) interpret farmers' requests and relay solutions;
- (m) act as a link between the national, regional and international research generating centres; and
- (n) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

31G. (1) The Diagnostic Centre shall be administered by the Registrar.

Administration of the diagnostic centre.

(2) The Registrar shall coordinate and collaborate with extension services officers in the delivery of the Center's services.

CLAUSE 33

THAT, Clause 33 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by deleting the words "National Assembly and Senate" and substituting therefor the word "Parliament".

CLAUSE 35

THAT, Clause 35 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the words "but not more than six months" immediately after the word "approve".

CLAUSE 37

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 37 and substituting therefor the following new Clause—

"**37.** A county government may make county specific legislations on extension services so long as they are not in conflict with this Act or any regulations made under this Act."

CLAUSE 39

THAT, Clause 39 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(d) guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers.



LIMITATION OF DEBATE

The House resolved on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 as follows-

Limitation of Debate on Individual Members' Bills

V. THAT, each speech in a debate on **Bills NOT sponsored by a Committee, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party** be limited as follows: A maximum of three hours and thirty minutes, with not more than thirty (30) minutes for the Mover in moving and ten (10) minutes in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes (15) each; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

Limitation of Debate on Motions

VI. THAT, each speech in a debate on any **Motion, including a Special motion** shall be limited as follows: A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover and ten (10) minutes for each other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each, and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.



NOTICE PAPER

Tentative business for

Wednesday (Afternoon), April 29, 2026

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 38(1))

It is notified that the following business is *tentatively* scheduled to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday (Afternoon), April 29, 2026 –

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025)

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

(If not concluded on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Morning Siting)

B. SPECIAL MOTION-

CONSIDERATION OF A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)

C. SPECIAL MOTION-

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION COMMISSION

(The Chairperson, Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity)

(Subject to tabling of Committee Report and Notice of Motion)

D. MOTION –

APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATED VERSION OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 24 OF 2023)

(The Co-Chairperson, Mediation Committee on the National Disaster Risk Management Bill, 2023)

E. MOTION –

REPORT ON PUBLIC PETITION NO. 021 OF 2025 REGARDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE BY CANCER PATIENTS IN THE COUNTRY

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health)

(Resumption of Debate adjourned on Tuesday, April 28, 2026)

- F. MOTION – REPORT ON INSPECTION VISIT TO THE EAST AFRICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION AND THE EAST AFRICAN HEALTH RESEARCH COMMISSION
(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Regional Integration)
- G. MOTION – REPORT OF THE KENYA DELEGATION TO THE 151ST ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND RELATED MEETINGS
(The Leader of the Delegation)
- H. MOTION – REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REPORTS ON PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
(The Chairperson, Committee on Implementation)
- I. MOTION – REPORT INSPECTION VISITS TO FOURTEEN (14) SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS IN SPECIFIED COUNTIES
(The Chairperson, Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity)
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APPENDIX

NOTICE OF PETITIONS, QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

ORDER NO. 7 - STATEMENTS

It is **notified** that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the following Statements will be **requested**: -

No.	Subject	Member	Relevant Committee	
1.	Operationalisation of Malindi Civil Registration Centre	<i>Hon. Amina Mnyazi, M.P. (Malindi)</i>	Administration Internal Security	&
