



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2026 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the further ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Question No. 010 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on the status of blue economy programmes undertaken by the National Government in Kisumu County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **MOTION – REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KITUI, MAKUENI, MACHAKOS, KIAMBU, BUNGOMA AND KAKAMEGA COUNTIES**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Reports of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Kitui, Makueni and Machakos Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 26th February, 2026; Kiambu County laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 19th March, 2026; Bungoma and Kakamega Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026.

(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health – 02.06.2026)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026 resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) deferred the reply to a later date.

6. **MOTION - MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING IN KENYA**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 42 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes access to safe energy options;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, over 900 million Africans, including more than 90% of households in Kenya’s rural areas, still rely on traditional biomass (firewood, charcoal, animal waste) for cooking, resulting in high levels of indoor air pollution that cause premature deaths, particularly among women and children;

CONCERNED THAT, in Kenya, indoor air pollution has been linked to over 23,000 annual deaths, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of time spent collecting firewood and cooking, limiting their education and economic opportunities;

NOTING THAT, traditional cooking methods contribute significantly to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate vulnerability at the county level, undermining national commitments under the Energy Act, 2019, the Climate Change Act, 2016, and Kenya’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECALLING THAT, the Africa Clean Cooking Summit (Paris, 2023) mobilized USD 2.2 billion in commitments for clean cooking, and the International Energy Agency has recommended urgent financing and policy action to achieve universal access by 2040;

ACKNOWLEDGING, the efforts of some counties, development partners, and private sector actors in piloting clean cooking projects, but recognizing that these remain small-scale and fragmented;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the: -

- i) Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;
- ii) National Treasury and Ministry of Energy prioritize clean cooking in financing frameworks, including results-based financing and blended finance models to de-risk private investment;
- iii) County Governments incorporate clean cooking targets in their County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and ensure public institutions such as schools, health facilities, and prisons adopt clean cooking solutions;
- iv) National Treasury and County Governments to fast-track letters of authorization to unlock carbon finance markets (Article 6.2 and CORSIA) for clean cooking projects; and
- v) County Governments engage the private sector actors, and community organizations to expand clean cooking access, create local jobs, and reduce pressure on forest resources.

Order deferred.

7. **MOTION – PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect their interests, determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the County Governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, in the case of *Senate v Council of Governors and 6 others* (Petition 24 and 27 of 2019 (consolidated) 2022) KESC 57(KLR), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Senate’s oversight authority extends to both nationally allocated and locally generated revenue;

CONCERNED THAT, that Senators are constrained by lack of access to real time to data from the IFMIS system for the respective counties they represent, thus affecting effective oversight of County Governments;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in some instances data and information presented to the Senate by the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget are received and considered late as a result of the backlog resulting into too much information not getting properly reviewed by Senators;

NOTING THAT, as a result of unchecked financial information and systems, County Governments have continued to accumulate pending bills resulting from unplanned expenditures, unaccounted for and inflated cost of projects;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves, that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the National Treasury shall on a monthly basis forward to the Clerk of the Senate all IFMIS transactions and reports for each County Government for onward transmission to the respective Senator for information on accountability and transparency, in order to strengthen their constitutional oversight and promote good governance in the management of public finances.

Order deferred.

8. **MOTION – DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KENYA AS A NATIONAL DISASTER**
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43 guarantees the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including emergency medical treatment and Article 21(1) of the Constitution obligates the State and all State organs to observe, respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the Bill of Rights;

NOTING THAT, Article 238 of the Constitution provides that national security includes the protection of the people of Kenya and their property against internal and external threats, which encompasses safety on national transport networks;

COGNIZANT THAT, road traffic injuries are among the leading causes of death in Kenya and constitute the leading cause of mortality among adolescents and adults in their most economically productive years, surpassing many communicable and non-communicable diseases resulting in significant loss of human capital and productivity;

NOTING THAT, in 2025 more than 4,400 Kenyans lost their lives with over 17,000 injuries from road crashes, a 3% increase over the previous year, while nearly 400 people were killed in road traffic accidents in January 2026 alone,

representing an 11% increase compared to the same period in the previous year, illustrating a continuing trend of preventable loss of life;

CONCERNED THAT, beyond loss of life, road traffic accidents result in long-term disability, psychological trauma, family disruption and significant economic loss, with estimates suggesting losses amounting to billions shillings annually to the national economy, while placing severe strain on health facilities and emergency services;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, despite the existence of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028) and other statutory measures, road carnage persists due to preliminary causes including over-speeding, impaired and distracted driving, non-compliance with traffic laws, inadequate driver training, unsafe road infrastructure, unroadworthy and overloaded vehicles, as well as systemic challenges arising from inadequate investment in road safety infrastructure, weak coordination among transport, enforcement, health and county authorities, and limited emergency medical response capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SENATE resolves that:

- i) Road traffic accidents in Kenya be declared a National Disaster, requiring urgent, coordinated and sustained multi-sectoral intervention across prevention, emergency response, rehabilitation and long-term systemic reform;
- ii) The Ministry of Roads and Transport and the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the National Transport and Safety Authority, the National Police Service and the Council of Governors, urgently strengthen the implementation of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028), including enhanced enforcement of traffic laws, safer road design, public education, data-driven interventions and improved emergency response capacity;
- iii) The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the County Governments to set aside adequate resources to support road safety interventions, emergency medical services, trauma care systems and post-crash rehabilitation services; and
- iv) The National Treasury in collaboration with the Ministry of Roads and Transport establishes a Road Safety Disaster Response Fund to support road safety interventions, victims and families affected by the road accidents.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty-eight minutes past Twelve O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. SENATE ROSE – at fifty-eight minutes past Twelve O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, June 03, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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