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National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula poseS for a picture with the newly elected Law Society of Kenya officials after a courtesy call led by LSK President Senior Counsel Charles Kanjama and his team at Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, 30th June, 2026

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NG-CDF Committee backs Fund Board's designed QR Code for project tracking in Constituencies

A Quick Response (QR) Code designed by the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Board was tabled in the House last week on Thursday, 2nd July, 2026.

Tabling the Code, Chairperson of the Committee on NG-CDF, Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine) noted that the initiative is aimed at strengthening accountability, reducing information gaps, and enabling citizens to monitor projects in their constituencies in real time.

According to the Board's Ag, CEO Mr. Benjamin Magut, the QR code is more than a piece of technology.

Speaking after Hon. Sirma's contribution in the House, Mr. Magut stated that with this new initiative, every Kenyan in each of the 290 constituencies can now access NG-CDF services and track projects with speed, transparency, and dignity.

"In embracing this QR code system, the NG-CDF Board is not just digitizing a process; we are opening a door. A door through which accountability walks in, and bureaucracy walks out," Mr Magut remarked.

Notably, this development comes just after the NG-CDF Committee tabled Schedule of Budget Ceilings for the two hundred

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NG-CDF Committee Chairperson, Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine)

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National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula has urged the newly elected Law Society of Kenya officials to reclaim neutrality and serve as impartial arbiters in Kenya's political discourse.

Speaking after a courtesy call by LSK President Senior Counsel Charles Kanjama and his team at Parliament Buildings, Speaker Wetang'ula said the society must resist partisan alignment and prioritize public interest.

"I urge you to avoid the temptation of bringing a champion of either side of the competing parties in the political arena, be an arbiter," the Speaker said.

He expressed concern over past LSK leaders who were perceived to take political sides soon after taking office, a move he said dented the body's credibility and public trust.

"We elected you to be objective. Tell the government where you see excesses, tell the opposition where you see irresponsibility so that we can bring our country together. This is something that I have seen missing in recent times," Wetang'ula added.

Kanjama said LSK seeks to complement Parliament's oversight role and promote constitutionalism and good governance through structured engagement.

On access to justice, Kanjama said LSK has formed a legal aid and awareness Committee. The Speaker urged the Society to prioritize pro bono support for widows facing disinheritance and property disputes.

The Speaker supported LSK's proposal to audit the 2010 Constitution but cautioned about the approach and timing.

"We need to establish whether there are things in the constitution that are not working, whether there are any issues that are working and need to be improved, and where the gaps are," he said.

"Every country conducts constitutional review, but in Kenya, because of our high levels of suspicion, we have to navigate it very carefully. As LSK, you are in a unique position to start a conversation of that nature," he added.

Youth-led Organization petitions National Assembly for two-year debt freeze



Committee Chairperson Hon. Muchangi Karemba makes a point during the meeting with youth from the Bunge Mashinani School of Governance on June 23, 2026



A section of Members of the Public Petitions Committee led by the Chairperson Hon. Muchangi Karemba (center) pose for a photo with the petitioners from the Bunge Mashinani School of Governance after the meeting

The Bunge Mashinani School of Governance Initiative has petitioned the National Assembly to institute a 24-month freeze on public borrowing beginning in the Financial Year 2027/2028, arguing that the measure is necessary to halt the rapid growth of Kenya's public debt and safeguard future generations from an unsustainable financial burden.

Appearing before the Public Petitions Committee chaired by Hon. Muchangi Karemba (Runyenjes) on Tuesday June 23, 2026, the youth-led group, whose Members are drawn from different parts of the country, expressed concern over the continued rise in public debt and its implications on the country's economic future.

The petitioners argued that the growing debt burden has long-term consequences for young people and future generations, who will ultimately bear the responsibility of repaying obligations contracted without their direct participation in the decision-making process.

"The overall result of this debt is that future generations will inherit not only accumulated debt obligations but also weakened public systems and reduced state capacity to deliver essential services, thereby compounding long-term inequality and limiting economic mobility," the petitioners stated.

The group noted that Kenya's public debt has increased significantly over the past decade, rising from approximately KSh 2.4 trillion in 2014 to more than KSh 12 trillion today. They urged the National Assembly to take urgent corrective measures before the debt burden escalates further.

Among their recommendations, the petitioners called on the National Assembly to strengthen its oversight role in public debt contracting, management and reporting. They proposed regular parliamentary scrutiny of borrowing decisions, enhanced debt sustainability assessments, and greater transparency in debt management.

The group also emphasized the need for broader public participation in budget-making processes and urged government agencies to make public debt information readily accessible through simplified digital formats that can be easily understood by ordinary citizens.

Committee Vice-Chairperson Hon. Janet Sitienei informed the petitioners that the National Treasury already publishes debt information through annual Public Debt Management Reports and the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy. She encouraged the group to review the available reports to better understand the country's debt profile, a suggestion the petitioners welcomed.

In his remarks, Committee Chairperson Hon. Muchangi Karemba commended the initiative for taking an active interest in matters of governance and accountability, noting that citizen-led engagements play a critical role in strengthening democratic oversight.

"I would like to see this kind of arrangement replicated across the country by people who want to see accountability and good governance. I am very sure that if there was a replica of this initiative in every constituency, the government would more easily understand what the people of Kenya are saying," said Hon. Karemba.

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MPs back Bill to raise threshold for CEC Members' removal

The National Assembly has passed the County Governments (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 25 of 2023), thereby raising the voting threshold for removing County Executive Committee (CEC) Members from office.

The Bill sponsored by Nandi Senator Hon. Samson Cherarkey and Marakwet West MP Hon Timothy Kipchumba, seeks to amend Section 40 of the County Governments Act by raising the threshold for initiating, supporting, and approving the removal of a County Executive Committee member from the current one-third or simple majority to at least a two-thirds majority of County Assembly Members.

The amendments are intended to strengthen due process and ensure that the removal of County Executive Committee Members enjoys broader consensus within county assemblies. Under the proposed law, a motion to dismiss a CEC member, the establishment of a select Committee to investigate the allegations, and the final adoption of the Committee's findings will each require the support of at least two-thirds of Members of the County Assembly.



Marakwet West MP, Hon. Timothy Kipchumba, during a meeting

The Bill originated in the Senate, where it was passed on May 2, 2024, and then transmitted to the National Assembly for consideration under Article 110(4) of the Constitution. During its consideration, the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security received submissions from the State Department for Devolution, the Council of Governors, and the County Assemblies Forum.

In its report, the Committee observed that while county assemblies play a critical oversight role over county executives, there is also a need to safeguard the constitutional right to fair administrative action. The Committee noted that many successful impeachment motions against County Executive Committee Members have been overturned by the courts, underscoring the need for a more robust and balanced removal process.

During debate, Members also called for enhanced accountability in county governments. Hon. Martha Wangari questioned the growing county wage bill, noting that despite billions of shillings allocated annually to counties, development outcomes remain inadequate. Hon. Sylvanus Osoro likewise urged Parliament to explore stronger accountability mechanisms to ensure that public funds allocated to counties deliver tangible benefits to wananchi.

Kenya - China Parliamentary Friendship Group advances bilateral cooperation to bolster climate change and sustainability agenda



Members of the Kenya-China Parliamentary Friendship Group posing for a photo after a meeting in Parliament

Members of the Kenya-China Parliamentary Friendship Group have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations through parliamentary cooperation with a focus on environmental conservation, clean energy and sustainable development.

The MPs from both the National Assembly and the Senate held a consultative meeting with the high-level delegation from the People's Republic of China led by H.E. Mr. Lu Xinshe, a member of the Standing Committee and Chairperson of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC).

The caucus chaired by Hon. Shakeel Shabir (Kisumu East) explored opportunities to deepen parliamentary engagement as well as matters of mutual interest in the areas of environmental protection, renewable energy, sustainable natural resource management, climate change and green investment.

Speaking during the meeting, HE. Mr. Lu Xinshe emphasized the importance of nurturing

The Kenyan MPs highlighted the growing impact of climate change, attributing flooding, landslides and declining food production to deforestation caused by charcoal burning and the increasing use of firewood.

Legislators acknowledged the government's ongoing interventions on nationwide tree planting programmes and promotion of clean energy solutions as measures of restoring the forest cover and building climate resilience.

However, the MPs expressed the interest in benchmarking on China's clean energy cooking technologies and renewable energy to reduce over reliance on charcoal and firewood.

To further deepen collaboration and strengthen the relationship of Kenya and China, the caucus proposed the establishment of a specialized Committee that will identify areas of priority for collaboration and further strengthen the long standing and cordial Parliamentary relations between Kenya and China.

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and ninety constituencies for the Financial Year 2026/2027 for consideration by the House.

While issuing his statement on the Floor of the House, Hon. Sirma disclosed that the Fund has been allocated a total Kshs. 61,797,700,00 for the FY representing an increase of 5.1 per cent from the previous allocation of Kshs. 58,797,000,000.

He further outlined that an amount equivalent to five per cent, being Kshs. 3,089,885,000, has also been set aside for the administration and operational expenses of the NG-CDF Board. Consequently, the total amount available for allocation among the 290 constituencies is Kshs. 58,707,815,000.

"Accordingly, the equal allocation component amounts to Kshs. 44,030,861,250, translating to an equal amount of Kshs. 151,830,556 for each constituency. The ward-based allocation component amounts to Kshs. 14,676,953,750, which has been distributed according to the number of wards in each constituency," Hon. Sirma indicated.

Hon. Sirma also encouraged MPs to ensure timely submission of their project proposals for the Financial Year 2026/2027, in compliance with the set deadline of 31st July, 2026.

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Kenya - China bolster Green partnerships, advance climate and sustainability agenda



A group photo of Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei (Uasin Gishu) and a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Lu Xinshe, Member of the Standing Committee and Chairperson of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the 14th National People's Congress of China



The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei (Uasin Gishu) and Hon. Vincent Musyoka capture a moment with H.E. Mr. Lu Xinshe, the Chairperson of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the 14th National People's Congress of China.

The National Assembly has reaffirmed Kenya's growing partnership with the People's Republic of China during a meeting chaired by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei (Uasin Gishu) and a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Lu Xinshe, Member of the Standing Committee and Chairperson of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the 14th National People's Congress of China.

The meeting focused on strengthening parliamentary cooperation on environmental protection, climate action, renewable energy, sustainable mining, and natural resource management. The Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining chaired by Hon. Vincent Musyoka deliberated on key legislative priorities in environmental conservation, climate resilience, sustainable resource management and avenues for deeper Kenya-China relations.

Discussions reflected Kenya's commitment to building climate resilience while advancing President William Ruto's national ambition of growing 15 billion trees by 2032, a flagship initiative aimed at restoring degraded landscapes, protecting water towers and increasing forest cover. The leaders also exchanged perspectives on green investment, the circular economy and biodiversity conservation: priorities that continue to shape global environmental policy.

The meeting underscored the important role of parliamentary diplomacy in fostering the exchange of legislative best practices and supporting practical solutions to shared environmental challenges, while reinforcing the longstanding friendship between Kenya and China in pursuit of sustainable development and shared prosperity.

New Library Law set to expand access to knowledge, reading and digital learning across Kenya

The National Assembly has approved the Kenya National Library Service Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2023), paving the way for a modern legal framework aimed at strengthening library services, promoting literacy and preserving Kenya's cultural heritage.

Sponsored by Hon. Daniel Wanyama , the Bill gives effect to Article 11(2)(a) of the Constitution, which obligates the State to promote national and cultural expression through literature, libraries, publications, science, communication and other forms of cultural heritage.

The legislation, which was published in May 2023 and considered by the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture, was approved with amendments designed to improve governance, clarify institutional responsibilities and enhance service delivery across the country.

One of the most significant provisions clearly separates the responsibilities of the national and county governments in the management of library services. Under the Bill, the national government will be responsible for developing policies, legislation and standards for the library sector, promoting literacy, conducting research, publishing the Kenya National Bibliography and the Kenya Periodicals Directory, establishing a national web catalogue and maintaining a national virtual library service.



The sponsor of the Kenya National Library Service Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2023), Webuye MP, Hon. Daniel Wanyama

County governments, on the other hand, will oversee the development, management and maintenance of county libraries, establish reading centres, promote reading and writing culture, support literacy campaigns, provide learning resources, strengthen community access to information and expand outreach services.

The clear division of responsibilities is expected to eliminate duplication of functions, improve coordination between the two levels of government and bring quality library services closer to communities.

The Bill also introduces measures to modernise Kenya's library sector by embracing digital technology. The establishment of a national virtual library and an integrated national web catalogue is expected to make educational resources more accessible to learners, researchers and the general public regardless of their location.

Once enacted, the new law is expected to transform Kenya's library sector into a modern knowledge network that supports education, lifelong learning, innovation and digital inclusion while safeguarding the country's literary and cultural heritage. The reforms are also expected to improve access to information in both urban and rural areas.

National Assembly welcomes Kasarani School for the Deaf, reaffirms commitment to inclusion





Students from Kasarani School for the Deaf get a firsthand experience of Kenya's legislative process after visiting the National Assembly and observing proceedings from the Speaker's Gallery

Students from Kasarani School for the Deaf got a firsthand experience of Kenya's legislative process after visiting the National Assembly and observing proceedings from the Speaker's Gallery, where they received a warm welcome from Members of the House.

While recognizing the delegation, the Speaker officially welcomed the students, their teachers and accompanying staff to Parliament on behalf of the House.

Dagoretti South MP Hon. John Kiarie described the institution as one of the country's most esteemed schools serving learners with hearing impairment and took the rare step of greeting the students in Kenyan Sign Language, drawing applause from Members.

"Mr. Speaker, allow me to acknowledge them in a language that they understand," Hon. Kiarie said.

The legislator then signed his remarks before continuing: "This is a House that is very conscious of all the communities in our country, up to and including those who have special needs," he said

"I want to welcome you to observe the proceedings of this House," he added

The learners followed the afternoon's proceedings as part of an educational visit aimed at exposing them to the legislative process and the role of Parliament in Kenya's governance.

Their visit comes shortly after the National Assembly passed the Kenyan Sign Language Bill, 2023, a landmark piece of legislation that seeks to strengthen the recognition, promotion and development of Kenyan Sign Language.

The Bill provides a legal framework for the use of Kenyan Sign Language in public institutions and seeks to improve access to information and services for Deaf persons through the provision of sign language interpretation across sectors, including education, healthcare, justice and public administration.

Once enacted, the law will advance the constitutional rights of Deaf Kenyans by promoting equal access to public services and enhancing their participation in national development and governance.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP

PIC Education Committee wants KATTI probed over suspected misuse of public funds



Luanda MP Hon. Dick Maungu who chairs the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education during a Committee session at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings

Members of Parliament have called for investigations into the Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions (KATTI), questioning its legal status, operations and accountability in handling public funds received from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions.

The concerns emerged during a sitting of the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education chaired by Luanda MP Hon. Dick Maungu.

The Committee raised questions after the Auditor-General flagged irregular transfer of funds by The Meru National Polytechnic to KATTI, an umbrella body that brings together national polytechnics, technical institutes, vocational colleges and other middle-level training institutions across the country.

According to Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu, the institution transferred Sh894,800 to KATTI during the financial year 2024/2025 without adequate assurance that the association had proper financial management and internal control systems as required under the Public Finance Management regulations.

"The management was in breach of the law," the audit report stated, noting that there was no assurance KATTI was recognised within the Government of Kenya framework.

Appearing before the Committee, The Meru National Polytechnic Chief Principal Dr Mutembei Kigege defended the association, describing it as a key stakeholder in the TVET sector.

"KATTI is the national umbrella body that brings together TVET institutions in Kenya, including national polytechnics, technical training institutes, vocational colleges and other middle-level training institutions," said Dr Kigege.

He said the association works closely with the Ministry of Education, the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) and the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) in advancing competency-based education and training.

"Our programmes are usually approved by the Ministry of Education State Department for Vocational Education and our schedule of activities are approved by the ministry," he told the Committee.

Dr. Kigege compared KATTI to the Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (KESSHA) and the Kenya Primary Schools Heads Association (KEPSHA), saying it serves as a coordination and consultative body for TVET institutions.

However, MPs questioned whether the association was properly registered and whether it should continue receiving money from public institutions without clear accountability mechanisms.

Hon. Maungu said the Committee needed to establish the association's legal standing and financial operations.

"I think it is upon this Committee to dig deeper because KATTI is a beneficiary of public funds. We may need to know where they are, how they operate and possibly have them audited because they are consumers of public funds," he said.

Central Imenti MP Hon. Moses Kirima backed the proposal to summon KATTI officials before the Committee.

"We have the mandate and authority to summon institutions which receive public money from institutions of higher learning," he said

the Ministry of Education, the Technical and ... from institutions of higher learning, he said.

Committee faults water agency over dry taps, demands results in two months



Committee Chairperson Hon. David Pkosing (Pokot South) during the meeting.



Some of the Committee Members, Eldas MP Hon. Adan Keynan (left) and his Soy counterpart Hon. David Kiplagat



Officials of the the Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency led by the Chief Executive Officer Joel Wamalwa (right) during the meeting.

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has given the Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency two months to address persistent water service challenges in western Kenya.

The Committee, chaired by Hon. David Pkosing (Pokot South), expressed concern over continued water shortages, high levels of non-revenue water and what Members termed weak oversight of county water service providers despite significant public investment in water infrastructure.

Hon. Beatrice Adagala (Vihiga County) painted a grim picture of the situation in her county, saying residents continue to endure severe water shortages despite substantial investments in the sector.

"People in Vihiga are suffering. There is no water; taps are dry. Women are carrying the burden every day while we continue sitting here discussing reports," she said.

Responding to the concerns, the agency's Chief Executive Officer, Joel Wamalwa, acknowledged operational challenges, attributing many of them to governance weaknesses in county-owned water companies.

He told the Committee that the agency had begun taking back operational control of some water treatment works to restore production and improve service delivery.

"We have taken over our treatment works because we found they were not being operated efficiently," Wamalwa said.

"Once we restore operations, county water companies will purchase treated water in bulk under service-level agreements," he added.

Unconvinced by the agency's explanations, the Committee directed its management to appear before it again in two months with evidence of measurable improvements.

Hon. Pkosing instructed the agency to reorganise its operations and strengthen collaboration with county water service providers in Vihiga, Mumias and Kimilili.

"We are giving you two months to reorganise the administration of water services within your jurisdiction. When you return, we want a positive story from western Kenya," Pkosing said.

Kenya, China legislators consider ways to deepen environmental conservation efforts through Parliamentary engagement



Environment Committee Chairman Hon. Vincent Musyoka speaks during the meeting with the Chinese delegation on Wednesday July, 1st 2026 at Bunge Tower. Next to him are Committee Members Hon. Shakeel Shabir and Hon. Charity Chepkwony

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining has pledged to strengthen parliamentary collaboration with China's legislature in advancing environmental conservation, renewable energy and climate resilience.

The Committee Chairperson Hon. Vincent Musyoka (Mwala), made these remarks during a consultative meeting with a visiting delegation from the People's Republic of China on Wednesday June 1st.

The Chinese delegation, led by Hon. Lu Xinshe, Member of the Standing Committee and Chairperson of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC), met the Committee to explore areas of mutual cooperation and share legislative experiences on environmental governance.

The hosting Chairperson Hon. Musyoka acknowledged that Kenya and China continue to enjoy a strong and enduring bilateral relationship founded on mutual respect, friendship and a shared commitment to sustainable development.

"This meeting is a valuable opportunity for both legislatures to discuss programmes strengthening Kenya-China parliamentary relations, explore cooperation in environmental protection, renewable energy and green investment," he said.

Hon. Musyoka noted that the engagement also provided a platform for the two committees to exchange experiences in environmental legislation and oversight while strengthening Committee-to-Committee collaboration.

"This is also an opportunity to exchange experience on environmental legislation and oversight, deepen Committee-to-Committee collaboration and identify support for Kenya's sustainable development agenda," added Hon Musyoka.

The Chairperson observed that such parliamentary exchanges help build lasting institutional relationships and create sustainable channels for sharing best practices in legislation, oversight and representation.

He expressed Kenya's interest in learning from China's experience in mobilising green finance, expanding rural electricity connectivity and integrating environmental safeguards into large infrastructure and extractive sector investments.

Leading the Chinese delegation, Hon. Lu Xinshe thanked the Committee for its warm reception and commended Kenya's parliamentary processes.

"We are very honoured to be here today and we appreciate the opportunity to witness the proceedings of the National Assembly," he said.

CII Committee begins scrutiny of Bill on protection of state information



Kilifi North MP Hon. Owen Baya makes submissions before the Committee on constitutional right of access to information



Hon. Kiarie interrogates Kilifi North MP Hon. Owen Baya during the sitting

The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation has commenced scrutiny of the proposed Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2025, sponsored by Kilifi North MP Hon. Owen Baya. The Bill seeks to strengthen the protection of sensitive State information while upholding Kenyans' constitutional right to access public information.

Appearing before the Committee chaired by Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South), Hon. Baya said the proposal aims to address gaps in the current legal framework by introducing clear procedures for the classification, protection, review and declassification of government information.

The Bill proposes four levels of classification, Top Secret, Secret, Confidential and Restricted and requires classified records to be properly marked, periodically reviewed and automatically declassified after 30 years unless there are lawful grounds for continued protection. It also establishes penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

Hon. Baya noted that rapid technological advancement and rising cyber threats have made stronger safeguards necessary, warning against the use of personal email accounts and messaging applications for official government communication. He urged Parliament to strengthen the proposal while maintaining transparency and accountability.

Committee Chair Hon. Kiarie assured the sponsor that Members would thoroughly examine the proposal to ensure it protects national security without undermining constitutional freedoms.

He revealed that the Committee is advocating for mandatory use of secure .go.ke email addresses for official government business, citing the increasing frequency of cyberattacks targeting public institutions.

Committee Members called for greater clarity on the legal gaps the Bill intends to address and sought assurances that the legislation would apply strictly to State-held information without limiting media freedom or the public's right to information.

Pending bills amounting to Kshs 9b, still our biggest challenge, Moi Univeristy tells Education Committee



Education Committee Chair, Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet) and Vice Chairperson, Hon. Eve Obara (Kabondo Kasipul) during the meeting with Moi University

Moi University is grappling with pending bills amounting to Kshs 9 billion. The National Assembly Committee on Education has been told this even as the institution requests for an additional allocation of Kshs 1.9 billion towards recurrent expenditure in the FY 2026/27.

The Committee, chaired by Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet), heard this during a meeting with the Moi University Management led by the Ag Vice-Chancellor Prof Kiplagat Kotut.

According to Prof Kotut, the pending bills is a result of deficits accrued by the University since the year 2014.

"We request that this Committee consider adding Kshs 1.9 billion to support recurrent expenditure for FY 2026/27. Secondly, the issue of pending bills remains a major concern for us, and it currently stands at Kshs 9 billion as a result of the university registering a deficit since 2014," Prof Kotut said.

Hon. Melly, during his opening remarks, told the University that the meeting was intended for the Committee to receive an update on the status of the alleged misappropriation of public funds and to assess the extent to which the Committee's previous recommendations on financial accountability, procurement reforms, governance, and institutional controls have been implemented.

"We previously engaged the University regarding financial management and accountability following audit reports that raised concerns about financial irregularities, including alleged misuse of funds in construction projects, unpaid bills, and other questionable transactions, which resulted in substantial financial losses," Hon. Melly told the Institution.

The Committee also tasked the VC with outlining to it what management had done to restore public confidence in the institution and to achieve the low-hanging fruit they were supposed to clear immediately upon taking over.

On this, the institution stated that they had built students' and parents' confidence in them, which is evident in the increasing enrollment numbers since they took over.

"In 2024, the number of students was 5,000. This moved up to 6,800 last year, and this year we are seeing the number move to 10,000. What we have done is move students' progress through the academic calendar and ensure they graduate on time. We are also sorting out the issue of missing marks," Prof. Khaemba Ongeti, the DVC in charge of Academics, Research, Extension, and Student Affairs, told the Committee.

The Committee Chairperson directed the Ag VC and the board of management to prepare and submit a detailed report on the issues flagged by the Committee as inadequately addressed during the meeting

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Housing Committee reviews proposed Construction Managers and Project Managers Bill

The Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works has subjected the Construction Managers and Construction Project Managers Bill, 2026 to pre-publication scrutiny, with MPs weighing the need to formally regulate the emerging profession.

The Committee, chaired by Hon. Joseph Tonui met the Bill's sponsor, Hon. Josses Lelmengit, who defended the proposed legislation, saying it seeks to fill a long-standing regulatory gap by recognizing construction managers and construction project managers as distinct professionals within Kenya's built environment.

Hon. Lelmengit, dismissed concerns that the Bill duplicates the work of architects, quantity surveyors and engineers.

"I am a construction manager by training and I do not see any similarities or duplication between this Bill and the roles of architects, quantity surveyors or engineers. The role of a construction manager is to coordinate all professionals involved in the completion of a construction project," he told the Committee.

He noted that while the National Construction Authority (NCA) registers contractors and skilled tradespersons, there is currently no legal framework regulating construction managers despite their growing role in project delivery.

According to the Bill, the Construction Managers and Construction Project Managers Registration Board ill be established, which will be responsible for registering practitioners, issuing practicing certificates, enforcing professional standards, overseeing disciplinary matters and promoting continuous professional development.



Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, Chairman, Hon. Joseph Tonui in a meeting



Sponsor of the Construction Managers and Construction Project Managers Bill Hon. Josses Lelmengit during a meeting

The legislation also provides a 24-month transitional period requiring all practicing construction managers and construction project managers to comply with registration and licensing requirements once the Act comes into force.

However, Committee Members raised several legal and policy concerns during the scrutiny exercise.

Hon. Esther Passaris proposed exploring amendments to existing legislation instead of creating an entirely new regulatory framework.

The Committee noted possible overlaps between the proposed Board and existing institutions, including the National Construction Authority, the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors and the Engineers Board of Kenya.

However, the Committee Members acknowledged that the Bill seeks to address an important policy issue by seeking to formally recognize construction management and construction project management as distinct professions.

Public Accounts Committee orders IEBC to provide details on all pending bills



Public Accounts Committee Members Hon. Marianne Kitany (Aldai) and Hon. Dr. Edwin Mugo (Mathioya) consulting during a meeting with IEBC officials



Public Accounts Committee Chairperson Hon. Tindi Mwale listens as IEBC officials make their submission before the House team

The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by Hon. Tindi Mwale (Butere), has directed the management of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to provide details of all its pending bills.

The directive was issued when top IEBC officials appeared before the Committee to respond to queries raised in the Auditor-General's report for the 2023/2024 financial year.

The officials who appeared before the Committee included Acting IEBC Chief Executive Officer Moses Sunkuli and Commissioners Mary Sorobit, Prof. Francis Aduol, and Dr. Alutala Mukhwana.

According to the Auditor-General's report, the Commission's pending bills include legal fees amounting to KSh 2.66 billion and goods and services worth KSh 1.11 billion. Of these, KSh 173.26 million was accrued during the financial year under review.

Committee Members expressed concern over the large amount owed to lawyers, with some questioning whether the legal fees had been inflated.

In response, Hon. Mwale directed the Commission to submit a detailed breakdown of all pending bills, including the names of the law firms and the amounts owed to each.

"As a Committee, we want details of all the pending bills, including the names of the law firms and the amounts owed to them. We will scrutinise the report and establish whether Kenyans received value for money," said Hon. Mwale.

Mr. Sunkuli assured the Committee that the Commission would compile the required information and submit the report within two months.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK



"Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of our economy. They employ millions of Kenyans, drive innovation and create opportunities where formal employment cannot. If we are serious about growing MSMEs, we must also be serious about protecting them from unfair competition and abuse by those who hold greater market power. We can learn an important lesson from the U.S. The American dream did not emerge by chance. It was built on institutions that protected private enterprise, rewarded innovation, upheld the rule of law and ensured entrepreneurs had opportunity to compete. Businesses thrive where markets are open and rules are predictable."

- Hon. Esther Passaris (Nairobi City County)



The issue of paedophiles and those preying on children is rising in Kenya. It is a matter that we must address with the utmost seriousness. Penalties, in terms of punishment, must be severe so that they serve as a deterrent across this country. This is a growing menace that is likely to worsen if we do not act swiftly to stop it. We must strengthen our laws, ensure strict enforcement, and protect every child from those who seek to exploit them. The safety and wellbeing of our children must remain a national priority, and decisive action cannot wait any longer."

-Hon. Ali Raso (Saku)



One of the challenges we, as a country, face in dealing with suicide is the fact that we criminalise it even though it is actually a disease. It is also similar to how we deal with alcoholism or addiction. You find someone trying to lecture an alcoholic about being more responsible. This is like giving a cancer patient a lecture on how to make sure that they are well. From medical evidence, almost all people who commit suicide are mentally sick. They face mental challenges. They need support, and not criminalising their actions. We need to offer them mental support. We should treat this as a medical condition."

- Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona (Suba North)



For the longest time, people with different forms of disability in our country have not received sufficient attention regarding their welfare. Eighty per cent of buildings in the country today are not disability-friendly. In other parts of the world, almost 100 per cent of public buildings are disability-friendly. We should ensure this important segment of our society is properly catered for. Let us have a sign language interpreter at every public function, whether during Madaraka Day or any other national event. Parliament should lead the way. During parliamentary proceedings, we should have someone interpreting in Kenyan Sign Language always."

- Hon. Farah Maalim (Dadaab)



I support telecommunication services being provided for the deaf, the blind, and the deafblind. Recently, we went for public participation on an Environment Bill, and the greatest complaint we received from the blind was that they could not read the Bill because there was no service to enable them to read it. There was no Braille. If there is a way we can have telecommunication services to help them read Bills and other public information, especially during public participation, it will be much easier. Let us remember people who are differently abled so they also feel part of Kenya fully."

-Hon. Beatrice Kemei (Kericho County)



When the lives of children are at stake, the future of the nation is also at stake. We must do something within our means and power as Parliament and as a nation. We must always protect the children of this country. The rising cases of children being defiled, killed and mishandled, in whichever way, should worry all of us and the security agencies. There are rogue thugs who roam around and target children. We, as a country, must end this. If the security organs stamp their authority, we will not have these cases. It all comes down to effective action."

- Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North)



Treating people who attempt suicide as criminals significantly increases the risk of further suicide attempts. Instead, such individuals should be referred for appropriate mental health care and counselling so that they can receive the support they need to overcome this crisis. Looking at Kenya today, we can see that such cases have become increasingly common, particularly alongside the widespread abuse of drugs. These include substances such as brown sugar, cannabis, and other narcotics. As drug abuse has increased, so too have cases of attempted suicide because impaired judgment leaves individuals unable to think clearly."

- Hon. Mishi Mboko (Likoni)



A person who attempts to commit suicide is literally a mental patient within the definition of Section 2 of our Mental Health Act. This is a person going through difficult moments, suffering from depression, trauma, and severe emotional distress. It is time we acknowledge that individuals who attempt suicide are often struggling with many health challenges, including trauma, depression, and severe emotional distress. Do we need to punish such a person through penal sanctions, imprison them, or require them to pay a fine after a rigorous trial process? I do not think so. These are people requiree empathy and support."

-Hon. John Makali (Kanduyi)



We need to appreciate that the business environment in this country has to be improved. I know it is good but we must improve it further. Currently, we are considering investments coming into the country and those currently operating within it. Starting with domestic businesses we know many operate across counties. Last year we passed the County Licensing Uniform Procedures Act. It ensures seamless business operations across counties. On investment promotion we must ensure investors do not meet brokers or exploiters. Kenya Investment Authority should register direct foreign investors. This will guarantee a good working environment for investors entering our country."

- Hon. Marianne Kitany (Aldai)



In this day and age, it is very important for livestock theft to be taken seriously. It is also paramount to mention that it is wrong for police officers to use excessive force on children and women as they deal with cattle rustlers. As we speak, many women are sleeping outside in the cold, while many children have not gone to school since this issue began in Angata Barikoi. We are not supporting criminals. Where such cases are identified, security operators should identify the criminals. An entire community cannot be criminals. It is shocking. It is shameful"

- Hon. Victor Koech (Chepalungu)

CLIQUE & CLICKS



National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula sharing a light moment with the newly elected Law Society of Kenya President, Senior Counsel Charles Kanjama, and his team at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, after a courtesy call led by the LSK President.



Members of the Special Funds Accounts Committee follow the contractor's briefing on the Bellevue Mixed-Use Development Project in South C, Nairobi County.



Members of the Special Funds Accounts Committee, led by the Chairperson, Hon. Fatuma Mohammed, during an inspection visit to the Bellevue Mixed-Use Development Project in South C, Nairobi County



Students from the United States International University-Africa (USIU) pose for a group photo outside the National Assembly Buildings during an educational visit to Parliament



Hon. Shakeel Shabir hands over a gift from the Kenya-China Parliamentary Friendship Group to Hon. Esther Passaris for presentation to the leader of the Chinese delegation, Hon. Lu Xinshe, as a symbol of the long standing friendship between

the Parliaments of Kenya and China.

BUNGE MASHINANI ▸ LUGARI CONSTITUENCY

Lugari MP commends progress on Ksh 3.6 billion road project



Lugari MP Hon. Nabii Nabwera (second right) accompanied by residents inspects the Turbo-Panpaper-Sikhendu road that is being tarmacked to facilitate free transport services of people and goods

Lugari MP Hon. Nabii Nabwera has conducted an inspection tour of the Turbo–Mugunga–Panpaper–Makutano–Sikhendu road, which is currently being tarmacked at a cost of KSh 3.6 billion.

Hon. Nabii expressed satisfaction with the progress of the project, praising the speed and quality of work by the Chinese construction company. He noted that the road will be a game changer for the region, which has long suffered due to the deplorable state of the road.

"Tarmacking of this road had remained a long-awaited dream for many decades. Through my commitment, persistent lobbying, and concerted efforts, I have transformed that dream into a reality," said Hon. Nabii.

The MP thanked President Ruto for responding to his request to have the road tarmacked, saying the project will not only ease the challenges residents face during the rainy season but also improve connectivity and unlock the constituency's economic potential.

ISIOLO COUNTY

Isiolo County MP empowers Chari ward groups with Ksh. 2.6 million support

Isiolo County MP Hon. Mumina Gollo has donated seven tents, 420 chairs, five generators, five car wash machines, seven water tanks, and 20 savings boxes to organized groups in Chari ward.

The MP also issued cheques worth Ksh.1.6 million to support women-owned businesses. In addition, she expressed her appreciation to H.E. Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan for his KSh 1 million contribution, which has been directed towards strengthening Village Loaning and Savings Associations (VLSAs) across the ward.



Isiolo County MP Hon. Bonaya Mumina Gollo hands over a cheque to an official of a women group during empowerment programme in Chari ward recently

KABONDO KASIPUL CONSTITUENCY



Hon. Eve Obara taken around Siany primary school to check on renovations on classrooms funded by NG-CDF.

Hon. Obara commissions new classrooms to improve learning environment

Hon. Eve Obara, the Member of Parliament for Kabondo Kasipul constituency, commissioned five new classrooms at Kowidi primary school in Kabondo West ward and six new classrooms at Ogera primary school in Kojwach ward.

Through the NG-CDF, the MP has also overseen the renovation of classrooms at Omuga Primary School and Siany primary school, significantly improving the learning environment and transforming the face of the institutions.

NANDI HILLS CONSTITUENCY

Nandi Hills MP commissions new classrooms at Kaptuma Primary School

Nandi Hills MP Hon. Bernard Kitur has commissioned two newly constructed classrooms at Kaptuma Primary School, reaffirming his commitment to improving learning infrastructure across the constituency.

The modern classrooms were funded through the Nandi Hills National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) under the leadership of Hon. Kitur.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, the MP noted that Kaptuma Primary School had been facing a shortage of classrooms due to the growing enrolment of pupils. He said the new facilities will significantly ease congestion and provide a more conducive learning environment.

"The construction of these classrooms will go a long way in addressing the classroom shortage and improving the quality of education for our learners," said Hon. Kitur.



Hon. Bernard Kitur joins students of Kaptuma primary school for a mock lesson after commissioning new classrooms at the school recently

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Kenya ready to host AFCON 2027, Sports Committee assured

Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chairman Mr. Nicholus Musonye has expressed confidence in Kenya's ability and preparedness to host the upcoming Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2027 tournament.

Appearing before the National Assembly Committee on Sports and Culture chaired by Hon. Dan Wanyama (Webuye West) Mr. Musonye alongside AFCON CEO Mr. Anthony Lung'aho said that Kenya is firmly on course to satisfy CAF requirements ahead of the football bonaza.

At the same time, they pleaded with the Committee to help them get more resources in order to deliver a successful event.

"This is one of the biggest sporting events in the world and its implementation is done through a whole-of-government approach involving Ministries responsible for Sports, Interior, Health, Roads, Tourism, ICT, Foreign Affairs, Immigration, Treasury and Transport together with county governments and national agencies," Mr. Musonye told the Committee.



Hon. Wanyama during the meeting

On infrastructure readiness, the Committee heard that Talanta Sports City and Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani remain the flagship venues and will be supported by Kipchoge Keino Stadium as an alternate venue.

Mr. Musonye also disclosed that the Ministry of Health and LOC are establishing comprehensive medical systems including stadium medical facilities, ambulances, referral hospitals, emergency evacuation procedures, anti-doping services and public health surveillance which will all be tested through CAF readiness exercises.

Hon. Stephen Mule (Matungulu) while reacting to the presentation by LOC asked why the Committee has not met since its gazettement back in March. Further he asked how the Committee was going to handle epidemics such as Ebola.

"As we speak, we are struggling with Ebola as a region and epidemics can't be predicted in the entire world. A few years ago, we had Covid now it is Ebola. We don't know what's next. In your presentation I have not heard you talk about border testing of anybody coming to Kenya during that time which is very key," Hon. Mule said.

In response, LOC told the Committee that they have already discussed with their medical teams who are qualified and will advise on how to handle it in due course.

The Committee through the Chairperson promised to do all it can to ensure there is enough budget for successful hosting of AFCON 2027.

This week in history

The Arrests that lit the Fire

On the night of 4 July 1990, three days before the planned Saba Saba rally at Kamukunji Grounds, the Moi government intensified its crackdown on Kenya's pro-democracy movement by arresting former Cabinet Ministers Kenneth Matiba and Charles Rubia, along with opposition figure Raila Odinga, for calling for the restoration of multiparty democracy.



Raila Odinga, Kenneth Matiba (middle) and Charles Rubia arrested and detained without trial on 4 July 1990 for demanding the restoration of multiparty democracy in Kenya

Earlier that year, Matiba and Rubia had demanded the repeal of Section 2A of the Constitution, which had made Kenya a one-party state in 1982. Instead of retreating, they stood firm, becoming enduring symbols of the struggle for democratic reform.

Matiba and Rubia were detained without trial at Kamiti Maximum Security Prison under harsh conditions. Denied medication for hypertension, Matiba suffered a debilitating stroke, while Rubia sustained lasting speech impairment.

Despite the arrests, thousands of Kenyans defied a government ban and gathered at Kamukunji Grounds on 7 July 1990. Security forces dispersed protesters with tear gas, water cannons and live ammunition, leaving at least 20 people dead. The violence drew widespread international condemnation and intensified pressure on President Daniel arap Moi to introduce political reforms.

The movement proved unstoppable. In December 1991, Parliament repealed Section 2A, restoring multiparty democracy. Kenya held its first multiparty elections in 1992, while Matiba and Rubia later received court-ordered compensation for their unlawful detention.

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