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# Foreword



**M**ay I take this opportunity to welcome you to the 9th issue of the National Assembly E-newsletter, which is also our last issue of the year.

In this issue, our lead story focuses on the 7th State of the Nation Address by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta. In his Speech the President assured Parliament and the entire nation that the State is strong, steady and resilient, and urged lawmakers to expedite the passage of seminal Bills. A number of those have since been considered and approved before the House proceeded on recess on 4th December.

After delivering his Address, the President was the Chief Guest during the occasion of the launch of the National Assembly Bilingual and Kiswahili Standing Orders.

From the Floor, the House passed the Tea Bill which provides for regulations, development and promotion of the tea industry. Please turn to page 11 for more on this and other stories.

Additionally, in conforming with the “new normal” and Covid-19 protocol, Hon. Members held a virtual conference with their Chinese counterparts. The conference themed “Strengthening Parliamentary Exchange to Promote Mutual Development” explored a number of areas of collaboration in the fight against Covid-19. Find details of the conference on this issue.

Do you know the youngest Member of Parliament ever elected in the history of Kenya? Well, he is a Member of the 12th Parliament. Our team got an opportunity to interview the Hon. Member. Find out who this is and read his interview featured on page 6.

Unfortunately, during the period covered by this issue the National Assembly lost two Hon. Members namely; Hon. Justus Murunga Makokha Member of Parliament for Matungu and Hon. James Lusweti Mukwe, Member of Parliament for Kabuchai Constituency. This issue carries tributes for the departed Hon. Members.

With regard to the sittings of the House, I wish to take this opportunity to inform our readers that the House adjourned for end-of-session recess on Friday 4th December, 2020 and will resume its sittings on Tuesday 9th February, 2021. Similarly, all committee sittings are suspended from 14th December 2020 and resume on 29th January, 2021.

In conclusion, I wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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## President Uhuru assures Parliament the State is of the Nation is Steady; urges Lawmakers to prioritise Seminal Bills



On 12th November, 2020, President Uhuru Kenyatta delivered his Seventh State of the Nation Address with a strong urge to political leaders in the legislature and across the country not to let their guard down in the fight against COVID-19.

In an address delivered to an expectant House and an equally expectant nation given the challenges the country has faced this year, the President was emphatic that the “State of our Nation is Strong, Steady and Resilient”.

This year’s address cast a spotlight on the adverse effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has visited upon the country and the government’s effort to combat it. The President appealed to the legislature as part of the larger political leadership, to lead the fight against the pandemic from the front and to avoid succumbing to the ‘COVID-19 fatigue’.

“We must not succumb to COVID-19 fatigue. We must not backtrack from our vigilant fight against

this pandemic. If the people fall short of giving their best at this time, we the leaders have no option but to give our all. We must know the way, and show the way”, urged the President.

The President observed that the pandemic had led to an unprecedented loss of life, global economic slowdown, and the postponement of major cultural, religious, political, and sporting events including the 2020 Olympic Games.

Noting that he was addressing the august House in the midst of extraordinary global economic, social, and health disruptions which had necessitated the re-scheduling of his address for a period of six months, he took time to enumerate to the House the steps the government had made in combating these effects, among them economic stimulus programs and various containment measures.

He commended the two Houses for their swift support towards the measures sought by the executive with regard to the National Emergency Response to

the pandemic, as well as in the approval of statutory instruments issued under the Public Health Act and the Public Order Act.

President Kenyatta appealed to the lawmakers to prioritize the consideration of various seminal Bills that are pending before the two Houses. These include the National Aviation Management Bill, which once enacted, will anchor the turnaround of the fortunes of loss-making national carrier Kenya Airways (KQ).

Other crucial legislations include the Statute Law Miscellaneous (Amendment) Bill, Business (Amendment) Bill No. 2 of 2020, and the proposed legislation on the administration of referenda and on enhancing governance and deepening the country’s anti-corruption efforts.

President Kenyatta also expressed his gratitude to the country’s health personnel and all frontline workers noting that the country will forever be grateful to them for their selfless service under tremendous strain and challenging conditions. Decrying that a number of health workers were among the over 1,200 Kenyans who had lost their lives to the disease, the President led the legislators in observing a moment of silence in their honour.

Further noting that the pandemic had greatly disrupted the academic calendar, President Kenyatta assured the House that the gradual and phased re-opening of schools was being carefully monitored to ensure safety of students. He underscored that though he shared in the pain of parents whose children have been home since March, these measures were taken in the interest of the children.

“As a parent and a grandparent, I share in the pain and frustration of most parents in having our children home for nearly an entire year. However, as a responsible Government, we put the health and safety of children as the paramount consideration,” explained the President.

Conscious of the fact that the pandemic had necessitated the enhancement of school infrastructure, including the construction of over 12,500 classrooms, the President appealed to legislators to deploy a significant amount of resources that they oversight, towards this cause.

“In this regard, I appeal to you to re-prioritise the use of discretionary funds under your oversight to respond to the immediate and short-term needs of our learners,” he urged.

Perhaps taking the perfect opportunity to address the frequent jostling between the two Houses, resulting

to a recent court ruling which has hamstrung their legislative business, the President called on the two Chambers to strive as much as possible to resolve issues of concern by consensus building. He was quick to note that though the divergence is expected as is the case across all bicameral legislatures, the two Houses should seek ways to better exercise their institutional mandates. He offered that the Executive will always be at hand to aid in consensus building and to foster internally mediated outcomes within Parliament.

With regard to fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic, the president noted that Kenya, as a respected member of the community of nations, has continued to fulfil her obligations on the regional, continental, and global stages. He observed that the government had been keen on keeping sight of the opportunities available regionally, continentally and globally for Kenya to deepen our shared prosperity. In this regard, he reported to the august House that exports within the East African Community had jumped to a six-year high in 2019.

“As we join ranks with our brothers within the African Continent, Kenya and Ghana were the first countries to not only sign but also ratify the landmark agreement creating the African Continental Free Trade Area in March 2018. This agreement brings the 54 African nations under one common market with a population of over 1.2 billion and a combined gross domestic product of more than three trillion US Dollars. As a champion of Africa’s integration, I am elated that this agreement has officially entered into force and became operational from 1st July, 2020”, explained the President.

The Head of State further apprised the legislators of the government’s robust engagements with the United Kingdom to evolve an arrangement that would guarantee continued access to the UK market, following its exit from the European Union. He informed the lawmakers that the government was proactively consulting with the United States of America for a solution that will ensure Kenya’s continued access to the United States market beyond 2025, when the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) comes to an end.

The State of the Nation Address is delivered in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 of the Constitution, which mandates the President to report on measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of the National values set in the Article, as well as the progress made in fulfilling International Obligations.

## Meet The Youngest MP Ever Elected In The History Of Kenya



**Q: You are on record as the youngest Member of Parliament ever elected in Kenya, what led you to politics at the age of twenty-two (22)?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** Well, it is a combination of many things. If you remember early 1990s were marked by the clamour for multi-party democracy in Africa and the former Soviet Union. People had become tired of single-party rule and dictators. Coincidentally, this time was also marked by the death of Dr. Robert Ouko.

In 1990 as the nation was mourning Dr. Ouko, students were rioting all over. I was in college that time. The then Member for Nyeri Constituency Hon. Waruru Kanja claimed that the government had eliminated Ouko and was kicked out of KANU thereby losing his parliamentary seat. As a student leader at Kimathi School of Technology I felt the need to contest for the seat because I wanted to bring change to the Constituency and the country at large.

**Q: What was your experience as a political novice, especially given that you were to fight it out with political titans?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** I won the elections because of people-power and revolutionary sovereignty of the voter as well as the sheer determination of the youth to bring about change in the political landscape at the time.

I am happy to have participated in the signing of the new section 2A of the Constitution which opened up the democratic space. In fact, I attended the 1st Multi-party Mega Rally at Kamukunji.

**Q: You finally won and served for two years, then a twenty-one (21) year hiatus, what happened? Did you fall out with the electorate?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** I unsuccessfully vied for the MP seat in 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007. I was denied the nomination certificate in the 1992 and 1997 General Elections. I then vied for the MP seat in Kasarani Constituency in 2002 and 2007 General Elections.

**Q: For twenty-one (21) years you were away from Parliament, what did you engage in?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** After serving my two-year term as an MP, I tried to look for employment in Nyeri but no one was willing to hire me due to the fact that I was a former MP. I moved to Nairobi in search of employment but was not successful. I sold my car and ventured into the 'jua kali' sector selling scrap metals, flowers, manure and tree seedlings.

**Q: What would you say are your achievements so far as a legislator?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** I pride myself in having utilised the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) for development and providing other crucial services to the Constituency like building schools, police stations and giving bursaries to needy students. When I became the MP for Roysambu Constituency, the transition rate from primary to secondary schools was 28%, but I have contributed to improving this to 85% by increasing the number of secondary schools in the Constituency.

Also, through a Petition I presented to the National Assembly on behalf of the residents of Roysambu Constituency, the House approved that land meant for public utilities that had been grabbed be given back to 'wananchi'. The land will be used for construction of public utilities.

**Q: You are the Vice Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning where you have been for a while, would you enumerate the Committee's agenda and accomplishments?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning has provided legal framework for the achievement of the 'Big 4 Agenda'. For instance, the Committee amended the Retirement Benefits Authority Act, 2012 to enable people to use their retirement benefits to purchase houses hence playing a role in the growth of the housing sector which is one of the pillars of the 'Big 4 Agenda'.

The Committee has been engaging in oversight by carrying out inspection visits to agencies that the Committee oversees so as to ensure that funds allocated to the agencies are well utilised.

**Q: From your experience, what advice would you give to young aspiring politicians?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** Young aspiring politicians should have a family before embarking on politics because politics can give one a wrong impression of themselves. Having a family makes one more responsible.

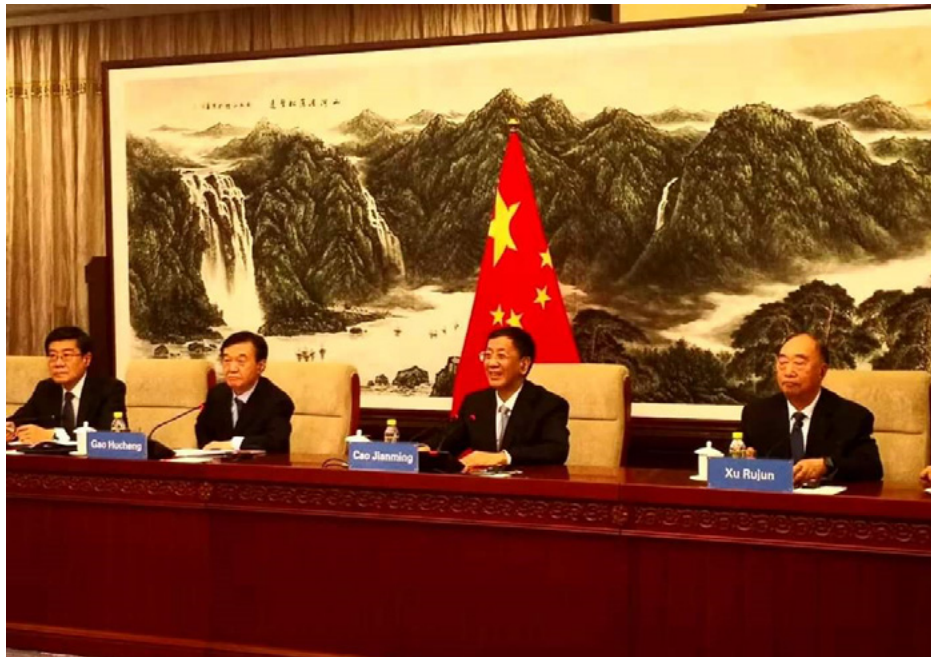
Additionally, they should always remember that one can only serve as an MP through God's favour and should keep in mind that they are serving at the mercy of their constituents.

**Q: You are now serving your third term, what are your future political plans?**

**Hon. Waihenya:** I will still contest for MP seat in Roysambu in the next General Elections.



## Kenyan legislators hold virtual conference with their Chinese counterparts; seek collaboration in the fight against COVID-19



On Friday, 20th November, 2020, Deputy Speaker of The National Assembly, Hon. Moses Cheboi, led a delegation of National Assembly in a Virtual Conference between the National Assembly of Kenya and the National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Cao Jianming, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of NPC.

The conference, themed "Strengthening Parliamentary Exchanges to Promote Mutual Development" explored a number of areas of collaboration including how the two countries can partner in the fight against COVID-19 and in the formulation of post-pandemic economic recovery strategies while addressing the huge trade imbalance between the two countries.

The lawmakers also discussed ways of enhancing Kenya-China relations under the framework of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC); a multilateral cooperation between China and African Countries and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Addressing the opening session of the forum, Hon. Moses Cheboi expressed his appreciation for the prevailing strong and sustained parliamentary relations between the two legislatures. He noted that in support of the ongoing efforts on the fight against COVID-19, it is imperative that the two nations collaborate to improve health infrastructure, provide technical and medical support on diagnosing and treating COVID-19 patients as well as co-operate on capacity building.



*Deputy Speaker, Hon. Moses Cheboi led the Kenyan delegation in the virtual conference*

He expressed gratitude on behalf of the Government of Kenya for China's extended support to Kenya towards the containment of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"China has extended support to Kenya in terms of medical supplies and equipment towards the containment of Covid-19, which is highly appreciated," he noted.

On his part, Vice Chairman of NPC, H.E. Cao Jianming reaffirmed the commitment of his Government in maintaining strong and unbreakable China-Kenya friendship both at the Executive level and between the two Legislatures.

The Chinese delegation submitted that their country has managed to control COVID-19 by implementing a very elaborate control strategy, including early detection, testing, cessation of movement, isolation and treatment. The delegation also attributed the success to good will and cooperation across the Chinese society. The two teams agreed to strengthen their partnership in combating not only the current pandemic but also future pandemics.

Participants further noted that there's need for international cooperation in the global governance of public health and that the global community must as far as possible, be prepared in the event another pandemic breaks out.

To give new impetus to the China-Kenya relationship and ensure sustainable development, the Chinese delegation undertook to offer more direct investments in infrastructure development, e-commerce, and manufacturing, and to initiate business-to-business partnerships. This is in a bid to create employment among the Kenyan youth while offering mentorship to start-ups.

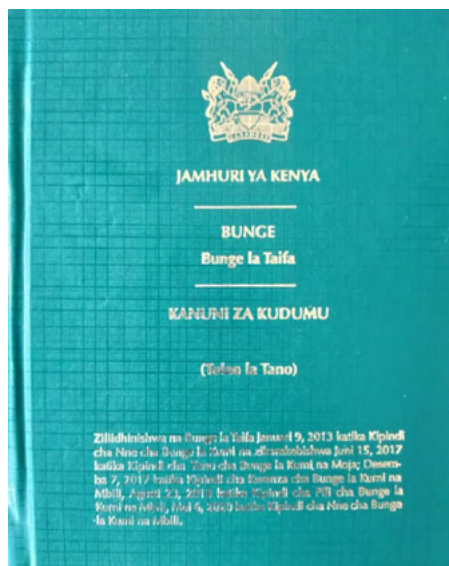
Moving forward the two delegations agreed to deepen and maintain friendship through increased parliamentary exchanges under the auspices of the China-Kenya Friendship Group. The Kenyan delegation led by Hon. Cheboi comprised of the Deputy Majority Whip, Hon. Maoka Maore, Hon. Shakeel Shabbir (Chair, Kenya-China Friendship Group), Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, Hon. Esther Passaris, Hon. Beatrice Adagala, Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor and Hon. Chachu Ganya.

# Uzinduzi wa Machapisho ya Kiswahili na Kiswahili-Kiingereza ya Kanuni za Kudumu za Bunge la Taifa



JUU: Mhe. Rais Uhuru Kenyatta, akabidhiwa nakala za Machapisho ya Kiswahili na Kiswahili-Kiingereza ya Kanuni za Kudumu za Bunge la Taifa na Spika wa Bunge la Taifa, Mhe. Justin Muturi, baada ya kuzindua machapisho hayo.

CHINI: Mfano wa nakala ya chapisho la Kiswahili la Kanuni za kudumu za Bunge iliyo zinduliwa na Rais Uhuru Kenyatta



Mhe. Uhuru Kenyatta mwezi jana alizindua rasmi machapisho ya Kiswahili na Kiswahili-Kiingereza ya Kanuni za Kudumu za Bunge la Taifa katika hafla iliyofanyika katika Bustani la Bunge la Kenya. Kanuni za Kudumu ni mkusanyiko wa sheria zilizotungwa na wabunge ili kudhibiti utaratibu wa vikao vya Bunge.

Mchakato wa kutafsiri Kanuni za Kudumu ulianza Februari 2019, baada ya Katibu wa Bunge la Taifa, Bw. Michael Sialai, EBS, kuteua Jopo lililojukumika na shughuli ya tafsiri. Jopo la Kutafsiri Kanuni za Kudumu za Bunge la Taifa liliongozwa na Bw. Kipkemai arap Kirui, Naibu Mkurugenzi wa Huduma za Sheria na Utaratibu katika Bunge la Taifa na lilijumuisha wanaojopo wafuatao: Salem Lorot, Benson Inzofu, Anne Shibuko, Mwamboo Mwangombe, Mwangunga Kalama, Rebecca Munyao, na Assumpta Mbugua, ambao ni maafisa katika Idara mbalimbali katika Bunge la Taifa.

Msukumo wa kutafsiri na haja ya kutimiza masharti ya Ibara ya 7 ya Katiba, kwamba lugha ya taifa ni Kiswahili na kwamba lugha rasmi za Kenya ni Kiswahili na Kiingereza. Pia, inaeleza kuwa serikali itaheshimu na kukuza maendeleo na matumizi ya lugha za kiasili na lugha ya ishara. Vile vile, kwa mujibu wa

ibara ya 120 ya Katiba, lugha rasmi za Bunge ni Kiswahili, Kiingereza, na lugha ya ishara. Aidha, shughuli za Bunge inaweza kufanywa katika Kiingereza, Kiswahili na lugha ya ishara.

Hivyo basi, nafasi ya Kiswahili imejikithi katika Katiba na hii ni mojawapo ya sababu ambazo zilimpa Katibu wa Bunge la Taifa msukumo wa kuteua Jopakazi kwa ajili ya kutafsiri Kanuni za Kiingereza hadi Kiswahili.

Isitoshe, kulikuwa na hamu ya kutekeleza maono ya Rais mwanzilishi wa taifa, Hayati Jomo Kenyatta, kuhusu matumizi ya Kiswahili bungeni. Mnamo tarehe 4 Julai 1974, Rais Jomo Kenyatta alitoa amri kuwa lugha ya Kiswahili ndiyo itakuwa lugha ya taifa na itumike katika kuendesha shughuli za Bunge. Siku iliyofuata, mnamo tarehe 5 Julai 1974, Spika Fred Mati alitoa taarifa kwa wabunge kwamba lugha ya Kiswahili ilipaswa kuwa lugha rasmi ya Bunge kama ilivyoagizwa na Rais kwamba lugha ya Kiswahili itumike ukumbini mara moja. Kulingana na historia, Mheshimiwa Mutiso-Muyu, aliyekuwa Mbunge wa eneo Bunge la Yatta, alielekeza kuanza kuchangia kwa lugha ya Kiswahili.

Ili kusetiri matumizi ya Kiswahili katika Bunge sheria, Katiba ilifanyiwa marekebisho mawili. Rekebisho la kwanza, almarufu the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Act (No. 1 of 1975), lilifuta kifungu cha 53 cha Katiba na kuchepeka kifungu kipya chenye masharti kwamba Kiswahili ilipaswa kutumika katika shughuli za Bunge la Taifa. Hata hivyo, uendesaji wa shughuli kuhusu miswada, sheria na maamuzi ya kifedha pamoja na marekebisho yake bado yalisalia kuwa katika lugha ya Kiingereza.

Miaka minne baadaye, mnamo mwaka wa 1979, rekebisho la pili la Katiba liljulikanalo kama the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Act (No. 1 of 1979), lililegeza kamba kidogo na kueleza kwamba mijadala ukumbini ingeweza kufanywa kwa lugha ya Kiingereza au Kiswahili. Masharti haya yalianza kutekelezwa mnamo tarehe 2 Mei, 1979. Katika mfumo huu, Taarifa Rasmi za Bunge la Taifa (Hansard) zilikuwa zikiandikwa kwa lugha ya Kiingereza na Kiswahili. Hapo awali lugha ya Kiswahili ikiwa lugha rasmi ya Bunge la Taifa, Taarifa Rasmi za Bunge la Taifa zilikuwa kwa lugha ya Kiswahili.

Licha ya Katiba kutambua Kiswahili kama mojawapo ya lugha za Bunge, Kanuni za Kudumu za Bunge la Taifa (sheria za uendesaji wa shughuli za Bunge na Kamati za Bunge) zimekuwa katika Kiingereza. Hivyo basi, azma kuu ya kutafsiri Kanuni hizo kwa Kiswahili ni kuwapa Wabunge na maafisa wa Bunge msimbo wa kurejelea wanapoendesha shughuli za Bunge katika lugha ya Kiswahili.

Katika kufanikisha shughuli ya kutafsiri kanuni, Katibu wa Bunge la Taifa alimwomba mwenzake wa Bunge la Muungano wa Jamhuri ya Tanzania kumpiga

jeki kwa kuteua maafisa wenye ujuzi wa utaratibu wa Bunge na matumizi ya Kiswahili. Ombi hilo lilikubaliwa, na Bw. Athman Hussein (Mkurugenzi wa Huduma za Kamati) na Bw. Mossy Lukuvi kutoka Bunge la Muungano wa Jamhuri ya Tanzania na dada Vidah Mutasa kutoka Baraza la Kiswahili la Tanzania (BAKI-TA) wakahusishwa katika kazi hii. Tajriba yao pamoja na ushauri wao, haswa katika kusawazisha Kiswahili kwa sajili ya Bunge na msukumo wao katika kufanikisha zoezi hilo ni wa kupigiwa mfano.

Zaidi ya hayo, Jopo lilinufaika pakubwa na mchango wa kitaalamu na tajriba ya miaka mingi ya wataalamu wa lugha ya Kiswahili kutoka vyuo vikuu vya Kenya na wataalamu binafsi. Wao ni Prof. Iribe Mwangi, Mwenyekiti wa Idara ya Kiswahili Chuo Kikuu cha Nairobi, na mwenzake Dkt. Prisca Jerono; Dkt. Robert Oduori na Bw. Vincent Magugu kutoka Chuo Kikuu cha Moi; Prof. Geoffrey Kitula King'ei na Dkt. Miriam Osore kutoka Chuo Kikuu cha Kenyatta; na Prof. Clarah Momanyi na Bw. Nuhu Bakari.

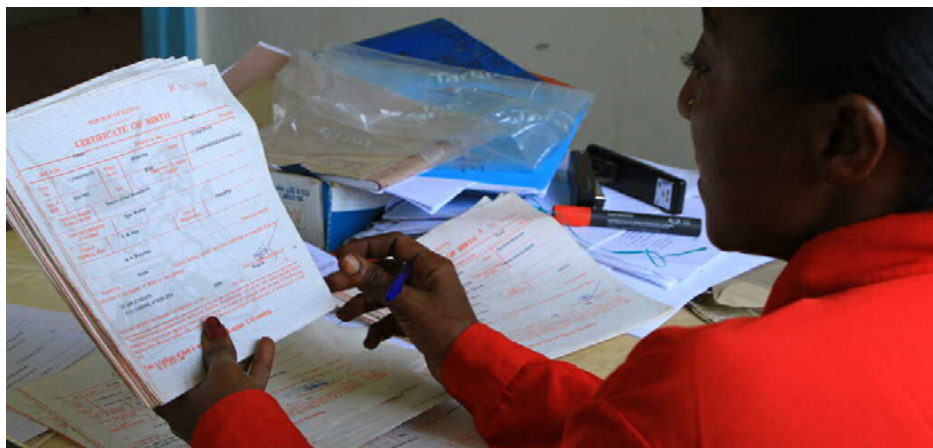
Vile vile, Jopo lilitoa nakala kwa Idara zote katika Bunge la Taifa kwa ajili ya kupata maoni kuhusu rasimu ya tafsiri ya Kanuni hizo. Baadaye, Jopo lilifanya vikao na kufaidika kwa kiasi kikubwa na uhakiki wa Bw. Jeremiah Ndombi (Naibu Katibu), Bw. Samuel Njoroge (Mkurugenzi, Huduma za Utungaji wa Sheria na Utaratibu), Bw. Rana Tiampati, Dkt. Phillip Buchere, Bw. Ken Angwa, Bi. Dorcas Ambuto na Bi. Nelly Jarah. Wakufunzi Sheila Muchiri, Boniface Mutuku, Brian Wechabe na Maxwell Koome pia walikuwa wa manufaa kwa Jopo.

Hafla hii ilihudhuriwa na Naibu wa Rais Dkt. William Ruto, Spika wa Bunge la Taifa, Mhe. Justin Muturi, Spika wa Seneti, Mhe. Kenneth Lusaka, Naibu Spika wa Bunge la Taifa Mhe. Moses Cheboi, na Naibu Spika wa Seneti Mhe. Margaret Kamar. Wengine waliohudhuria ni Kiongozi wa Chama cha walio Wengi katika Bunge la Taifa, Dkt. Amos Kimunya, Kiongozi wa Chama cha walio Wachache katika Bunge la Taifa, Mhe. John Mbadi, Mratibu wa Chama cha walio Wengi katika Bunge la Taifa, Mhe. Emmanuel Wangwe, Mratibu wa Chama cha walio Wachache katika Bunge la Taifa, Mhe. Junet Mohamed, Kiongozi wa Chama cha walio Wengi katika Seneti, Sen. Samuel Poghisio, Kiongozi wa Chama cha walio Wachache katika Seneti, Sen. James Orenge, Mratibu wa Chama cha walio Wengi katika Seneti, Sen. Irungu Kang'ata, na Mratibu wa Chama cha walio Wachache katika Seneti, Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Junior.

Katibu wa Bunge la Taifa, Bw. Michael Sialai na Katibu wa Seneti, Bw. Jeremiah Nyegenye pia walijumuika katika hafla hii. Wabunge katika Bunge la Taifa na Seneti, wanajopo, wageni walioalikwa wakiwemo wataalamu wa Kiswahili na waajiriwa wa Bunge pia walishiriki katika uzinduzi huu uliofana.



## House approves motion for the establishment of Birth Certificate Centres in all Sub-Counties



The National Assembly wants the government to establish database centres in all Civil Registration Centres for purposes of storing all the necessary information required for birth certificates. This follows the passage of a Motion by the Member for Maragua, Hon. Wamau Njoroge that also calls for the setting up of measures to ensure that every child is automatically issued with a birth certificate before attainment of the age of three years.

While moving the motion, Hon. Wamau observed that the Constitution and the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, 2011, provide that every citizen is entitled to any document of registration or identification issued by the State. This includes national identification cards and birth certificates, especially for children. The Member noted that issuance of birth certificates during civil registration for children is a challenge across the country due to various reasons, among them, missing parents' information, improper or incomplete or damaged documentation, and lack of registration of children born outside hospital environments. This has resulted in delays, and sometimes refusal of registration of children which goes against the constitutional provisions. Establishment of the proposed database centres will allow for centralized access to required information for purposes of registration.

While contributing to the Motion, Hon. Paul Koinange, Chairperson of the Departmental Committee

on Administration & National Security which oversees the Civil Registration Service, noted that as at 2019, the national statistical coverage rates stood at 75.5 per cent for births and 38.8 per cent for deaths against the Department's target of 100 per cent coverage of registration of births and deaths. Further, he observed that the Department had 124 sub-county offices out of the 324 sub-counties in the country. This, coupled with low staffing, has made registration difficult for citizens especially in rural areas. While calling for enhancement of the department including increased budgetary allocation, Hon. Koinange noted the need to implement the Births and Deaths Registration Act, {Cap. 149 of the Laws of Kenya} which provides for compulsory registration of births and deaths immediately they occur.

In support of the Motion, Members noted the frustration by parents in obtaining birth certificates, which has affected registration of children by the Ministry of Education under the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS). They proposed that the databases should be decentralized to ensure timely issuance of the certificates.

Acknowledging the importance of birth certificates, the Motion, which was passed on Thursday, 3rd December, 2020, calls for the automatic registration and issuance of this document to every child in the country before the age of three.

## House Passes the Tea Bill



On Thursday, 3rd December, 2020, the National Assembly passed the Tea Bill which seeks to provide for the regulation, development and promotion of the tea industry and proposes to establish the Tea Board of Kenya composed of eleven members.

The Bill, sponsored by Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, was submitted to the National Assembly for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110 of the Constitution.

The Tea Bill seeks to remove regulation of the tea sector from the ambit of the Agriculture and Food Authority and revert it to the previous regime under the repealed Tea Act (Cap. 343).

The Bill was read a First Time on Wednesday, 26th June, 2019, and subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock for facilitation of public participation pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution and Standing Order 127.

The Committee tabled its report on the consideration of the Bill on 26th November, 2019. The Second Reading on the Bill commenced on 19th February, 2020 and was concluded on 26th February, 2020.

During consideration of the Bill by the House, it elicited a lot of interest from Members of Parliament and the general public. The following Members proposed amendments to the Bill: Hon. Eve Obara (Kasipul Kabondo); Hon. Ronald Tonui (Bomet East); Hon. Ezekiel Machogu (Nyaribari Masaba); Hon.

Cecily Mbarire (Nominated); Hon. Gichimu Githinji (Gichugu); Hon. Brighton Yegon (Konoin); Hon. Ben Momanyi (Borabu); and Hon. Millie Odhiambo (Suba North). Due to the high number of proposed amendments and in keeping with the provisions of Standing Order 131, the Speaker directed that the amendments be harmonized by the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

The Committee held more than twenty-one (21) sittings including with the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives; National Treasury; Kenya Tea Development Agency Holding Limited (KTDA); East African Tea Trade Association; and the East African Tea Growers Association. The Committee also visited the Tea Auction in Mombasa. The Committee received and considered submissions from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives; Kenya Tea Development Agency; and Prof. Paul Kiprono Chepkwony, Governor of the County Government of Kericho.

Following the extensive deliberations and consultations, the Committee enriched the Bill to provide clarity on the role of national and county governments in the development of tea, registration of various tea dealers, regulation of tea imports, regulation of the auction process, provision on blended teas, taxation of teas, and provisions on tea value addition.

The Committee also proposed, the imposition of a levy on import and export of tea to be paid into the proposed Tea Fund. The amendment provides that fifty per centum of the tea levy shall be applied by the Board for income or price stabilization for tea growers. The levy shall also be remitted to the proposed Tea Research Foundation and be used for infrastructure development.

The House also proposed the establishment of the Tea Research Foundation following concerns from various stakeholders who proposed that tea research ought to be given more attention. Currently, the tea research function is undertaken by the Tea Research Institute under the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO).

The House also approved the proposal to regulate the tea auction process in order to streamline the process by providing for an electronic trading platform and clarity on timelines and roles of various value chain players.

The Senate will now consider the amendments passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution.





# Pictorial

## State of The Nation Address In Pictures



ABOVE: President Uhuru Kenyatta, is flanked by the two Speakers, Hon. Justin Muturi (in red gown) and Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka (in blue gown and wig) and senior Parliamentary staff pose for a photo after the State of the Nation Address.

RIGHT: The Chief Sergeant at Arms in the Senate and National Assembly (in blue-Senate), Maj. Sorobit, (in green-NA) Mr. Aloisio Lekulo, match in the Speaker's procession with their respective House maces during the STON.

BELOW: H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta acknowledges greetings from the Clerk of the National Assembly (in green gown) Mr. Michael Sialai, and his Senate Counterpart (in blue gown) Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenye when he arrived in Parliament for the 7th State of the Nation Address.



From left, the Clerk of the Senate, Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenye, Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Michael Sialai, Senate Deputy Clerk, Mr. Mohammed Ali, Deputy Clerk in the National Assembly, Ms. Sarah Kioko and the Chief Sergeant at Arms, in the National Assembly, Mr. Aloisio Lekulo, await to receive H. E. President Uhuru Kenyatta in Parliament during the State of the Nation Address.



BELOW: President Uhuru Kenyatta flanked by the two House Speakers; Hon. Justin Muturi (National Assembly) and Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka (Senate), and the respective House Clerks stand attention for the National Anthem after the President delivered his 7th State of the Nation Address.







ABOVE: H.E. Acknowledges greetings from The Speaker of The National Assembly Hon. Justin Muturi and The Speaker of The Senate Hon. Kenneth Lusaka upon arrival at the State of The Nation Address

BELOW: An aerial view of the sitting during the State of the Nation Address by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta



## Launch of Kiswahili Standing Orders



ABOVE: H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta signs a copy of bilingual Standing Orders shortly after he launched the publication after delivering his State of the Nation Address to Parliament, as the Deputy President and Speaker of the National Assembly look on

RIGHT: H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta receives copies of the Kiswahili Standing Orders from the Speaker of the National Assembly during the launch of the publication.

BELOW: The Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Michael Sialai who was the master of ceremony







ABOVE: The new Kiswahili Standing Orders launched by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta during the State of the Nation Address event.

RIGHT: The Deputy President, H.E. (Dr.) William Ruto follows the launch ceremony of the Kiswahili Standing Orders after the State of the Nation Address in Parliament

BELOW: From left, Mr. Kipkemai Arap Kirui ( Deputy Director L & P) Senate Speaker, Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi, H.E. (Dr.) William Ruto, and the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Michael Sialai hold the new bilingual and Kiswahili Standing Orders during the launch.





## The Team Behind the Translation of the Standing Orders to Kiswahili



*the team behind the translation of the Standing Orders to Kiswahili and the Publication of the bilingual Standing Orders, pose for photos during the launch of the publications.*



## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES

*Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning led by the Chairperson Hon. Gladys Wanga arrive in Lamu County where the Members undertook a fact-finding tour of the Lamu Port Project.*



*Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning during an inspection tour of the Grain Bulk Handlers Limited (GBHL) facility at Berth No.3, Port of Mombasa.*

*Members of the National Assembly Special Funds and Accounts Committee during an inspection visit of Siyoi-Murony Water Supply Project in West Pokot. The team visited West Pokot County to inspect various projects under the Equalization Fund.*







# THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP PROFILES



## SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP



- Speaker of the National Assembly, Parliament of Kenya & Chairman, Parliamentary Service Commission;
- He is also Chairperson of the CPA Africa Region Executive Committee &
- Chairperson, the East African Community Bureau of Speakers &
- Vice-Chairperson, Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC).

**H**on. Justin B. N. Muturi is a lawyer/Constitutional Law Consultant by profession. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from University of Nairobi in 1981 and a Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law in 1982.

He served as Member of Parliament for Siakago Constituency in Kenya for two consecutive terms from 1999 to 2007. From 2003 – 2007, he served as the Opposition Chief Whip and the Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee (this was the longest serving in Kenya's history at the time). In addition, he was a Member of the Select Committee on Constitutional Review from 1999 – 2004.

From April 2011 to 2013 he served as the Chairperson of the Centre for Multi-Party Democracy. Before joining Parliament, he worked in the Kenyan Judiciary from 1982 – 1997 and retired at the level of a Principal Magistrate at the Nairobi Law Courts. While at the Judiciary, he was elected the Chairman of the Kenya Judges and Magistrates Association.

He is currently the Speaker of the National Assembly, where he is serving his second term having been first elected in March 2013 – August 2017 and August 2017 to date respectively.



## DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA HON. MOSES KIPKEMBOI CHEBOI, CBS, MP



**H**on. Moses Cheboi is the Deputy Speaker in the National Assembly, a position he has held since 2017. He holds a Bachelor of Law Degree (LLB) from the University of Nairobi 1989-1992 and a Post Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law 1993-1994.

Hon. Cheboi who is serving his third term is the Member of Parliament for Kuresoi North Constituency. He was first elected to Parliament in 2002 as Member for the former larger Kuresoi Constituency. He is Chairperson of Liaison Committee of Kenya National Assembly; Leader of Delegation of Kenya to the African Caribbean Pacific and European Union (ACP-EU) Parliament, Vice Chairperson, Procedure and House Rules Committee and Committee on Appointments

Between 2002-2007, he served as a Deputy Whip of the Official Opposition (KANU), Member Administration of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, Public Investments Committee (PIC), Secretary, Parliamentarian for Global Action – PGA, Kenya Branch, a member of Bunge Football Club and a member of Bunge Marathon Team.

Before joining Parliament, Hon. Cheboi was as a Legal Officer at the Municipal Council of Nakuru and later established his own Law Firm, Cheboi & Company Advocates.

He has also served as Director, Nyayo Tea Zone Development Corporation and a member for Centre for Multi-Party Democracy (CMD) steering committee where he chaired, the Resource Mobilization Team.

In the 11th Parliament, he served in the Speakers Panel and was a member of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

## THE LEADER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA HON. (DR.) AMOS KIMUNYA, FCPA, EGH, MP



**H**on (Dr.) Amos Kimunya is a third term Member of Parliament for Kipipiri Constituency and is the Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly. He is the second Member of Parliament to hold the position since it was established in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. He was elected into the Office on 22nd July, 2020.

He serves as Chairperson of the Committee on Selection as well as a member of the Committee on Appointments and of the House Business Committee.

He served in the Cabinet in various dockets between 2003 and 2013 including: Minister for Transport from 2010 to 2013; Minister for Trade from 2008 to 2010; Minister for Finance from 2006 to July 2008; and Minister for Lands and Settlement from 2003 to 2006.

He holds a Doctorate Degree in Business Administration (DBA) Finance, a Global Executive Masters of Business Administration (GEMBA) and a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Accounting option). He is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountant - Kenya (FCPA-K) and a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Secretary (FCPS- K). He previously served as Chairperson of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK).

## THE LEADER OF THE MINORITY COALITION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA HON. (CPA) JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO, EGH, MP



**H**on. (CPA) John Mbadi is a third term Member of Parliament for Suba South Constituency. He is the Leader of the Minority Party in the National Assembly. He is also the Chairman of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM). He ranks 3rd in the National Assembly after the Speaker and the Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. Mbadi holds a bachelor's degree in Commerce (Accounting) and is a Certified Public Accountant. He previously served as Assistant Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister. He also worked as an accountant at University of Nairobi and at Med-Air East Africa as the Finance Director.

He is a Member of the House Business Committee; the Budget and Appropriations Committee; and Committee on Appointments.

## HON. JIMMY ANGWENYI

### DEPUTY LEADER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY

**H**on. Jimmy Angwenyi, a Certified Public Accountant, is the **Member of Parliament for Kitutu Chache North Constituency and the Deputy Majority Leader, in the National Assembly.** He was first elected to Parliament in 1996 in a by-election and he is currently serving his fifth term as a Member of Parliament. Hon. Angwenyi is the longest serving Member of Parliament in the National Assembly. He has served twice as a Commissioner in the Parliamentary Service Commission (2003 to 2007 and 2013 to 2017). He was among the Members of Parliament who championed for the amendment of the Constitution resulting in establishment of the Parliamentary Service Commission after passage of the Parliamentary Service Act of 2000.

Hon. Angwenyi is a member of the Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning; Committee on Appointments; and Committee on Selection. Before joining politics, he was a Lecturer at the University of Nairobi heading the Department of Business and Economics.



## HON. ROBERT MBUI

### DEPUTY LEADER OF THE MINORITY PARTY

**H**on. Robert Mbui is a second term **Member of Parliament for Kathiani Constituency** and is the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party in the National Assembly. He serves in the Committee on Delegated Legislation and the Committee on Appointments.

Hon. Mbui holds a Bachelor of Education degree and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. Before joining politics, he was a teacher at Milimani Secondary School in Nairobi, managed the Education Department of Future Kids (EA) limited, managed private business and was the Chairman of the Kathiani Constituency Development Fund Committee.

Hon. Robert Mbui is the National Organizing Secretary of Wiper Democratic Movement (K).







## HON. EMMANUEL WANGWE

### MAJORITY PARTY WHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe is a second term **Member of Parliament for Navakholo Constituency**. He is the current Majority Party Whip in the National Assembly, a position he has held since June 2020.

He is a Member of the Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs; the Committee on Appointments; the Committee on Selection; and the House Business Committee. Before joining Parliament in 2013, Hon. Wangwe served as the Head of Marketing at Jade Petroleum Limited. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Entrepreneurship and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Marketing option).

He has previously served as Vice Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, and as a Member of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Committee; the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing; and the Select Committee on Regional Integration.

## HON. JUNET MOHAMMED

### MINORITY COALITION WHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA

Hon. Junet Mohammed is a second term **Member of Parliament for Suna East Constituency** and the Minority Party Whip in the National Assembly.

He began his political journey as a councillor in 2003, and later served as the mayor of Migori Town Council. He made his maiden stab at constituency level politics in 2007, and lost. In 2013, he won the Suna East seat, retaining it in 2017 being the only MP from Migori County to be re-elected.

Hon. Mohamed serves in the House Business Committee and the Public Accounts Committee. At Party level, Hon. Junet is the Director of Elections & Campaigns for the ODM Party.



## HON. RICHARD MAORE MAOKA

### DEPUTY WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA

Hon. Richard Maore Maoka is the **Member of Parliament for Igembe North constituency** and a sociologist by profession. He is the Majority Deputy Whip in the National Assembly and a Member of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations; and the Procedure & House Rules Committee. He previously served as Member of Parliament for the then Ntoyiri Constituency for three consecutive terms from the year 1992 to 2007. He also served as an Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, and as Deputy Secretary General for KANU.

## HON. DAVID ESELI SIMIYU

### DEPUTY WHIP OF THE MINORITY COALITION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KENYA

Hon. Dr. David Eseli Simiyu is serving his third term as **Member of Parliament for Tongaren constituency** (previously Member of Parliament for Kimilili 2007-2012; and 2013-2017). He is the Deputy Minority Whip of the minority coalition and Secretary General of Ford Kenya. Hon. Dr. Simiyu is a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, the Committee on Appointments, and the departmental Committee on Health. Before joining parliament he was a medical doctor by profession, specializing in pediatric care and child services and a Senior Lecturer School of Medicine University of Nairobi department of pediatrics and child health.





## Parliament Architecture and Art



They say good architecture is modest. This describes the building that houses the Parliament of Kenya, whose architecture is neutral yet sublimely beautiful. The Kenya Parliament building is one of the best architectural landmarks in the Nairobi city centre.

Parliament building was designed by Amyas Douglas Connell in 1951. He managed to design it in a way



that largely avoided luxury. The reason, speculatively, was that the colonial administrators wanted the legislators to focus on their core business of lawmaking for a country that was to gain its independence a decade later. But even in this unobtrusive architectural environment, there are incredibly impressive parts of the building. These are the southern wing, the clock tower, the main entrance gate, and the entire build-

ing's interior design.

The southern wing was added after Kenya gained independence in 1963 as evidenced by the fact that the wall that faces Harambee Avenue is engraved with statues symbolizing the people of Kenya celebrating their independence from the colonial government.

Two mechanical clocks top the clock tower;

one is facing Parliament Road and the other one facing Uhuru Highway. A flag pole atop the tower enhances the uniqueness of these clocks.

The iconic entrance gate also known as the Ministers' gate (sometimes referred to as the Senate gate) overlooks the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC). It features an arched top with a huge hanging star ornament, and two flag poles on either side.

The corridor into the Main Chamber features enormous concrete pillars that support part of the single storey building. On the opposite wall, portraits of Speakers of the National Assembly line the corridor



bringing with them great historical memories of the institution. The interior section of the Main Chamber features mosaic decorations, paintings, wooden and metallic carvings depicting Kenya's culture, heritage and history. It also features a stunning ceiling design decorated with a shield and two spears painted in Kenyan flag colours. Over and above the Diplomatic Boxes provided for the sitting of distinguished guests of the House, the Chamber has the Speaker's Gallery as well as the Public Gallery to accommodate guests.

Every Kenyan should aim to visit and have a personal experience of this said beautiful work.





# DID YOU KNOW?



**1** Kenyans of all walks contributed close to K£ 100,000 towards the construction of the Southern Wing of the Kenyan Parliament Building. The extension was opened on 4th November, 1965.

**2** The Northern Wing of the Kenya Parliament Building has similarities with the Palace of Westminster, United Kingdom.

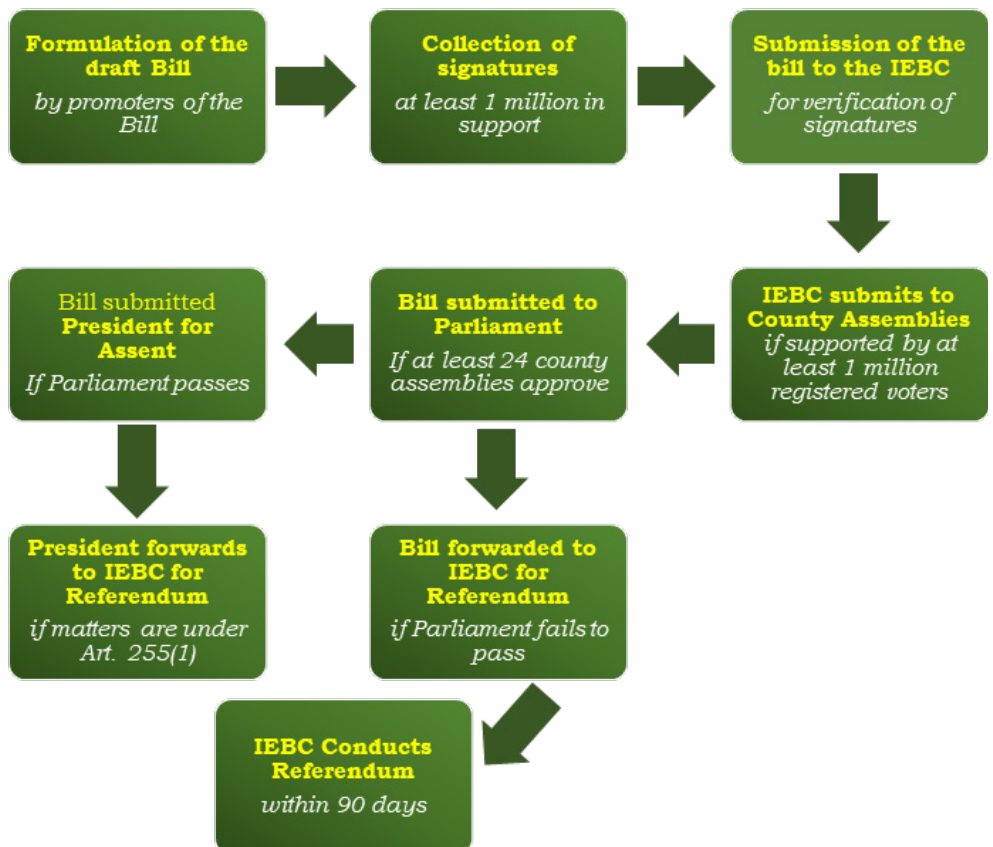
**3** The foundation stone of the Northern Wing of Parliament Building was recovered from the Palace of Westminster when it was damaged during the Second World War.



**5** Parliament Square is geometrically cut out of the CBD by four roads; City Hallway, Parliament Road, Harambee Avenue and Uhuru Highway.

**4** The first sitting of the forerunner of the present Parliament was conducted on 17th August, 1907 in Nairobi in an old corrugated, iron-sheet building that housed the Railway Institute. Currently, the site is occupied by the Railway Golf Club.

## Amendment of the Constitution by popular initiative: highlight of the Process





## The National Assembly on December Recess, 2020



In accordance with its Sessional Calendar (2020 Regular Sittings), the National Assembly proceeded to the end-of-Session recess from December 04, 2020 to February 09, 2021. The recess will provide Members of Parliament an opportunity to spend valuable time with their families during the holiday season and also attend to their constituents while allowing staff to prepare for the next Session.

Similarly, in accordance with the Calendar of the House, all Committee sittings stand suspended from 14th December 2020 and will resume after 29th January 2021. Consequently, no Committee Sittings shall be convened during the said period unless special consideration is granted by the office of the Speaker of the National Assembly upon written request. However, in a Communication issued to the House on Thursday, 3rd December 2020, the Speaker exempted the Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning and the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development

Fund from the suspension to allow for consideration of certain urgent business expected during the month of December.

Despite the unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 global pandemic during the Session, the House managed to transact a number of key businesses, including passage of the 2020/2021 national budget, the Finance Act, 2020 which provided various tax reliefs to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, passage of several public orders and regulations relating to the movement of persons across the country, sanitation and other preventative health protocols. The House considered nominations for appointments of various State officers including High Commissioners and Ambassadors, the Data Commissioner, among others.

A comprehensive report on the activities of the House will be made available in the parliamentary website once concluded.

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## Tributes

HON. JUSTUS MURUNGA MAKOKHA  
(MP, MATUNGU CONSTITUENCY 2017-2020)



The Late Hon Justus Murunga Makokha was elected as Member of Parliament representing Matungu Constituency in August 2017, on an Amani National Congress (ANC) Party ticket, and was serving his first term as MP until the time of his demise.

Speaker Hon. Justin Muturi eulogised, the Late Hon. Murunga as an active member of the House, who served the people of Matungu with utmost passion and commitment. In his tribute to the late Hon. Murunga through a Communication to the House, the Speaker noted that he was an active Member of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, where he passionately advocated for various issues particularly in the Tea and Sugar sectors. He was also a Member of the Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting & Library.

The Parliamentary fraternity will remember him as a humble, amiable and diligent personality. Hon Murunga died after a short illness on November 14th 2020, and was laid to rest in his home in Matungu on December 2nd 2020.

May his Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

## Tributes

HON. JAMES LUSWETI MUKWE  
(MP, KABUCHAI CONSTITUENCY 2013-2020)



The Late Hon. James Lusweti Mukwe was first elected to the National Assembly in the year 2013 General elections on a Ford Kenya Party ticket to represent the People of Kabuchai Constituency. Having served his people diligently, Hon. Lusweti was re-elected to the National Assembly in the 2017 General elections, a position in which he served until his untimely demise.

House Speaker, the Hon. Justin Muturi, eulogised the late MP as a humble, sociable and hard-working leader, who will be fondly remembered for his spirited advocacy for the education rights of children, and the entrenchment of sound fiscal management of public funds allocated to ensure universal access to basic education. This was evidenced by a Motion he tabled, seeking for the government to employ school bursars to ascertain prudent utilization and management of funds allocated for free primary education. Over the years he was a Member of Parliament, the Hon. Lusweti served in various House Committees including: National Cohesion & Equal Opportunities; Budget & Appropriations; Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives; NG-CDF, as well as the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public works & Housing.

After bravely battling illness for several months, the Late Hon James Lusweti Mukwe died on Friday, December 4th 2020, and was laid to Rest on Saturday 19th December 2020 at his home in Kabuchai.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.







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