



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (SECOND SESSION)

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 5 of 2023)

**REGARDING WARD BASED SOLUTION AS A LONG-TERM REMEDY
TO PERENIAL WATER SHORTAGE IN KENYA**

1. **Honourable Members**, Article 119 of the Constitution accords any person the right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than those presented by a Member.

2. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I wish to report to the House that my office has received a petition from one *Eng. Victor Okuna of Post Office Box 828, Migori*, calling for the National Government to adapt innovative ways of addressing water problems.

3. **Honourable Members**, the Petitioner notes that many Kenyans do not have access to clean and safe water in adequate quantities contrary to Article 43(d) in the Constitution of Kenya; and, consequently denying the people their other rights as stated in the same Constitution. He alleges that the current water problem experienced in the country is occasioned by lack of proper policies geared towards mitigating the crisis.

4. **Honourable Members**, the Petitioner therefore proposes that the country adapts what he considers to be a long-term solution to water shortage in the country.

5. The Petitioner claims that his proposal will create one of the avenues for mitigating the myriad challenges of climate change, create youth employment and ensure a sustainable supply of water in the rural parts of the country.

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6. The Petitioner proposes that boreholes be drilled, equipped, and solarized in every ward across the country every year except in the 85 wards in Nairobi County and major towns which have water and sewerage systems. The Petitioner thus prays that this House considers amending the Water Act 2016 to provide for a Ward-Based Water Supply System.
7. **Honourable Members**, having established that the matter raised in the Petition is well within the authority of this House; and further, that the matters raised in this Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body, I hereby commit the Petition to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration pursuant to Standing Order 208A.
8. The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

I thank you.

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THE RT. HON. MOSES WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Date:

Public Petitions Committee
Nimrod Mbaya MP Kitui East