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WorldCoin: House forms Ad Hoc Committee

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, has directed a Joint Ad hoc Committee to comprehensively investigate the activities of the cryptocurrency project Worldcoin in Kenya within a timeframe of 42 days and submit its findings to the House.

Chaired by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West), the Joint Committee's primary objective is to delve into the details of activities of worldcoin in the country. This will encompass liaising with entities like Ministries, State Departments, and Agencies with relevant mandates to the operations of the foreign company.

Speaker Wetang'ula emphasized that the Joint Ad hoc Committee's mandate extends to addressing the concerns raised in a statement sought by Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta Constituency) regarding the reported activities of WorldCoin.

The Joint Committee will consist of 15 Members selected from the Departmental Committees on Administration and Internal Security; Communication, Information and Innovation; and Tourism and Wildlife.

"I want to inform you that each Committee has nominated five Members from their respective memberships," stated Speaker Wetang'ula in his Communication to the House.

Members of the Committee are; Hon. Mburu Kahangara (Lari

MP), Hon. Caroline Ng'elechei (Elgeyo Marakwet), Hon. Peter Kaluma (Homabay Town), and Hon. Sarah Korere (Laikipia North) drawn from the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South), and Hon. Geoffrey Wandeto (Tetu), Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo (Keiyo South), Hon. Shakeel Shabbir (Kisumu East), and Hon. Irene Mayaka (Nominated) from the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information &

Innovation and Hon. Kareke Mbiuki (Maara), Hon. Geoffrey Ruku (Mbeere North), Hon. (Dr.) Edwin Gichuki (Mathioya), Hon. (Capt.) Ruweida Obo (Lamu East), and Hon. Innocent Mugabe (Likuyani) from the Departmental Committee on Tourism & Wildlife.

Pan - African Parliament appoints new House Clerk



The Pan African Parliament has a new Clerk. The President of the Parliament, Hon. Chief Fortune Charumbira this week welcomed Mrs. Lindiwe Khumalo to her new position in his office in Midrand, South Africa

The two held an introductory meeting to discuss key priority areas for the regional body

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NG-CDF Committee concludes first phase of Public Participation on proposal to entrench CDF in the Constitution

The National Assembly Select Committee on National Government Constituency Development Fund, chaired by Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine), concluded the initial phase of public hearings across various counties.

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National Assembly passes Motion on composition of BiPartisan Talks Committee

The National Assembly approved a Motion to provide for the legal recognition of the National Dialogue Committee. The Motion was moved by the Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu).

The purpose of the committee is to foster productive dialogues and consensus-building, and also recommend suitable constitutional, legal, and policy reforms concerning matters of significance to the people of Kenya.

The structure of the National Dialogue Committee will be constructed in adherence to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Kenya to uphold the functional and institutional integrity of State Organs.

"The proposal is for Parliament to establish a National Dialogue Committee, composed of ten Members, five representing the Kenya Kwanza Alliance, the Majority Party, and five representing the Azimio La Umoja-One Kenya Coalition, the Minority Party," said Hon. Ichung'wah.

The Majority Party will be represent-



The Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu) to lead the Kenya Kwanza Coalition in the national dialogue committee

ed by the Leader of Majority Party Hon. Ichung'wah (Kikuyu) as the leader of delegation and Embu Governor Hon. Cecily Mbarire as the deputy leader. The other Members are; Senator Aaron Cheruiyot (Kericho), Hon. Omar Hassan Omar (EALA), and Hon. Catherine Wambilian-ga (Bungoma).

On the other hand, the Minority Party appointed Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka as the leader of the delegation, deputized by the Leader of Minority Party Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja). The other Members on the Minority side are; DAP-K Party Leader Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Hon. Amina Mnyazi (Malindi), and Hon. Sen. Okong'o Mogeni (Nyamira).

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The President engaged the Clerk on her role Towards ensuring the practical implementation of the Bureau's commitment to "revive, renew, reposition and reinvigorate" the Pan-African Parliament.

Mrs. Khumalo becomes the first woman to take charge of the Secretariat of the Continental Parliament since the institution's establishment in 2004. Her appointment was endorsed by the PAP Plenary in June this year, in accordance with Rule 17 (f) of the Rules of Procedure, following a competitive process to fill the position that had remained vacant for over a year. Before her appointment as Clerk, Mrs. Khumalo was the Acting Executive Secretary to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission).

She has also served as the Chief Operations Officer, and as the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Human Rights Commission. In addition, she worked as Technical Advisor to the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC).

The legislature, based in Midrand, South

Africa, plays a vital role in promoting good governance, democracy, and human rights in Africa. The PAP Clerk, who provides leadership in the management of PAP's day-to-day operations, is proposed by the PAP Bureau and approved by the Members of the PAP (MPAPs).

The Kenyan delegation to the regional legislature comprises Sen. Margaret Kamar, Sen. Danson Mungatana, Hon. Rahab Mukami, Hon. Joseph Majimbo and Hon. Esther Passaris.



The President of the Pan African Parliament (PAP), Hon. Chief Fortune Charumbira (left) welcomes the new Clerk of the PAP, Mrs. Lindiwe Khumalo at his Office in Midrand, South Africa. Mrs. Lindiwe becomes the first female Clerk of the regional legislature.

TikTok Content Inappropriate: Petitioner calls for ban

The National Assembly has received a public petition seeking ban of TikTok in Kenya, Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has said.

Hon. Wetang'ula said he received the petition from a Kenyan citizen who is asking the House to protect Kenyans, especially youths, from accessing content he termed as inappropriate and offensive.

"The petitioner decries that, while it has gained popularity among youths, the content that is being shared on the platform is inappropriate as it promotes violence, explicit sexual content, hate speech, vulgar language and offensive behaviour which is a serious threat to the cultural and religious values of Kenya," said Speaker Wetang'ula.

Further, the petitioner expressed concerns that the TikTok platform is not regulated by the Communication Authority of Kenya (CAK), leading to failure to remove or block content deemed inappropriate or offensive.

The petitioner observed that TikTok collects a significant amount of data from its users, including information about their device, location and shares this with third party companies without the users' nod.

"The petitioner is concerned that if the platform is not prohibited in Kenya, the App's addictive nature would lead to decline in academic performance and rise in mental health issues that include depression, anxiety and sleep deprivation among youths," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

The petition was committed to the Committee on Public Petitions for consideration.





Committee Reports

Committee on Housing inspects affordable housing projects in Nairobi

The Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works chaired by Hon. Johana Ng'eno (Emurua Dikir), conducted comprehensive site inspections of various housing projects across the Nairobi metropolitan region during the week.

The Committee visited Parklands, Starehe, Shauri Moyo, Mavoko, and Lang'ata, to assess progress of ongoing affordable housing projects to ascertain set targets, construction quality, and adherence to stipulated timelines.

This evaluation seeks to gauge the Government's efficacy in executing the nationwide affordable housing programme.

"The basic concept of these projects was affordability; We have a mandate to ensure the tax payers' money is well used and the intention of delivering affordable housing is achieved," said Hon. Ng'eno.

At the Parkroads project, Members were joined by representatives from the State Department for Public Work and Housing, and officials from the National Housing Corporation (NHC). The NHC officials told the Members that the Corporation was assigned 597 units as part of the Boma Yangu programme.



Members of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works during the inspection visit last week.

Out of this allocation, 361 units have been released to the public through tenant agreements on a first-come, first-served basis. The remainder was allocated to the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), mortgage beneficiaries, and the skilled artisans involved in the project.

The development, currently at 89 percent occupancy with 1220 units, features one bedroom houses being sold at Kshs1.5 million, two bedroom units ranges from Kshs.2 million to Kshs3 million and three

bedroom houses for between Kshs.3.55 million and Kshs.4 million.

Members raised concern over the high cost of the units compared to market rates, especially considering that the land was provided by the government at no cost. As a result, Hon. Ng'eno asked Ministry officials led by the Principal Secretary, to appear before the committee at a later date with precise figures and information pertaining to the entire project



The Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works engaging members of the public at Parkroad when the Committee inspected affordable housing projects in the area.

The National Assembly and Treasury agree on stronger collaboration



Members pose for a photo with the National Treasury CS, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (seated, centre) and the Principal Secretary Dr. Chris Kiptoo (seated, 3rd right) during a joint retreat held last week.



Lawmakers drawn from the Committees on Finance and National Planning, Public Debt and Privatization, and Budget and Appropriations held a joint retreat with officials from the National Treasury, led by Cabinet Secretary Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, to discuss avenues for revitalization of the economy.

The National Treasury, in its engagement with the Members; sought the indulgence of the three Committees in supporting the Ministry to effectively carry out its mandate, by highlighting the possible areas of collaboration.

Areas discussed included the public debt management, noting the Treasury intends to finance the fiscal deficit for the Financial Year 2023/2024, which currently stands at Kshs. 718.9 billion; through borrowing from external and domestic sources.

Regarding tax credits, the CS informed legislators of ongoing analyses of tax policies and their economic effects. He reiterated the Ministry's aim of establishing predictable taxation and urged continued parliamentary support for economic strengthening.

"We are happy that you managed to pass the debt anchor threshold. The proposed Privatization law is now before you for consideration. Our objective is to have diverse ways of privatizing public entities to create efficiency in service delivery," noted Prof. Ndung'u.

On making the procurement process in public service open and transparent, the Principal Secretary, State Department of National Treasury, Dr. Chris Kiptoo stated that, they intend to digitize all procurement services by launching an 'in-procurement' system.

"When it is ready, all Ministries will have to post their procurement requirements on that platform, and all bidders will also bid for the same in a transparent manner," said the PS.

Other topics of discussion between the Lawmakers and Treasury officials, included feasibility of PPP buyback processes, effective utilization of borrowed funds, road annuity fund status, pension disbursements, funding for public universities, asset register, external debt, debt anchor, undistributed loans, and equitable loan distribution.



Worldcoin controversy; Data harvesting started over two years ago, House Committee told

The harvesting of Kenyans' exclusive and confidential data by the foreign company Worldcoin has been going on since May 31, 2021, the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation chaired by Hon John Kiarie (Dagoretti South) has heard.



Members of the CII Committee during the meeting at County Hall, Parliament Building.

Data Commissioner Ms. Immaculate Kassait made this revelation when she appeared before the Committee to shed light on the activities of the cryptocurrency firm.

"Under what legal framework is the company operating, who authorized the collection of data from Kenyans, and how many Kenyans

have so far been signed up by Worldcoin?" asked Hon. Kiarie.

Ms. Kassait, supported by confidential documents presented to the legislators, highlighted that the company's operations have spanned over two years. However, exact figures on the number of individuals whose data has been collected remain unknown.

"In April 2022, my office became aware of Worldcoin's activities which involved the collection of sensitive personal data from Kenyan residents and its subsequent transfer out of the country. According to information submitted by Worldcoin in a confidential letter dated May 6, 2022, they initiated data collection and processing operations in Kenya around May 31, 2021," she said.

Ms. Kassait informed Members that the role of her office is limited to issuing a Certificate of Registration, as outlined in Section 18 and 19 of the Data Protection Act, 2019.

This certification, she clarified, does not serve as a valid license for conducting operations in Kenya or authorizing an entity's activities.

She underscored that Worldcoin's activities in Kenya are subject to other legal and regulatory frameworks such as Consumer Protection laws, the Companies Act, and the Kenya Information Communication Act.

While responding to a question on the financial aspect, Ms. Kassait confirmed that her office received no additional funds from Worldcoin beyond the standard registration fees.



Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation Chairperson, Hon John Kiarie (Dagoretti South) and Vice chairperson Hon. Alfah Miruka (Bomachoge Chache) during the meeting with Data Commissioner.

Justice and Legal Affairs Committee begins hearing on Anti-Money Laundering Bill

The Justice and Legal Affairs Committee chaired by Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka) commenced public participation on the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023; which went through the First Reading in the National Assembly on 26th July, 2023.

The Committee received submissions from different stakeholders, including the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) who welcomed a clause in Section 11 granting Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) access to relevant information on State Agencies in the prevention and investigation of economic crimes, noting that this will enable the Commission to fully investigate corruption and money laundering in public entities.

However, LSK proposed the substitution of the word 'may' with 'shall', as the use of 'may' in the clause indicates that State organs have discretion whether or not to grant the EACC access.

In their submissions, the EACC proposed to amend the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2009; to

include the offence of money laundering as an economic crime.

EACC further proposed that, since money laundering offence has been recognized as an economic crime under the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, which is enforced and implemented by the Commission, there should be the inclusion of an authorized officer who will investigate cases of money laundering brought before the Commission.

Transparency International (TI) Kenya and Civil Forum for Asset Recovery (CiFAR), while presenting their submission on section 56A

of the National Police Service Act, proposed the addition of a new section, to include an accountability mechanism that gives feedback on the outcome of the investigation and handling of the controlled delivery. They noted that leaving the amendment in its current state could open up avenues for corruption; in addition to creating a risk of confusion, laxity or involvement of police officers in criminal activities.



From left to right, Committee Chairperson, Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka), Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Mwengi Mutuse (Kibwezi West) and Hon. John Makali (Kanduyi West) during the public participation hearings by the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining briefed on the Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2023



Committee Chairperson Hon. David Gikaria

The National Assembly Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining chaired by Hon. David Gikaria (Nakuru East) has been briefed on the Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

The Bill, sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah (Kikuyu), seeks to establish a structured framework for the effective regulation of carbon markets, as highlighted during the briefing session.

The objective of the proposal is to make changes to the Climate Change Act, 2016, a nationwide law designed to strengthen the response to climate change and introduce mechanisms and strategies to promote environmentally friendly, low-carbon development.

“This Act shall be applied for the development, management, implementation and regulation of mechanisms to enhance climate change

resilience and low carbon development for sustainable development of Kenya,” the amendment Bill reads in part.

Additionally, the Bill enhances to the roles and responsibilities of various institutions accountable for overseeing carbon markets.

The Bill also stipulates that the National Climate Change Council will offer direction and policy guidance regarding carbon markets to both national and county governments, as well as the general public and other stakeholders.

In addition, the designated National Authority will be entrusted with safeguarding the National Carbon Registry, an entity tasked with documenting carbon credit projects and programme designed to decrease greenhouse gas emissions in Kenya, among other duties.

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The public participation sessions were conducted by four sub-committees, in delegations which were led by Hon. Musa Sirma, Hon. Kassim Sawa, Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Ochanda and Hon. Joshua Mwalyo.

In Eldama Ravine, Hon. Musa Sirma presided over a session attended by Baringo County residents who voiced support for entrenchment of NG-CDF in the Constitution to curb unnecessary legal disputes. Further, they advocated for increased allocation of funds to less conventional sectors like sports, which would offer employment opportunities to youth and enhance their well-being through active lifestyles.

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North) while highlighting the positive impact of NG-CDF, lauded its role in levelling the education sector. She underscored the importance of the NG-CDF saying that it has not only transformed infrastructure but also aided students through bursaries, emphasizing that education is the great equalizer.

“I wish we made arrangements and invited all the bursary beneficiaries at Kasarani Stadium the way Equity Bank does so that people can appreciate how the NG-CDF has touched many lives”, said Hon. Elachi.

In his closing statements, Hon. Sirma commended the significant turnout of residents eager to voice their opinions on the crucial matter of NG-CDF. He celebrated how NG-CDF had facilitated the establishment of day secondary schools, thereby promoting higher enrollment and retention rates.



NG-CDF Committee chairperson Hon. Musa Sirma addressing residents of Eldama Ravine during the public participation.

Transport and Infrastructure Committee investigates discrepancies in SGR cargo transportation contracts

A Special Audit report by the office of the Auditor General has revealed inconsistencies in the Kenya Railways Corporation’s (KRC) procurement of cargo transportation on the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

The Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure wrote to the Office of Auditor-General (OAG) to examine the procedure for KRC’s contracting of service providers for SGR cargo transport, including the acquisition or leasing of land associated with the process, and the accountability of revenue collection, including income from land allocation or leasing.

The Committee chaired by



The Chairperson of the Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, Hon. George Kariuki, listening to the Deputy Auditor during the meeting in Parliament

Hon. George Kariuki (Ndia), has learned from the Special Audit that KRC entered into two long-term agreements with M/s. Grain Bulk

Handlers Limited (GBHL) and M/s. Autoports Freight Terminal Limited, during the period under review.

A review of the documents revealed that KRC was not acquiring rail haulage service from the two contracted companies as agreed. According to Auditor General Ms. Nancy Gathungu, the public procurement provisions did not apply to these agreements.

During his presentation, Deputy Auditor General Mr. Fredrick Odhiambo informed Members that the special audit found out that GBHL did not meet proposed volume targets in accordance with the contract.

Hon. Kariuki directed Mr. Odhiambo to provide a comprehensive list of all witnesses who will be subjected to cross-examination by the Committee.



House approves limitation of debate on individual Members' Motions.

The National Assembly has reached a consensus regarding the time allocation for speeches during debates on Motions introduced by individual Members. This is in a bid to clear the backlog of Motions that are pending before the House.

According to the Procedural Motion passed by the House, debate will be restricted to a maximum of one and a half hours, with the Mover granted up to 10 minutes for the initial presentation and five minutes for the concluding response.

Members participating in debate, including the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, will have a maximum of five minutes each.

Furthermore, priority sequence of speaking has been established, beginning with the Leader of the Majority Party, followed by the Leader of the Minority Party, and then the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee.

While moving the Motion, the

Deputy Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North), told Members that the House Business Committee (HBC) has taken steps to facilitate consideration of individual Members' Bills.

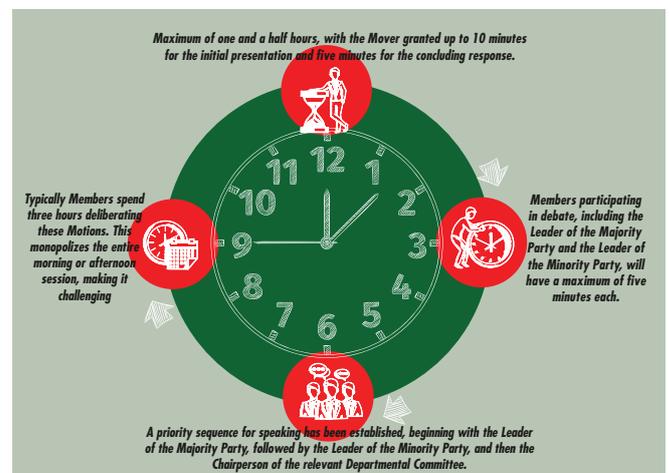
"Hon. Temporary Speaker, Members will note that the HBC has put in place efforts to facilitate individual Members' Bills by scheduling them in the afternoon sitting, every Wednesday, to allow the House to consider Motions by individual Members on Wednesday, morning sittings," said Hon. Baya.

He added that typically, Members spend three hours deliberating these Motions. This monopolizes the entire morning or afternoon session, making it challenging to address a substantial number of Motions on queue.

Seconding the Motion, Hon. Samwel Chepkonga (Ainabkoi) who is a Member of the HBC confirmed to the House that the HBC had agreed on the need to fast-track the Motions that have been pending in the House.



The Deputy Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) moved the Motion on limitation of debate on Motions sponsored by individual Members



Quotes of The Week

Comments on a Petition on Payment of retirement dues and pension to retired teachers



"It is true that teachers are suffering in terms of getting their pensions. I would want to urge the Petitions Committee to also look into ways whereby the Teachers' Service Commission can have a liaison officer at the pensions department in order to speed up the processing of these payments to teachers, it's a real grave issue."

Hon. Omboko Milemba, MP, Emuhaya



"I have been a teacher for twenty years and I understand and can relate with the struggles of teachers. Pension is very important, we have been called so often by the teachers who retired, yet in the real sense it takes more than one or even two years or more for them to attain their pension. Some even die, before getting the benefit and their families never see the money."

Hon. Beatrice Kemei, Kericho County MP,



"Delaying these pensions, in my view have contributed to some retirees to dying early, and yet the date of retirement is known the day that you are employed. Why is it not possible to actually process the retirement payments in time, so that the day you go, as they are saying goodbye to you, you start with your new life with your retirement payment?"

Hon. James Nyikal, MP, Seme



"Why can't the Petitions Committee look at it from a point of view of proposing a law that will ensure that if a teacher retires, rather than going to wait for pension, they can get half the payment, until when TSC is able to completely settle their dues. Or, to make a law that makes it mandatory for TSC and Treasury to make these payments within a stipulated period like 6 months."

Hon. David Pkosing, MP, Pokot South

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Tana River County MP lauds completion of irrigation project



Tana River County Leaders accompanying H.E President William Ruto on a development tour of Tana River County

Tana River County Leaders including the Woman Representative Hon. Amina Dika Abdillahi, the Governor H.E Amb. Tuneya Hussein Dado, among others hosted H.E President Dr. William Samoei Ruto on a development tour of Tana River County.

H.E President William Ruto was in Tana River to commission the

Tana Delta Irrigation Scheme. The Project will see hundreds of farmers in the county irrigate an estimated 12,000 hectares of rice.

“We are grateful to the Government for reviving this project as it will create job opportunities and reduce food scarcity,” said Hon. Abdillahi during the launch.

Baringo County MP commissions LED high mast floodlights



Baringo County MP Hon. Jematiah Sergon Commissioning a 30M LED high mast flood lights in Mogotio town last week

In a bid to fulfil her promise to the people of Baringo County on economic growth, raising living standards and security for all, the County MP Hon Jematiah Sergon has embarked on a street lighting mission to light up the towns of Baringo.

Hon. Jematiah last week commissioned Kshs.30 million LED high mast flood lights at Emining Junction, Noiwet Centre and Mogotio town. The initiative is aimed at empowering women, youth and the persons living with Disabilities.

“By providing much-needed lighting in areas that were previously dark and dangerous, this will help helped to reduce crime rates, improve road safety, and provide a safe environment for women and children to move around at night,” said Hon Jematiah.

This in turn will improve trade and commerce in these areas, as well as reducing the risk of accidents and crime.

Reusable ablution blocks the game changer in Sabatia Constituency

Hon. Clement Sloya (Sabatia) has embarked on redefining the state of sanitation in schools within the constituency, a move aimed at providing an enabling environment of healthy living, thus yielding high results for pupils. Construction of reusable ablution blocks in schools through the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) is steadily replacing the classical pit latrines which are costly in the long run and environmentally unfriendly.

This is in tandem with Hon Sloya’s blueprint for Sabatia where infrastructural development in learning institutions remains central to his education plan for the constituency.

Most public schools in Sabatia have benefited from the initiative among them; Ikobero Girls Secondary School, Maganyi Primary and Mwiliza Primary (Busali Ward), Lusenge-li Primary (Wodanga Ward), Kigama Primary (North Maragoli) Chavakali Primary and Walodeya Primary (Chavakali Ward), Ellongo Primary (Izava Lyadyuwa Ward).



Nyali MP Hon. Mohammed Ali sponsors basketball tournament, seeks to engage youth

The MP for Nyali Constituency in Mombasa County Hon. Mohamed Ali has delivered on his promise to spearhead sports sponsorships as a youth empowerment tool in the coastal region. This initiative, is in recognition that the youth in his constituency face a myriad of challenges, among them; drug abuse, unemployment, high dependency levels that lead to slow economic growth, increasing poverty levels and rising crime.

The MP has set a path to reclaim as

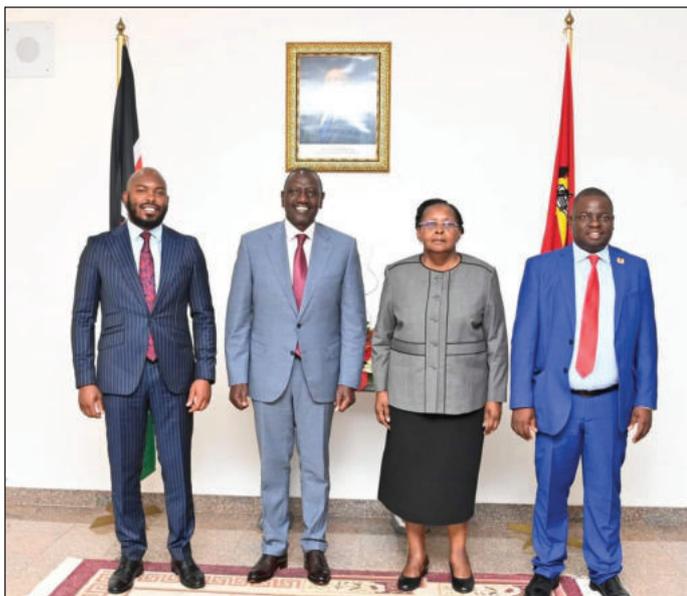


many youth as possible by ensuring that they achieve their dreams in life. The MP hopes to achieves this through a basketball tournament among many other sports tournaments that he has initiated in his the constituency .

“Basketball, like many other sports teaches us the true value of team work. Through sports, our youth learn that the team and not the individual is ultimately the champion. My advice to the teams; dribble with your heart, shoot with your soul. In basketball and in life, give it everything you’ve got!” said Hon. Ali. During the tournament, the MP distributed sports jerseys to all participating teams.



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From right Hon. Fred Ikana MP Shinyalu, Esperança Laurinda Francisco Nhiume Bias, Speaker of the Mozambican National Assembly, President H.E William Ruto and Hon. GG Kagombe Mp Gatundu South, at the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique in Maputo.



The chairperson of the Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity Hon. Yusuf Adan Haji, MP and the Vice chairperson Hon. Oku Kaunya pose for a photo with a delegation of the Interpeace and the National Steering Committee (NSC) from Yemen after a courtesy call in Nairobi.



Gold Winners of the Special Olympics Team that represented Kenya in Germany visited the Parliament Buildings. Hon. Tim Wanyoyi, Hon. Beatrice Elachi, Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, and Hon. Jackson Kosgei were there to welcome them.



Kitui Rural MP Hon. David Mboni (right), Garsen MP Hon. Ali Wario (2nd right) and Kapenguria MP Samuel Moroto (left), shares a light moment with National Treasury CS Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (2nd left) and PS Dr. Chris Kiptoo (center).



Members of the National Assembly Defence Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee pose for a photo outside the chamber with a visiting Delegation of Mozambican Parliament. The-10 Member team also met the Administration and Internal Security Committee.

Public Health Concerns At Lang'ata Cemetery



THAT, aware that, Article 42 of the Constitution provides for the right of every person to a clean and healthy environment; further aware that, Article 69 of the Constitution obligates the State to ensure sustainable utilization of the environment and natural resources including land;

Recognizing that, the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution assigns to the National Government the function of land planning including the general principles of land planning and the coordination of the planning by counties, as well as matters of health policy; further recognizing that, there is ongoing public outcry regarding the neglect of Lang'ata public cemetery was declared full close to two decades ago;

Concerned that, this matter has been left unaddressed and poses a significant health risks to the public; deeply concerned that, this situation has led to overcrowding and double-allocation of burial sites with bodies being buried in shallow graves leading to frequent uncovering by wild animals from the nearby national park; further concerned that, this has caused untold anguish, pain and suffering to bereaved families, and psychological torment to the neighbouring community;

Now therefore, this House urges the National Government through the Ministry of Health to urgently conduct an assessment of the public health risks posed by the continued use of the Lang'ata Cemetery, and to institute mitigatory measures and collaborate with other stakeholders, including the Nairobi City County Government, to identify suitable alternative land for use as a cemetery.

Hon. Phelix Odiwuor (Lang'ata)

Development and implementation of a programme for voluntary regularization of land occupied by squatters for a prescribed period



THAT, aware that, lack of access to ownership of productive assets, in particular to land is one of the very serious sources of economic and social insecurity for Kenyans; further aware that many communities particularly, in rural income dwellers, the only way of accessing land to put up their dwellings has been to take up residence on land that is unfit for human habitation;

aware that, the Bill of Rights in Chapter Four of the Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to adequate housing and reasonable standards of sanitation; noting that, there are very many squatters who have settled on land that belongs to either absentee landlords, un-adjudicated land, public land or community land for long periods of times, with some disputed while others are undisputed;

Concerned that, the issue of land settlement in many urban areas particularly in the informal settlements has remained unresolved, with numerous persons remaining squatters; further aware that, section 7 of the Limitation of Actions Act, 2010 provides for the right to claim for settlement on certain land after the prescribed period;

Recognizing the need for the Ministry of Lands to hasten the process of identifying parcels of land occupied by squatters where there are no disputes from any party(s);

This House resolves that the Government develops and implements a policy for voluntary regularization of land occupied by squatters for a prescribed period, including negotiations for financial settlements across the country to address the challenges facing the said squatters

Hon. Mark Mwenje (Embakasi West)

Expansion of drug And Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Centres



THAT, aware that, according to the National Protocol for Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Kenya by the Ministry of Health, drug abuse has been increasing in Kenya especially among the youth with statistics indicating that more than half of drug users are aged between 10 and 19 years;

further aware that, research released by the National Authority for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA) in December 2022 placed western region as the leading region in alcohol and substance abuse at 23.8 percent, followed by the coast region at 13.9 percent and the central region at 11.9 percent;

recognizing that, the high level of drug abuse in the western region is attributable to illegal entry points from neighbouring countries and unlicensed establishments especially in Bungoma and Busia counties with statistics indicating two out of every five establishments in Bungoma operate illegally;

Further recognizing that, a majority of the consumers of illegal substances are school-going children who end up dropping out of school;

Cognizant of the fact that the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2010 established the Alcoholic Drinks Control Fund whose purpose is to, among other things, facilitate the dissemination of information on alcoholic drinks, and promote rehabilitation programmes in the country;

This House urges the Government to institute intensive programmes for the dissemination of information on alcohol and substance abuse in line with the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2010 and to increase the number of rehabilitation centres across the counties.

Hon. John Makali (Kanduyi)

Banning the growing of Eucalyptus trees in the Country



THAT, aware that, the eucalyptus tree species are popular among large scale and commercial tree farmers in Kenya; noting that, these tree species are grown in most ecological zones in the country and in particular in the Western, Central Rift Valley, Central Kenya, parts of Eastern and the Coastal Regions of the country;

Acknowledging that, farming of the eucalyptus trees has been on the rise due to their fast growth, good economic returns and diverse commercial uses such as transmission poles, fuelwood, timber, plywood, pulp, fencing posts and building materials among others; concerned that, eucalyptus trees species are majorly cited as high water depleting agents through high consumption, transpiration and evaporation thus causing the drying up of streams, rivers and depletion of groundwater water sources; deeply concerned that, the high depletion of water by the said trees has caused adverse negative effects on soil fertility, land degradation and are a serious threat to the biodiversity;

Recognizing that, due to the serious threats posed by the Eucalyptus trees to the biodiversity, there is need therefore for their removal and replacement with other types of trees to improve conservation of water sources and the ecosystem; this House resolves that the National Government through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry –

- i. Orders absolute banning of planting eucalyptus trees and encourages planting of indigenous species across the country;
- ii. Orders the uprooting of all eucalyptus trees and replacement with other varieties of trees particularly, indigenous species to ensure conservation of water sources and preserve the ecosystem; and
- iii. Initiates the process of putting in place punitive measures against persons who defy the above orders.

Hon. Moses Kirima (Central Imenti)

QUESTION TIME

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary makes maiden appearance before House, faces questions on human-wildlife conflict

With the country and Horn of Africa just emerging from the worst drought in 40 years, exacerbated by climate change, Kenya has this year witnessed her fair share of conflicts between humans and wild animals.

Cases of elephants and other wild animals wandering into human settlements in search of food and water, sometimes resulting in violent and deadly clashes, caught the attention of the House. The Cabinet Secretary responsible for tourism and wildlife, Ms. Peninah Malonza, appeared before the House on Wednesday, 16th August, 2023 to apprise Members on the steps her Ministry has taken to address this matter.

CS Malonza highlighted various short-term measures which include, stationing staff in all the protected areas, collaboration with stakeholders to help manage or limit wildlife encroachment, wildlife drive operations to drive problematic animals away from farming or the community settled areas and instituting wildlife barriers.

She further told the House that her Ministry had taken other measures including: providing public education and awareness to residents, establishing community conservancies, providing water in wildlife conservancies, capturing and translocating problematic wildlife, deploying of technology to monitor movement and activities of large mammals and payment of compensation claims.

According to the CS, the Ministry has also put in place long-terms measures which include; land registration and titling to correct the land use issues causing HWCs, restoration and regeneration of degraded habitats and restoration of wildlife corridors and dispersal areas, improvement of community livelihoods through benefit sharing, and anchoring



The Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, Ms. Peninah Malonza, responding to questions from Members when she appeared before the House last week during Question Time.

wildlife sector economy and carbon/biodiversity credit and financing, to support the dwindling financing of conservation initiatives.

The CS noted that her Ministry allocated Kshs. 50 million for the Tourism Promotion Fund to fence Kitui South and Mwingi North reserve areas.

With regard to compensation of persons affected by human-wildlife conflict, the CS noted that in Kitui County, a total of 219 individual are eligible for payment. She added that a partial payment of Kshs.52,856,386 will be made between July and August, 2023., while the balance of 29 claims valued at Ksh.76,948,048 will be paid from the Kshs. 1 billion allocation in the Financial Year 2023/2024.

Reports laid on the Table of the House: Tuesday 15th August, 2023 to Thursday 17th August, 2023.

Tuesday 15th August, 2023

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 15th August, 2023:-

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| <p>(i) Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its inspection visit of Kenyan embassies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait held from 5th to 12th May, 2023.</p> <p>(ii) Quarterly Economic and Budgetary Review report for the Fourth Quarter for the financial year 2022/2023 – period ending 30th June, 2023 from the National Treasury and Planning.</p> <p>(iii) Report of National Government Guarantees for the Fiscal Year</p> | <p>2022/2023 (1st July 2022 to 3rd June 2023) from the National Treasury and Economic Planning.</p> <p>(iv) Second Quarterly report of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission for year covering the period: 1st April, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 from the Office of the Attorney General.</p> <p>(v) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following</p> |
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Institutions for the year ended 30th June 2022 and the certificates therein: -

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| <p>a. Bar Mathonye Vocational Training Centre;</p> <p>b. Kandaria Vocational Training Centre;</p> <p>c. Obwolo Vocational Training Centre;</p> | <p>d. Ebukanga Technical and Vocational College;</p> <p>e. Sirisia Technical and Vocational College; and</p> <p>f. Lake Basin Development Authority.</p> |
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- (vi) (vi) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the

Following Constituencies for the year ended 30th June 2022 and the certificates therein: -

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| <p>a. Githunguri;</p> <p>b. Embakasi East;</p> <p>c. Embakasi South;</p> | <p>d. Funyula; and</p> <p>e. Kuria West.</p> |
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT-SECOND SESSION-2023

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:

1. THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15 OF 2023)
2. THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 30 OF 2023)

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2023); and the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2023) were read a First Time on **Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023** and thereafter referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that:

1. **The Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2023)** sponsored by the **Member for Sirisia Constituency (The Hon. John Waluke, MP)** with the principal object being to amend the Parliamentary Pensions Act, Cap 196. It proposes to raise the amount of pension due to former Members of Parliament who served between 1st July 1984 and 1st January 2001 to a minimum sum of Kenya Shillings one hundred thousand (Kshs 100,000).
2. **The Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2023)** sponsored by the **Member for Homa Bay Constituency (The Hon. George Peter Kaluma, MP)** with the principal object being to amend the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003 to delete the provisions providing for the disqualification of persons convicted of corruption or economic crimes from being elected or appointed as public officers.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees as listed below:

S/ NO.	BILL	COMMITTEE
1.	The Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2023)	Finance and National Planning
2.	The Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2023)	Justice and Legal Affairs

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Tuesday 22nd August, 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
10th August 2023

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
13TH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE BRITISH ARMY TRAINING UNIT IN KENYA (BATUK)

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, Article 95 of the Constitution mandates the National Assembly to represent the people, deliberate on issues of concern to the people and exercise oversight of state organs. The National Government under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution is mandated to oversee National defence and the use of national defence services;

FURTHER, WHEREAS, Kenya and the United Kingdom have a Defence Cooperation Agreement that, among others, allows the British Army Training Unit in Kenya (BATUK) to operate in the Country. The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations is carrying out an inquiry into the conduct of BATUK in the country and consequently, report to the House;

FURTHER, WHEREAS, The main objective of the Inquiry is to conduct a comprehensive investigation into alleged malpractices within BATUK since its inception to date under the following terms of reference:-

- a) **To investigate alleged ethical breaches** related to ethical misconduct, including corruption, fraud, discrimination, abuse of power, and other unethical behaviors.
- b) **To investigate allegations of Human Rights violations** including mistreatment, torture, unlawful detention, killings, or any other violations of internationally recognized human rights standards.
- c) **To assess BATUK's operational integrity** especially safety protocols, compliance with legal requirements and adherence to established military standards.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, the Committee hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the specific terms of reference of the inquiry as outlined or on any other relevant issue they may wish to draw the attention of the Committee to.

The memoranda should be addressed to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke; to be received **on or before Friday 6th October 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Friday 11th August, 2023

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICES (AN-PBO)

Theme: The Role of PBOs in African Parliaments Fiscal Oversight; Contribution to the African Development Agenda

Dates: 27th August - 1st September 2023

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