

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_ (No. 024 of 2025) _____

KAMUKUNJI ON MODALITIES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EXERCISE FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

Honourable Members,

- **1.** You may recall that on Thursday, 17th April 2025, I issued a Communication on the planned granular public participation exercise on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025. The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of Kenya to entrench the National Government Constituencies Fund, the Senate Oversight Fund and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund in the Constitution.
- 2. In the Communication, I noted that in compliance with Article 256(2) of the Constitution, the country-wide public participation would be undertaken from Monday, 5th May to Wednesday, 7th May 2025, in all the Constituency and County Offices.

Honourable Members,

3. Additionally, pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution, the Clerk placed advertisements in the Daily Newspapers on Monday, 21st and Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, inviting members of the public to attend public hearings, to make oral submissions or submit memoranda on the Bill to amend the Constitution.

- 4. The advertisements provided for a two weeks' notice before the commencement of country-wide public participation hearings. The Clerk has reported that his Office has already received, and continues to receive, numerous submissions from the public through the email addresses provided.
- **5. Honourable Members,** I also directed the Clerk to organise a *Kamukunji* where Members would be apprised on the modalities and administrative arrangements put in place to facilitate the said public participation exercise.
- 6. In this regard, Honourable Members, I wish to inform you that the *Kamukunji* has been scheduled for next week Tuesday, 29th April 2025, at 11:00 am in the Main Chamber. This initiative is of critical importance as Members will play a central role in spearheading the process within their respective constituencies and counties.

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- 7. The forum will also present an opportunity for Members to discuss other matters relating to welfare of Members and facilitation of representation and oversight roles of Members and the House.
- 8. I therefore, implore upon all of you to attend this important briefing that will ensure a unified understanding and effective coordination as we engage with the public on this exercise.
- **9.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.

THE HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, M.P. SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 24th April 2025