

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 049 of 2025) _____

TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF THE AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK TO THE KAJIADO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Honourable Members,

- **1.**Under Section 26 of the Intergovernmental Relations Act, Cap. 265F, and in keeping with Article 187(1) of the Constitution, any transfer or delegation of powers between the national and county governments must be formally notified to this House. Subsection (4) of the Act provides that the National Assembly shall be informed of every such decision.
- 2. It is in this spirit that I bring to your attention a letter received in my office on 22nd October 2025 from the Intergovernmental Technical Relations Committee (IGRTC). The letter, bearing the title Notification of the Transfer of the Management of Amboseli National Park to Kajiado County Government from the National Government, informs the House of an Agreement signed on 14th October 2025 between the National Government and the County Government of Kajiado.
- 3. The core provisions of the accompanying Deed of Transfer are as follows:

First, the County Government of Kajiado will assume full responsibility for the day-to-day management of Amboseli National Park. This includes safeguarding its ecological integrity and fostering local community involvement through conservation education and initiatives promoting peaceful human-wildlife coexistence.

Second, funding for the transferred function will be sourced from park revenues collected jointly via the eCitizen platform, supplemented by appropriations from the Kajiado County Assembly.

Five percent of all revenues will be retained by the National Government to support wildlife research, ecological monitoring, and capacity-building through the State Department for Wildlife and the Wildlife Research and Training Institute.

Third, net revenues from park operations will be shared progressively over three financial years, beginning 1st July 2026. From the 2028/2029 financial year onward, the County Government of Kajiado will receive one hundred percent of the net revenues.

Fourth, the Deed is set for an initial term of fifteen years, renewable by mutual consent. Both levels of government will receive annual performance reports, and the National Assembly and the Kajiado County Assembly will be kept informed. A joint comprehensive review is scheduled two years after the Deed takes effect.

- **4. Honourable Members,** the letter and the Deed are hereby referred to the Committee on Regional Development—under whose mandate devolution squarely falls—for noting.
- **5.**In strict compliance with Section 26(4) of the Intergovernmental Relations Act, Cap. 265F, this House is formally notified of the transfer.

I thank you.

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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