



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Deputy Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Deputy Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the further ten minutes;

The Deputy Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. **MOTION – DEBATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT – (2ND DAY)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 27 (6), the Senate –

- a) records its thanks for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President, delivered on Thursday, 20th November, 2025 and laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025; and

- b) notes the following Reports submitted by His Excellency the President in fulfilment of Articles 132 (1) (c) (1) and 240 (7) of the Constitution, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 –
 - i. 12th Annual Report on all measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of National Values and Principles of Governance; and
 - ii. The Annual Report to Parliament on the state of National Security, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 25.11.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) deferred the reply by the Mover to a later date.

5. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS’ DIALOGUE AT THE AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT, 2023 HELD IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, NAIROBI ON 3RD – 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**
(Sen. Moses Kajwang’, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the Parliamentarians’ Dialogue at the Africa Climate Summit, 2023 held in the National Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, on 3rd – 6th September, 2023, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024.

Order read;

Order deferred.

6. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF) OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) HELD IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) ON 22ND JULY, 2025**
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in New York, United States of America (USA) on 22nd July, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 4th November, 2025.

Order read;

Order deferred.

7. **MOTION – PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect their interests, determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the County Governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, in the case of The Senate, the Council of Governors and 6 others Petition No. 24 and 27 of 2029 (consolidated) 2022 KESC No. 57(KLR), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Senate's oversight authority extends to both nationally allocated and locally generated revenue;

CONCERNED THAT, that Senators are constrained by lack of access to real time to data from the IFMIS system for the respective counties they represent, thus affecting effective oversight of County Governments;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in some instances data and information presented to the Senate by the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget are received and considered late as a result of the backlog resulting into too much information not getting properly reviewed by Senators;

NOTING THAT, as a result of unchecked financial information and systems, County Governments have continued to accumulate pending bills resulting from unplanned expenditures, unaccounted for and inflated cost of projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves, that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the National Treasury shall on a monthly basis forward to the Clerk of the Senate all IFMIS transactions and reports for each County Government for onward transmission to the respective Senator for information on accountability and transparency, in order to strengthen their constitutional oversight and promote good governance in the management of public finances.

Order read;

Order deferred.

8. **MOTION – MAINSTREAMING GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PROCESSES**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees the right to equality and freedom from discrimination, with Article 27(3)

providing that women and men have the right to equal treatment, including the right to equal opportunities in political, economic, cultural and social spheres;

FURTHER AWARE that Article 27(8) obligates the State to take legislative and other measures to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups as a result of past discrimination, and to ensure that not more than two-thirds of members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender;

COGNIZANT THAT mainstreaming gender perspectives in all aspects of governance is essential to achieving inclusive development and safeguarding the rights and welfare of all citizens, particularly women, girls and other marginalized groups;

CONCERNED THAT the integration of gender considerations remain inconsistent across the two levels of government and that legislative processes have often resulted to policies that do not adequately address gender-specific needs and realities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate –

- a) urges Parliament, County Assemblies and their respective legislative committees to incorporate a gender analysis in the scrutiny of legislation, policies, programmes and budgets before them, including through the use of gender impact assessments and consultation with gender-focused stakeholders to ensure gender-responsive governance;
- b) recommends that the National Gender and Equality Commission and the State Department for Gender develops clear guidelines and tools to support the integration of gender perspectives in legislative, policy and budgetary analysis, and ensures these are disseminated and adopted by relevant government and legislative bodies;
- c) further urges the National Gender and Equality Commission and State Department for Gender to collaborate with the Kenya Law Reform Commission, and County Assembly Service Boards to build capacity for gender analysis among technical and legislative staff;
- d) urges the State Department for Gender to submit to Parliament a comprehensive biannual report detailing actions taken by Ministries, Departments and Agencies to promote gender mainstreaming, key achievements, emerging challenges, and proposed interventions; and
- e) resolves that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare continuously monitor the implementation of these resolutions and tables biannual report on the status of implementation.

Order read;

Order deferred.

9. **MOTION – MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING IN KENYA**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Article 42 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes access to safe energy options;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, over 900 million Africans, including more than 90% of households in Kenya’s rural areas, still rely on traditional biomass (firewood, charcoal, animal waste) for cooking, resulting in high levels of indoor air pollution that cause premature deaths, particularly among women and children;

CONCERNED THAT, in Kenya, indoor air pollution has been linked to over 23,000 annual deaths, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of time spent collecting firewood and cooking, limiting their education and economic opportunities;

NOTING THAT, traditional cooking methods contribute significantly to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate vulnerability at the county level, undermining national commitments under the Energy Act, 2019, the Climate Change Act, 2016, and Kenya’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECALLING THAT, the Africa Clean Cooking Summit (Paris, 2023) mobilized USD 2.2 billion in commitments for clean cooking, and the International Energy Agency has recommended urgent financing and policy action to achieve universal access by 2040;

ACKNOWLEDGING, the efforts of some counties, development partners, and private sector actors in piloting clean cooking projects, but recognizing that these remain small-scale and fragmented;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the –

1. Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;
2. National Treasury and Ministry of Energy prioritize clean cooking in financing frameworks, including results-based financing and blended finance models to de-risk private investment;
3. County Governments incorporate clean cooking targets in their County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and ensure public institutions such as schools, health facilities, and prisons adopt clean cooking solutions;

4. National Treasury and County Governments to fast-track letters of authorization to unlock carbon finance markets (Article 6.2 and CORSIA) for clean cooking projects;
5. County Governments engage the private sector actors, and community organizations to expand clean cooking access, create local jobs, and reduce pressure on forest resources.

Order read;

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty-four minutes past Eleven O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-four minutes past Eleven O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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