



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 AT 9.30 AM

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Questions and Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
8. **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);

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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.
9. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE AI HELD FROM 28TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 2025 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**
(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Conference on the role of parliament in shaping the future of responsible AI held from 28th to 30th November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24th February, 2026.

10. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE 3RD COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES (CPwD) AFRICA REGION CONFERENCE HELD IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA FROM 24TH - 28TH FEBRUARY, 2025**
(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the 3rd Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) Africa Region Conference held in

Lusaka, Zambia from 24th -28th February, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on 7th August, 2025.

11. **MOTION - REPORTS OF THE KENYA DELEGATION TO THE SITTINGS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP) COMMITTEES AND OTHER PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP) ORGANS HELD AT GALLAGHER CONVENTION CENTRE, MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA ON 13TH SEPTEMBER TO 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AND 28TH OCTOBER TO 17TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

(Sen. (Dr.) Danson Mungatana, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Reports of the Kenya Delegation to the Sittings of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) Committees and other Pan-African Parliament (PAP) Organs held at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, South Africa on 13th September to 20th September, 2024; and 28th October to 17th November, 2024, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025.

NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 11th February, 2026 as follows: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner: -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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APPENDIX

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

QUESTIONS

Question No. 024 The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide details on the forms of support the Ministry extends to county governments to build capacity for sustainable market management and to ensure uninterrupted operations in key markets, and explain how the Ministry monitors the effectiveness of such support?
- b) What oversight mechanisms exist to facilitate National Government intervention whenever recommendations for operational improvements are not implemented fully and promptly or whenever county-level decisions adversely impact local economic activity, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide details on any instance where such mechanisms were invoked?
- c) What proactive strategies is the Ministry implementing to ensure the continuity of market operations, promote economic resilience and protect traders' livelihoods, particularly in high-volume trading hubs across the country?

Question No. 026 The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary indicate the current status of investigations into the fatal bus accident that occurred on 9th August, 2025, at the Coptic roundabout in Mamboleo along the Kisumu–Kakamega highway, which claimed the lives of 26 persons and left several others injured?
- b) Has the Ministry undertaken a road safety audit and black-spot mapping for roads leading to Kisumu City, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide timelines for the implementation of remedial measures, including installation of signage, speed control mechanisms and enhanced traffic enforcement?

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- c) What measures has the Ministry put in place to address the rising number of fatal accidents involving long-distance passenger buses, particularly on roads serving the western region of Kenya?

Question No. 027

The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the measures the Ministry has adopted to cushion small-scale traders against eroded profit margins caused by the rising cost of essential commodities?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary clarify whether the Ministry intends to expand access to affordable credit through the Hustler Fund, SACCOs or other credit guarantee schemes for informal traders in Kisumu, given that current interest rates remain as high as 23-24%?
- c) What safeguards exist to ensure that women and youth traders, who form the majority in Kisumu's informal markets, are equitably included in these credit support programmes?

Question No. 035

Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development:

- a) When will the Ministry ensure payment of outstanding terminal dues to the laid-off staff of the defunct Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU), numbering four hundred and two (402), who were separated from service between 2002 and 2010, and who are owed approximately Kshs. 400 million?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary state whether the Ministry has a comprehensive payment schedule for settlement of the said staff dues, indicating timelines, amounts payable and beneficiaries, and whether the schedule provides for interest accruing from the date the payments fell due, including timelines for payment of such interest?

Question No. 036

Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain when the Ministry plans to pay outstanding proceeds due to coffee farmers for coffee sold through the defunct Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU) in the Coffee Pool Year 2008/2009, amounting to approximately Kshs. 60 million?

- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary further explain whether the Ministry has a payment schedule for the affected farmers, indicating timelines, amounts payable and beneficiaries, and whether the schedule provides for interest accruing from the date the proceeds fell due, including timelines for payment of such interest?

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1))

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting).

A. BILLS AT SECOND READING

- i. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)
(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)
- ii. *THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)
- iii. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 52 OF 2024)
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)
- iv. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2025)
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)
- v. *THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

B. BILLS AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- i. *THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)
(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)
- ii. **THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)
- iii. ****THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)
- iv. *THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

- v. ****THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- vi. *THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)
- vii. *THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)
(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)
- viii. ***THE KENYA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 72 OF 2023)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

C. MOTIONS

- i. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY HON. ISAIAH MAINA, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY (MCA) OF NANDI COUNTY REPRESENTING OL'LESSOS WARD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ACT (CAP. 265)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)
 - ii. REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF SELECT COMMITTEES DURING THE THIRD SESSION (2024)
(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee)
 - iii. PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE
(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)
 - iv. DELINK JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS
(Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP)
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