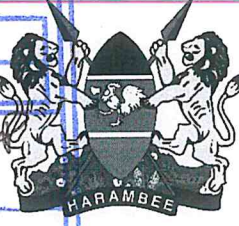


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COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

REPORT

ON

**THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CHARTER FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KENYA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

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**The Directorate of Audit, Appropriations
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AG	Attorney General
CBS	Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CUE	Commission for University Education
DLS	Directorate of Legislative and Procedural Services
EGH	Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart
EBS	Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear
GoK	Government of Kenya
KIAST	Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
LN	Legal Notice
MDA	Ministry, Department and Agency
MP	Member of Parliament
OAG	Office of the Auditor-General
ODM	Orange Democratic Movement
UDM	United Democratic Movement
UDA	United Democratic Alliance
UPA	United Progressive Alliance
UPIA	United Party of Independent Alliance
WDM–Kenya	Wiper Democratic Movement–Kenya

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Draft Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute for Science and Technology was tabled in the House on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 for Parliamentary approval pursuant to section 24 (1)(b) of the Universities Act, 2012. The purpose of the Charter is to establish the Kenya Institute for Advanced Science and Technology as a specialized institution to offer post graduate studies focused on innovation and research.

The Draft Charter, a copy of the Cabinet Memorandum and a letter from the Commission of University Education recommending the award of charter for the establishment of the Kenya-AIST were submitted to Parliament for parliamentary approval.

The Committee on Delegated Legislation met with the Principal Secretary, State Department of Higher Education and Research, the Principal Secretary, State Department for Information, Communication and Digital Economy and the Commission of University Education on Thursday, 26th March 2026 to consider the Draft Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute for Science and Technology.

The Committee observed that the Cabinet at its 2nd Cabinet Meeting – 2025 held on 11th March 2025 considered and approved the Cabinet Memorandum on the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST). The Cabinet also approved the transmittal of the grant of the Cabinet approval on the establishment of the Kenya-AIST for approval by Parliament. The Committee also observed that the Draft Charter had also been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General for forwarding to Parliament for approval pursuant to section 24(1) of the Universities Act, No.42 of 2012.

Having examined the Draft Charter for the establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, the Committee resolved to recommend that the House **Committee recommends that the House APPROVES the award of Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology pursuant to section 24(1) of the Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012.**

I sincerely thank the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the invaluable support accorded to the Committee in the discharge of its mandate. I also wish to thank the Committee Membership and the Secretariat for their diligence in considering these Regulations. On behalf of the Members of the Committee on Delegated Legislation and pursuant to Standing Order 210, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House the Committee's ***Report on the Consideration of the Draft Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.***


HON. CHEPKONG'A KIPRONO SAMUEL, CBS, MP.

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION.

I.0 PREFACE

I.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Select Committee on Delegated Legislation is established under **Standing Order No. 210** of the National Assembly Standing Orders and is mandated to consider statutory instruments submitted to Parliament for consideration. The Committee is expected to consider, in respect of any statutory instrument, whether it is in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Act pursuant to which it is made or other relevant written laws.
2. The Committee is mandated to consider, in respect of any statutory instrument, whether it:
 - a) is in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Act pursuant to which it is made or other relevant written laws;
 - b) infringes on fundamental rights and freedoms of the public;
 - c) contains a matter which, in the opinion of the Committee should more properly be dealt with in an Act of Parliament;
 - d) contains imposition of taxation;
 - e) directly or indirectly bars the jurisdiction of the Courts;
 - f) gives retrospective effect to any of the provisions in respect to which the Constitution or the Act does not expressly give any such power;
 - g) involves expenditure from the Consolidated Fund or other public revenues;

 - h) is defective in its drafting or for any reason the form or purport of the statutory instrument calls for any elucidation;
 - i) appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Constitution or the Act pursuant to which it is made;
 - j) appears to have had an unjustifiable delay in its publication or laying before Parliament;
 - k) makes rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
 - l) makes rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
 - m) inappropriately delegates legislative powers;
 - n) imposes a fine, imprisonment or other penalty without express authority having been provided for in the enabling legislation;

- o) appears for any reason to infringe on the rule of law;
 - p) inadequately subjects the exercise of legislative power to Parliamentary scrutiny; and
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- q) accords to any other reason that the Committee considers fit to examine.

I.2 Committee Membership

3. The Committee membership comprises –

Chairperson

Hon. Chepkong’ a Kiprono Samuel, CBS, M.P.

Ainabkoi Constituency

UDA

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Githinji Robert Gichimu, M.P.

Gichugu Constituency

UDA

Committee Members

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Kathiani Constituency

WDM-Kenya

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Kilgoris Constituency

KANU

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Machakos County

WDM-Kenya

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Charles, M.P.**

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UPA

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M.P.**

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Kiambu Constituency

UDA

Hon. Chebor, Paul Kibet, M. P

Rongai Constituency

UDA

Hon. Yakub Adow Kuno, M. P

Bura Constituency

UPIA

**Hon. (Maj) (Rtd) Abdullahi, Bashir
Sheikh, M.P.**

Mandera North Constituency

UDM

Hon. Mwirigi John Paul, M.P.

Igembe South Constituency

Hon. Odoyo, Jared Okello, M.P.

Nyando Constituency

UDA

Hon. Chepkorir Linet, M.P.

Bomet County

UDA

Hon. Oluoch, Anthony Tom M.P.

Mathare Constituency

ODM

Hon. Moses Okoth Omondi M.P.

Ugunja Constituency

ODM

Hon. Mugabe Innocent Maino, M.P.

Likuyani Constituency

ODM

ODM

Hon. Munyoro Joseph Kamau, M.P.

Kigumo Constituency

UDA

Hon. Lenguris Pauline, M.P.

Samburu County

UDA

Hon Mnyazi Amina Laura, MP.

Malindi Constituency

ODM

I.3 Committee Secretariat

4. The Secretariat facilitating the Committee comprises –

(1) Ms. Wanjiru Mwaura Principal Clerk I (Team Leader)

(2) Mr. Dima Dima Deputy Director-DLS

a. Mr. Brian Langwech Clerk Assistant III

b. Mr. Grace Odedere Clerk Assistant III

c. Ms. Peter Barasa Legal Counsel II

d. Ms. Angela Musau Legal Counsel II

e. Ms. Brenda Michira Research Officer III

f. Mr. Noah Chemweno Serjeant at Arms

g. Mr. Daniel Psirmoi Media Relations Officer

2.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CHARTER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KENYA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

5. The establishment of the Kenya-AIST is a major milestone towards the development of innovation and research in line with the National Research Fund Strategic Plan 2023-2027 the Vision 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
6. Section 24(1)(a) of the Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012 provides that the President, on the recommendation of the Commission for University Education, through the Cabinet Secretary, and with the approval of Parliament, may by award of Charter, establish a specialized degree-awarding institution or institutions whose mandate shall be of strategic importance.
7. The Draft Charter, a copy of the Cabinet Memorandum and a letter from the Commission of University Education recommending the award of charter for the establishment of the Kenya-AIST were submitted to Parliament for parliamentary approval.

2.2 Rationale for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute for Science and Technology

8. The proposed Kenya-AIST is anchored on a postgraduate academic model designed to position Kenya and the broader African region as a competitive hub for advanced learning in research and innovation.
9. It aims at building a critical mass of scientists and engineers who will advance research and development. This will enhance productivity and narrow the country's export/import imbalance.
10. The Institute will prioritize the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty through globally competitive remuneration, structured research funding, and an enabling academic environment.
11. In addition, the Institute will implement targeted incentives to attract top-tier students, including fully funded scholarships and formal recognition of prior industrial and professional experience.
12. Further, the Institute will advance digital and research skills thus enhancing employability in the line with the evolving labour market demands and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).
13. The Kenya-AIST will also promote collaboration with the private sector to facilitate technology transfer, support research training and development, and strengthen workforce competitiveness.
14. The Institute will attract a diverse student composition that will comprise 75 percent from Kenya, 15 percent from the rest of Africa, and 10 percent globally to foster cross-cultural

exchange, regional integration, and global academic visibility, positioning the Institute as a center of excellence.

2.3 Current Status of the Institute

15. The Commission for University Education and the Cabinet submitted the approved documents to the National Assembly for approval in accordance with section 24(I) of the Universities Act, No.42 of 2012.
16. The proposed Institute will offer seven (7) initial flagship Masters and PhD programs that will include:
 - a) Mechanical Engineering - Robotics, Industrial Machine, Production Technology;
 - b) Nuclear Engineering on – Nuclear Systems, Materials, Radiation;
 - c) Electrical and Electronic Engineering – Semiconductors, Energy, Communication;
 - d) Civil and Environmental Engineering – Transportation, Structural, Water Resources;
 - e) ICT Engineering – AI, Security Computing, Data Science;
 - f) Chemical Engineering – Polymer, Thermodynamics, Petrochemicals; and
 - g) Agri Biotechnology – Crop Production, Breeding, Food Science.
17. The physical infrastructure of the Institute has been fully developed and is situated within Konza Technopolis. In addition, the academic curriculum has been duly developed and is ready for implementation.
18. Additionally, the initial funding for the project commenced in 2015, primarily supporting feasibility studies and preliminary activities that laid the foundation for the establishment of the Institute.

2.4 Summary of the Draft Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

19. **Part I** provides for preliminary provisions
20. **Part II** provides for the establishment and functions of the Institute.
21. **Part III** provides for Membership and Management of the Institute which includes;
 - a) Membership of the Institute
 - b) The Chancellor
 - c) The Council
 - d) The Chairperson of the Council
 - e) Functions of the Council
 - f) Powers of the Council
 - g) The Vice-Chancellor
 - h) The Deputy Vice-Chancellors
 - i) The Senate
 - j) Principals of constituent colleges

- k) Principals of Colleges within the Institute
 - l) Students' Association
 - m) Alumni Association
 - n) Management Board
 - o) Staff of the Institute
 - p) Convocation
 - q) Performance of functions during incapacity of office holders
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22. **Part IV** is on the financial provisions

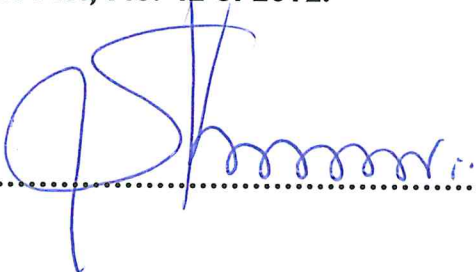
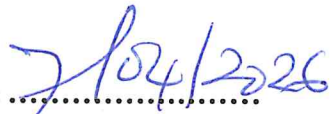
23. **Part V** is on miscellaneous provisions which include instruments of accreditation, instruments of authority, statutes, protection of name, repeal and transition and variation and revocation of the Charter.

3.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

24. The Committee having engaged the Principal Secretary of Higher Learning and Research, the Principal Secretary for Information, Communication and Digital Economy and the Commission on University Education on Thursday, 26th March 2026, in its consideration of the Draft Charter, observed that Cabinet at its 2nd Cabinet Meeting – 2025 held on 11th March 2025 considered and approved the Cabinet Memorandum on the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. The Cabinet also approved the transmittal of the grant of the Cabinet approval on the establishment of the Kenya-AIST for approval by Parliament.
 25. The Committee also observed that the Draft Charter had been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General for forwarding to Parliament for approval pursuant to section 24(1) of the Universities Act, No.42 of 2012.
 26. The Committee further observed that the proposed Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology will offer specialized postgraduate training focused on innovation and research.
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4.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

27. Having examined the Draft Charter for the establishment of the Kenya Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, the **Committee recommends that the House APPROVES** the award of Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in accordance with section 24(1) the Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012.

Signed  Date 

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