

**FIRST ASSEMBLY  
(037)**

**FOURTH SESSION  
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**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**  
**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**FIRST ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.**

1. The House convened at fifty-five minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with prayer.
3. **PRESIDING**-Hon Speaker on the Chair.
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Honourable members,I have one communication to make; I am in receipt of a letter from the County Ministry of Administration and Co-ordination of County Affairs on celebrating 3 years of devolution, April, 2016 programme.

I direct the Clerk to pin the same on the Assembly Noticeboard for members to refer to.

5. **MOTION ON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND AN INCLUSIVE LEGISLATION ON CEREALS AND TRADITIONAL CASH CROPS IN KITUI COUNTY (MCA Tseikuru Ward)**

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Motion made and question proposed;

**NOTING** that, agriculture is the mainstay of the Kitui County, the source of livelihood for the majority of the population and the main contributor of income for many families. Noting further, that, there was a bumper harvest following the recent rains.

**REGRETTING** that, due to poverty levels and increasing pressure on the family financial resources to cater for basic needs such as education, medical care and routine upkeep, most farmers are limited to selling their farm produce at low prices to middlemen who sell it back to them at exorbitant prices.

**REFERING** to Part Two of the Fourth Schedule of the Kenyan Constitution 2010, Agriculture is a devolved function of the County government. Further, under trade development and regulation, fair trading practices and cooperative societies are advocated for.

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that, in the committee report on the Kitui County Assembly Sorghum Bill, 2014, that was adopted and passed by the First Assembly, Second Session, it was proposed as quoted;

“THAT, as a matter of necessity, this Committee should engage the County Department of Agriculture with a view of coming up with a more inclusive legislation to cater for promotion of all traditional crops including cash crops that are grown within the county. These crops are cow-peas, millet, finger millet, castor seeds, green grams, cotton and sisal, among others”.

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This House therefore **RESOLVES THAT**;

1. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Industry, ICT and cooperatives to take the necessary action to program for a comprehensive initiative on mobilization and organizing of farmers into produce cooperatives.
2. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Industry, ICT and cooperatives to take the necessary action to develop a Bill on Kitui county cooperative societies for enactment by this Assembly.
3. The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Water and Irrigation to develop policy and program for urgent establishment of a Kitui County strategic grain reserves and cereals produce board.

*(Hon Dominic Kauthi)*

Debate arising;

**6. ADJOURNMENT;**

And by the leave of the Honourable Deputy Speaker the debate was interrupted, and the time being thirty minutes past Three O'clock, adjourned the House.

**7. ASSEMBLY ROSE- at thirty minutes past Three O'clock.**

***MEMORANDUM***

*The Honourable Speaker will take the chair on  
Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 2.30 P.M.*

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