

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Honorable Members,

Good Afternoon.

I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the Assembly. In harmony with our Sessional Calendar, this House proceeded on a recess with effect from 14th December, 2017 to 13th February, 2018. This being the first recess period for the Second County Assembly, it is my hope that the break provided you with much deserved rest. I trust that you all had an opportunity to attend to ward matters of utmost importance and interact with the electorate. As we commence this session I wish to laud you for your outstanding zeal in service to the citizens of Kitui County this far.

Honorable Members,

It is my pleasure to note that this House was able to perform a number of legislative activities during the First Session of the Second Assembly. As your Speaker, allow me to recap the same in order to ensure that we remain on course even as we focus on what lies ahead of us.

On 7th of September, 2017, Honorable Members, the Assembly through the Office of the Clerk efficiently facilitated the swearing in process of the newly elected and nominated members of the Second Assembly. I congratulate the Office for their tireless effort.

From 21st - 28th September, 2017, the Assembly undertook an induction workshop which was done by the Office of the Clerk in collaboration with legislative staff from the Senate. This focused on building capacities and empowering members with the necessary knowledge to understand and execute their mandate.

Honorable Members,

The County Assembly Select and Sectoral Committees were constituted pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of County Government Acts, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders. Consequently, seventeen (17) committees have been established by this Assembly.

Honorable Members,

Pursuant to Section 8 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and in compliance with Section 46 (d) of the County Assembly Service Act, 2017 respectively, you were able to vet and approve eight (8) County Executive Committee Members. In addition, the Committee on Appointments was able to vet and approve the appointment of two members to the Assembly Service Board.

Honorable Members,

It is impressive to note that the just concluded recess was in the real sense a working recess. Members took some time out of their busy schedules within their wards in order to do the following:-

- (i) Hold a consultative meeting with Her Excellency the Governor at Mombasa as from 15th to 19th December, 2017.
- (ii) Attend an induction workshop for the Assembly leadership at Mombasa as from 16th to 21st January, 2018.
- (iii) Prepare committee annual work plans as from 8th to 13th January, 2018 at Machakos.
- (iv) Conduct oversight and/or benchmarking activities on;
 - a) Sand Conservation and Utilization by the Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investment Development as from 16th to 20th January, 2018.
 - b) Revenue Collection by the Committee on Finance and Planning as from 22nd to 27th January, 2018.
 - c) Various Cooperative industries in Muranga, Kiambu and Nyeri Counties by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperative Committee as from 23rd to 27th January, 2018.
 - d) County Tourism, Sports and Culture development projects by the Committee on Tourism, Sports and Culture for the financial years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 as from 1st to 3rd February, 2018.
 - e) County Agriculture, Water and Irrigation projects for the financial year 2016/2017 by the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation from 5th to 10th February, 2018.

Honorable Members,

As the House now resumes, the Committee on Liaison shall soon come up with the final work plans containing the approved budget

allocations for the committees' operations running from January to December, 2018. It is therefore expected that the committees shall continue with their oversight role which includes continuous inspection of the county executive programs when need arises, regular benchmarking trips and committee trainings.

Honorable Members,

It is expected that in furtherance of our mandate, that the Assembly shall soon be considering for approval the following statutory documents;

1. The Kitui County Integrated Development Plan, 2018 – 2022.
2. The Kitui County Annual Development Plan, 2018.
3. The Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2018.
4. The Kitui County Finance Bill, 2017/2018.
5. The Kitui County Second Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017/2018.
6. The Kitui County Second Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2017/2018.

Honorable Members,

I bring to our attention that the people of this great county have high expectations on our eventual output. Moving forward as an Assembly, we must get committed in our roles as assigned to us by the Constitution and put more emphasis on the oversight of the County Executive in order to ensure that legislations passed by this House are implemented. We should also be in a position to identify the legislation gaps within our county in an effort to ensure proper utilization and safeguarding of our natural resources and the general well-being of its citizens.

Honorable Members,

As your Speaker, I wish to once again re-affirm my commitment to serve the County Assembly of Kitui honestly and to the best of my ability. My objective is to assist you not only to deliver your mandate but also advance your individual and collective welfare. Through this we shall achieve the ultimate goal of steering our county to greater development heights.

Thank you!

HON GEORGE M. NDOTTO
SPEAKER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI