

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



FIRST KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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Honorable Members,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the Assembly from recess today the 3rd of May, 2016. It is my sincere hope that you had decent rest during the recess and at the same time you had an opportunity to interact with the electorate in your respective wards. The rest was indeed very necessary after continued hard work of legislation, oversight and representation in the course of this session. It is therefore my belief that we are now sufficiently rejuvenated and ready to continue tackling the work ahead of us as we proceed with this fourth session.

Honorable Members,

Aware that this was also a working recess, you will recall that we were able to among other things, retreat for report writings and various committee responsibilities as well as undergo an important legislative training as from 25th to 29th of April, 2016 conducted by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training. Indeed you will agree with me that these legislative trainings are key in building the capacities of members as well that of staff for enhanced legislative performance.

Honorable Members,

The lapsed sitting period superseded by the just concluded recess was relatively a short one consisting of approximately only two months. Nevertheless, I can confidently say that this Assembly was able to achieve a number of legislative milestones. For instance approving of the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2016/2017, which is a statutory tool that guides the County government in its budget making process as provided for in Section 117 of the Public finance Management Act, 2012. The period further witnessed three (3) statement requests and adoption of sixteen (16) motions from both committees and individual members.

I will also not hesitate to mention that it was during this same period that this Assembly passed the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill (C/A Bill no. 1, 2016)

Honorable Members,

It is my pleasure to also note that the legislative period was dominated by the oversight function of the Assembly. This saw a number of committees go out on County project inspections for instance; the Committee on Health and Sanitation, the Committee on Lands Infrastructure and Urban Development, the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources, the Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments just to mention a few. These committees were thoroughly engaged in interactive sessions with their respective line Ministries in executing the oversight mandate of the Assembly. Consequently, I would like to remind the honorable members that the reports on the inspections are due for tabling in the house and should form part of the business as the House resumes.

Honorable Members,

It is my genuine hope that we will continue with the same spirit of hard work and commitment while setting a good example by adhering to the Laws as we deliver service to our people. Remember we all need to continue working together in unity to achieve the ultimate goal of becoming the model legislative County Assembly in Kenya and beyond. As your Speaker I wish to once again re-affirm my commitment to serve this Assembly honestly and to the best of my ability; to assist you to deliver your mandate and advance in your

individual and collective welfare as members of the first Kitui County Assembly.

Thank you!

God bless you all.

THE HON GEORGE M. NDOTTO
SPEAKER OF KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

3rd MAY, 2016