

# **KITUI COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



## **THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FIRST ASSEMBLY - (FIFTH SESSION)**

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

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**Honorable Members,**

Happy New Year!

It is once again my pleasant duty as your Speaker to welcome you all back to the Assembly from the December recess. It is my sincere hope that you had a wonderful and fruitful break, that you were able to interact with the electorate in your respective Wards and that you have begun the New Year well. As we usher in the Fifth Session of this Assembly, I encourage you to continue working with the diligence you have persistently exhibited in executing your mandate for the benefit of Kitui County Citizens.

## **Honorable Members,**

As we embark on Assembly business, I take this opportunity to recap on the legislative activities of the period preceding the just concluded recess. This Assembly was able to achieve a number of legislative milestones as enlisted below:-

### ***(A) Statements. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 41.***

During the period under review only one statement was requested on the floor of the Assembly this being;

- i) Statement request on the report by the task force that inquired into issues on trust and other public lands by Hon. Titus N. Mbiti.
- ii) The Assembly also received a number of responses to statements requested in the previous sessions.

### ***(B) Motions as provided under part XII of the Standing Orders.***

The County Assembly during the period has passed a number of Motions, to mention a few:-

- i) A Motion on empowering the Youth in Kitui County.
- ii) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Finance and Planning on Consideration of the Kitui County Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the Financial Year 2017/ 2018
- iii) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Liaison Committee on Consideration of the County Assembly Committees' Annual Work plans and Apportionment of Committee's Budget for the FY 2016/ 2017.

***(C) County Assembly Bills as provided under part XVIII of the standing orders.***

During the period under review the County Assembly has dealt with the following Bills:

- i) The Kitui County Finance Bill, 2016
  - This Bill was fully legislated and forwarded for assent by His Excellency the Governor.
- ii) The Kitui County Health facilities management Committees (amendment) Bill, 2016
  - During the period the Bill underwent the first reading stage and was subsequently committed to the relevant committee pursuant to standing orders no. 119 and 120 respectively.
- iii) The Kitui County Business licensing (amendment) Bill, 2016
  - During the period the Bill underwent the stage of first reading and was subsequently committed to the relevant committee pursuant to standing orders no. 119 and 120 respectively.

***(D) Trainings and bench marking by County Assembly Committees.***

During the period under review, quite a number of committees undertook various trainings and benchmarking visits locally and internationally geared at enhancing their capacity on execution of their mandate. The same were as follows:-

- i) County Assembly committee on Tourism and the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports and Social Services – these

committees underwent a training on their mandate held at the Centre for parliamentary studies during the Month of October, 2016.

ii) During the said period the following committees had benchmarking trips on their respective areas:-

- Committee on Implementation and Delegated Legislation- bench marking trip to the National parliament. September, 2016.
- House Business Committee – bench marking trip to Kisumu, Kakamega, Eldoret and Nakuru County Assemblies. November, 2016.
- Committee on Labour and Social Welfare – benchmarking trip at Nakuru and Kisumu County Assemblies. November, 2016.
- Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development – benchmarking trip to Malaysia on infrastructure and urban development
- Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investment Development – visitation and capacity verification at the LOOOP offices in Tokyo Japan.

iii) In pursuit of oversight roles of the Assembly as conferred under article 185 of the constitution the following committees were able to carry out inspection exercises during the period:-

- Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development – County project inspection for sector projects on August and September, 2016.

- County Assembly committee on Tourism – inspection of sector projects during the month of November, 2016.
- Committee on Health and Sanitation – service delivery assessment of the Kitui County Health Facilities on December, 2016.

**Honorable Members,**

I am pleased to note once again that the just concluded recess was a working recess despite the demanding festivities of the month of December. You were able to find time from your busy schedules to undertake a number of activities in the spirit of carrying out our oversight, legislative and representative mandates. Honorable members were able to among other things hold a workshop from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017 at Nairobi. This workshop enabled report writing by all County Assembly committees on bi-annual progress and facilitated discussions on pertinent issues facing our Assembly. Honorable members, these acts of outstanding commitment to our work are a mark of true and selfless leadership.

**Honorable Members,**

You are well aware that we are fast approaching the end of our five year term as members of the First Kitui County Assembly. I feel confident to say that we have greatly contributed in the history of our Country Kenya as a pioneer legislative house in Kitui County making significant strides. You will agree with me that it has been a productive 4 years which has seen this Assembly grow to become a

model Assembly to be emulated by other Assemblies. Indeed our legislative journey has not been without its fair share of challenges. It has been a learning journey with of course some mistakes, nevertheless I am able to state without fear or favor, that we have overcome every set back faced. It is on this foundation, that we create great respect from our electorate as we exit to seek fresh mandate.

**Honorable Members,**

Aware of the impending elections, the Kitui County citizenry will continue to hold us accountable for the duties they bestowed on us and the legacy we shall leave behind as legislators, As we proceed to the Fifth and final Session of the First County Assembly of Kitui, I urge you members to embark on work with the vigor and enthusiasm that our duty demands. I encourage you to continue with the same devotion of serving our people well by aggressively initiating more business in the House through request of statements, tabling of motions and formulating relevant policies and Bills that will continue to promote the social and economic well-being of the Kitui County citizenry.

**Thank you!**

***God bless you all.***

**THE HON GEORGE M. NDOTTO**

**SPEAKER OF KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY**

**10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**