

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## FIRST KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION)

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE HOUSE FROM THE AUGUST RECESS

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**Honorable Members,**

It is my pleasant duty to welcome all of you back from the August recess to the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the County Assembly of Kitui. I am certain that this recess provided an adequate rest period for all of us and that it was well utilized both at home and within the respective wards while interacting with the electorate and addressing various issues facing them. It is my utmost belief that the members are now fully re-energized and are ready to resume their legislative, representation and oversight roles in order to steer the County to greater heights.

## **Honorable Members,**

You can notably recall the consultative meeting held at Sai Rock Hotel in Mombasa as from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 we had with officers from the Kitui County Executive to discuss on pertinent issues affecting the County. These occasional continued consultative meetings are fundamental in reinforcing amiable and well-coordinated working relationships between the two arms of the Kitui County Government. To mention but a few, the insights that were shared with us on the proposed public private partnership on the loop project, among others, may need to be approved by the county assembly pursuant to Article 185(4) of the Constitution.

## **Honorable Members,**

As your Speaker, it is my duty to provide guidance and ensure that we remain on the right track in executing our mandates as elected and nominated members of this Assembly. In upholding this spirit I therefore wish to draw your attention to the legislative activities that preceded the just concluded August recess. You will recall that our Assembly was able to achieve a number of legislative milestones. The House received and passed the following Bills:-

1. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2016 which was passed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016, and;
2. The Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2016 which was passed on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (c) of the various statements which had been requested by members before the April recess only one was forwarded for action during this period, namely;

1. Statement request on the status of the purchase of graders by Hon Titus Mbiti, MCA Nguutani Ward.

The following motions among others were also tabled during this period:-

1. Motion on Provision of Free Ambulance Services;
2. Motion on Regulating the Use of County Government Vehicles;
3. Motion on Transfer/ Reshuffling of County Government Officers

Also, during this period some of county assembly committee reports which were tabled, debated on and concluded included the following:-

1. The report of the Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development on the Inspection of Youth Polytechnics Funded by the County Government in the Financial Years 2013/ 2014 and 2014/ 2015.
2. The report of the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources on the Benchmarking Trip to the Coast Region.
3. The report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2016/ 2017.

4. The report by the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports and Social Services on the Inspection Exercise of Sector Projects Funded by the County Government in the Financial Year 2014/2015.
5. The report by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Co-operatives on the Status of ICT Development in Kitui County; A Comparison to National and County Government Approaches.

**Honorable Members,**

This is not a mean achievement. As we embark on legislative work however, much more emphasis is required in the drafting of proposed legislations touching on matters affecting Kitui County either as private bills sponsored by individual members or even public bills. There is a wide array of issues affecting the livelihood of our citizenry economically, environmentally, socio – culturally and politically. I therefore urge that we endeavor to ensure such legislations are brought before the Assembly for debate. I am certain that as Honorable members you have the capacity to do even beyond the expectations herein. I therefore encourage you to aggressively initiate more business for this House.

**Honorable Members,**

I would also wish to urge that you continue to uphold the oversight mandate bestowed upon you which has been manifested through continuous inspections of county projects and frequent inquiries into activities of the Kitui County Executive. I laud the various benchmarking visits which have been done so far. There is a need to ensure that the reports brought before this House by particular

committees containing various recommendations that can take this county to the next level are implemented by the responsible county executive committee in accordance with Article 183 (1) of the Constitution and Standing Order 188 (2).

**Honorable Members,**

As we all know, we are nearing the end of this first Assembly of the Kitui County Assembly. A time like this next year undoubtedly, the second Assembly shall be ushered in. I am very certain that moving forward, political activities at the various ward level may require your undivided attention at times but I urge that we strike a balance on the same. We need to leave a lasting legacy for our county as the beginners of the Kitui County Assembly which should be highly characterized by the way in which we attend to our roles and the responsibilities given to us by the citizens of this county.

**Honorable Members,**

As your Speaker I wish to once again pledge my commitment in providing prudent leadership to all members of the Kitui County Assembly in achieving our mandate and the general welfare of each member.

***Thank you***

***God bless you all!***

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

**6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**