

# THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



## THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECOND ASSEMBLY - (SECOND SESSION)

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### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY BY SENATOR HONORABLE ENOCH KIIO WAMBUA.

27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

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**Senator of Kitui County, Honorable Enoch Kiio Wambua, M.P.;**  
**Hon. Members of Senate and the National Assembly;**  
**Hon. Members of the Second County Assembly;**  
**Distinguished Guests;**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Good Afternoon.

**Honorable Members,**

Today's sitting is informed by the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 21 (1) which states that, "*The Speaker may, in consultation with the*

*Leader of the Majority and the Leader of the Minority Party, allow the Senator of the County or a visiting Governor or other such visiting dignitary, to address the County Assembly on such occasions as may be appropriate.” We are today therefore dignified by the presence of our Senator, the Hon. Enoch Kiio Wambua.*

**Honorable Members,**

I wish to state that the presence of the Senator of Kitui County is a clear indication of his interest and dedication not only to this Assembly but the county as well. I am certain that together, we can make this county the best model for good governance and socio economic development.

**Honorable Senator,**

Today, this House is keen to listen to your inaugural address. We appreciate your profound visit which tells us that you are ready to work with us amicably to realize the gains of devolution and prosperity as a whole.

As the legislative arm of the County Government of Kitui, this Assembly is aware of the enormous task that lies ahead of us. However, I want to assure you that the Honorable Members are up to the task. We shall continue to undertake our legislative mandate as per the Constitution in order to steer our county forward.

**Honorable Senator,**

I wish to inform you that this House is composed of fifty four (54) highly knowledgeable and vastly experienced members both elected and nominated who voluntarily left their former professions and heeded to the higher calling of service to the people of Kitui. Out of these, thirty six (36) are men and eighteen (18) are women. The majority party is

Wiper Democratic Party Movement with thirty (30) MCA's. The minority party NARC has thirteen (13) MCA's, Independent five (5), Jubilee Party three (3) MCA's, Muungano Party two (2) MCA's and PPK one (1) MCA. This far, I am proud to say that members of this County Assembly have shown competence, resilience and dedication to their newly acquired mandate.

**Honorable Senator,**

Since the inception of the Second County Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, their legislative capacity has continued to be richly enhanced in anticipation of the work that lies ahead. We began on the right footing in matters oversight, representation and legislation.

Just to mention but a few, in matters oversight, several sectoral committees have undertaken county executive committee departmental projects' inspection tours and are currently developing reports on their findings.

In matters legislation, we recently adopted a motion on charcoal trade in Kitui County with the House proposing to adopt the county government's policy and directive on banning commercial burning and trade of charcoal within the county amongst other proposals.

We expect to have more legislative business geared toward the welfare of our county. We are all aware of the drought situation within our county which is negatively impacting on the livelihoods of the citizens and the threat of environmental degradation that needs urgent measures to be curbed, if we are to avoid disaster in future.

**Honorable Senator,**

This Assembly as an institution, has not been void of challenges. As you can clearly see, we are encountering a defining challenge of sitting space for the Honorable Members. This chamber which we are currently occupying cannot suffice to as an ideal debating chamber. We anticipate that soon we shall move into a new modern chamber after the ongoing renovations are through.

**Honorable Members,**

Article 96 of the Constitution highlights the fundamental role of the Senate as that of protecting the interests of the counties. I congratulate the Senate for the leadership provided so far.

It is now my pleasure and privilege to invite Honorable Enoch Kiiio Wambua, the Senator for Kitui County to address the House. Welcome sir.

**Thank you!**

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