

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



## THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### SECOND ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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#### ON THE WELCOME ADDRESS DURING THE OPENING SESSION AFTER THE AUGUST RECESS

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**Honorable Members,**

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the Assembly today the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018 as we officially resume our duties after the recent recess. I am sure that you are refreshed after having had sufficient rest needed during this time and that you are replenished and ready for the legislative work that lies ahead of us having been entrusted to us by the electorate.

**Honorable Members,**

During the recently concluded recess, among other notable things, I am aware that the Assembly actively participated in ten (10) disciplines during the inaugural County Assembly Sports Association Games 2018 held at the Moi International Sports Complex (MISC), Kasarani last month. It was a good attempt and also a learning occasion. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy as they say! With some improvements I am certain that next time we shall be well prepared and shall even engage in several other disciplines which we never participated in.

## Honorable Members,

You will recall that before we went on recess, this House made enormous strides in our legislative agenda for the county. I wish to commend the work done and call for more zeal and innovative ideas this time also. Several committee reports were passed by this House which include;

1. Report by the Committee on Finance and Planning on Consideration of the Kitui County Annual Development Plan for the FY 2018/ 2019.
2. Report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper for Financial Year 2018/2019.
3. Report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Members Welfare on Consideration of Ward Offices Operations.
4. Report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2018/2019.
5. Report by the Committee on Finance and Planning on Consideration of the Kitui County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022.
6. Report by the Committee on Lands, Infrastructure, and Urban Development on Consideration of the Kitui Municipal Charter.

The Assembly was able to pass and forward to the Governor for assent the following Bills three (3) during this period;

1. The Kitui County Emergency Fund Bill, 2018
2. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill (No.3), 2018
3. The Kitui County Appropriations Bill (No.4), 2018

We also passed the following Regulations during this period:

1. The Kitui County Car Loan and Mortgage (Members) Fund Regulations, 2018
2. The Kitui County Health Insurance Cover Fund Regulations, 2018
3. The Kitui County Climate Change Fund Regulations, 2018

**Honorable Members,**

We still have some pending work that was not completely dispensed off previously which includes some reports, motions, petitions and statements. This work needs to be dealt with expeditiously moving forward.

**Honorable Members,**

You are aware that very soon, we are expected to consider and pass the Kitui County Finance Bill, 2018 that will allow for the mobilization of revenue to finance projects for the County Government. Dispensing of this should be done within ninety (90) days of the passage of the Appropriations Bill. Also, in line with the Budget Cycle, the Annual Development Plan, 2019/2020 is expected to be laid on the floor of the House together with the County Budget Review Outlook Paper for our consideration.

**Honorable Members,**

Apart from this, we are alive to the fact that the country is currently undergoing harsh economic times with the escalating prices of fuel and basic commodities. Our county has enormous resources which if well utilized can cushion the *Musangi's* from the adverse effects of the prevailing economy. We, as an Assembly have the capacity to legislate on matters that can make our county unique by uplifting the living standards of the people and also enhancing their capacity of living a decent life. I urge members to rise to come up with motions, bills and regulations that can make this a reality.

**Honorable Members,**

Already a year has passed since you were elected into office on August, 8<sup>th</sup> 2017. I am certain that you have evaluated your personal performance as an Honorable Member against the goals which you wished to attain within that period. It is however worthy noting that all is not lost and the great people of this county are certainly banking their trust in us to steer the county forward

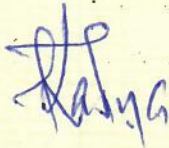
in terms of proper and progressive legislation. We have quite a lot of policy gaps that need to be sealed with proper legislation and policy formulation. I will support you in any way needed to make this a reality.

**Honorable Members,**

I once again re-affirm my commitment to serving this House truthfully and to the best of my ability. As your Speaker I shall assist you to deliver your mandate and advance your individual and collective responsibility to the people of Kitui County. This shall enable the Assembly to justly carry out our Legislative, Oversight and Representation roles and as we endeavor to serve the people of Kitui. Never forget that we all need each other in order to attain a vision of a prosperous and self-sufficient County.

Thank you!

*God bless you all.*



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

**September 4, 2018**