

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**  
**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY- (FOURTH SESSION)**  
**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

*No. 42 of 2025*

**COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO AUGUST RECESS, 2025**

**Honourable Members,**

In adherence to our Assembly approved Annual Calendar (Regular Session), 2025, this House is scheduled to proceed for the August recess effective today Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. In this regard, this House will be debating a procedural motion on adjournment to proceed for the August recess 2025, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 25(3) and resume its sittings on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at 9.00 am. This House will also be debating a motion to alter the approved County Assembly annual calendar for the Fourth Session, 2025, by rescheduling the date of resumption from the August recess - from Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The alteration will allow the County Assembly time to hold a joint consultative meeting with the County Executive.

**Honourable Members,**

As we break for the August recess, I take this opportunity to reflect on the journey we have made since the House resumed sittings from the April recess on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 by highlighting key activities planned during the



recess period. Through our tripartite role of legislation, oversight and representation as stipulated in Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, this House has made significant strides. Allow me to point out specific accomplishments we have made as a House this far: -

### **A. Motions**

Since this House resumed from April recess, we were able to approve the following motions; -

- i. Motion on adoption of the report of the whole County Assembly on an inspection exercise on projects funded by the County Government of Kitui carried out from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- ii. Motion on adoption of the report of the whole County Assembly on an inspection exercise on projects funded by the County Government of Kitui for FY 2024/2025 carried out from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.
- iii. Motion on reduction of publication period for the Kitui County Supplementary Appropriation, Bill, 2025 (County Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025).
- iv. Motion on adoption of the report by the County Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary II Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025.
- v. Motion on reduction of publication period for the Kitui County Appropriation, Bill, 2025 (County Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2025).
- vi. Motion on approval of membership to the County Assembly Appointments Committee.
- vii. Motion on adoption of the report by the County Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of Kitui County Budgets Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026.





- viii. Motion on additional County Assembly sitting.
- ix. Motion on the Governor's Address on state of County.

## **B. Bills**

Bills are fundamental to the functioning of parliaments as they enable the creation of new laws, amending the existing laws and repealing of laws while ensuring democratic governance and accountability. During this period, this House approved the following Bills; -

- i. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025 (County Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2025).
- ii. The Kitui County Appropriation Bill, 2025 (County Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2025).

In addition, the following legislative proposals are currently undergoing pre-publication scrutiny; -

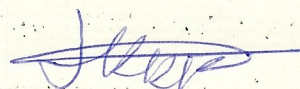
- i. Kitui County Sports Management Bill, 2024.
- ii. Kitui County Youth Empowerment and Development Policy 2025.
- iii. Kitui County Emergency Fund Regulations, 2024.
- iv. Facility Improvement Fund Bill, 2024.

## **C. Oversight**

**Honourable Members,**

As you are aware, the operations of Assembly select and sectoral committees took effect on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 following a court ruling on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 where it vacated the interim orders. However, despite this progress, there has been minimal committees' activities, which has continued to affect the Assembly's ability to fully execute its critical oversight, legislative and representative functions. I urge committee chairpersons and its members to

now take up their roles with





urgency and commitment so that we can resume robust committee engagements both during and after the recess. Our people expect and deserve a fully functioning Assembly that delivers on its mandate without delay.

**Honourable Members,**

Committees play a key role in the legislative process by carrying out legislative oversight, scrutinizing county policies, facilitating public participation exercises, investigating and carrying out inquiries into any matter within their jurisdictions, and making recommendations to the full House on matters within their purview to guide legislative decisions, thus enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency and responsiveness of county governance.

During the period under review, various Assembly committees took time to execute their respective mandates by engaging in various activities ranging from report writing and oversight. Notable activities which were undertaken during the period include; -

- i. Inspection exercise of development projects implemented by the County Executive across the forty wards for FY 2024/2025 carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 by the whole County Assembly.
- ii. Liaison Committee together with House leadership retreated to Nairobi from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to deliberate on and develop the County Assembly Committees' programme to facilitate the smooth functioning of the Assembly.
- iii. Committee on Health and Sanitation and County Budget and Appropriations retreated to Mwingi from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 to undertake pre-publication scrutiny of Facility Improvement Fund Bill, 2024.
- iv. Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services has retreated to Mutomo with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to





consider and undertake pre-publication scrutiny of the following legislative proposals: -

a) The Kitui County Sports Management Bill, 2024

b) The Kitui County Youth Empowerment and Development Policy 2025.

- v. Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development has also retreated to Mutomo from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to deliberate on the proposed construction of ward offices for Members of the County Assembly.
- vi. The Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PIAC) has also retreated from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 for an oversight exercise in a bid to obtain first hand information on matters that often lead to audit queries by the Office of the Auditor General.

#### **D. Public Participation Forums**

During the period under review, the Assembly held a successful public participation forum on the Kitui County Budget Estimates for FY 2025/2026 in all eight sub counties. This was necessary in ensuring peoples inclusivity in budget making process pursuant to Article 196(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

#### **Honourable Members,**

In order to ensure that more people have an opportunity to share their views on the County budget estimates for FY 2025/2026, we continued to embrace technology by organizing virtual public participation exercises through the Google Meet platform. This approach has proven to be the most interactive and effective way to reach Kitui residents living outside the county and allow them to voice their concerns and I commit to continue engaging our people through such platforms going forward to reach even more people.





**Honourable Members,**

Even as we pride ourselves on the above-outlined accomplishments, allow me also to remind you that there are pending committee reports and responses to statement requests that are crucial to this House. Due to the critical role that these reports play in our legislative process in addressing the interests of our communities, I urge committees with pending work to expedite the same for this House to debate on and make valuable recommendations. Allow me to point out some of the key pending Committee work that needs the attention of this House;

**A. Reports**

**Honourable Members,**

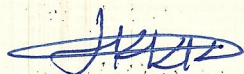
The following Committee reports are pending; -

- i) Report by the whole County Assembly on the recently concluded county oversight tour conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.
- ii) Report by the Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives on the inspection of County Corporations -KICOTEC Kitui, KICOTEC Mwingi, KICOTEC Mutomo and Ballast Crusher at Kwa-Kilui.
- iii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Executive for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- iv) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- v) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui Water & Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.





- vi) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kiambere Mwingi Water & Sanitation Company (KIMWASCO) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- vii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- viii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of Receiver of Revenue -Revenue statements for the financial year 2022/2023.
- ix) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of Kitui County Empowerment Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- x) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly Car and Mortgage (Members) Scheme Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xi) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board Employees' Car and Mortgage Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Revenue Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xiii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Executive for the Financial Years 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- xiv) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly for the Financial Years 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.





- xv) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui Water & Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) for the Financial Years 2018/2019; 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
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- xvii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC) for the Financial Years 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- xviii) Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Level 4 Hospitals for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

## **B. Statements**

### **Honourable Members,**

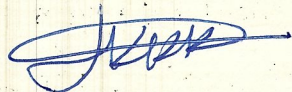
Statements play a central role in the legislative process by ensuring clarity, informing the public, justifying policy decisions and facilitating informed debates. In this respect, responses to the following statements requests are still pending, key among them being:

- i. Statement request by Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka to the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development on status update of grading works at Kavou- Ndumoni road in Kyangwithya West ward and inquiry into program Feasibility.
- ii. Statement request by Cornelius Kiteme Muthami on operationalization of the Office of the County Attorney.





- iii. Statement request by Hon. Jeremiah Mutua on the Status of Nzouni Primary School Stadium, Nguni Ward – Mwingi Central Sub County.
- iv. Statement request by Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka on unjustified dismissal and unfair labour practices by the County Public Service Board and the Office of the County Secretary on Chief Officers and other County Staff.
- v. Statement request by Hon. Benjamin Mulandi on the status of Non-operational Health facilities in Mutonguni.
- vi. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia on Solar lights (Mlika Mwizi) repair and maintenance across Kitui County.
- vii. Statement request by Hon. Anthony Musyimi Musyoka on the Kitui County Youth Engagement forum, 2024.
- viii. Statement request by Hon. Charity Kathathi Musyoka on the distribution of assistive devices in Kitui County.
- ix. Statement request by Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi on cleaning and garbage collection in all markets in Kyangwithya East Ward.
- x. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu on the proposed Thaana Nzau scheme in Kyome Thaana Nzau.
- xi. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu on the proposed extension of Songea – Thitani Water Pipeline in Kyome Thaana Nzau.
- xii. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia on non-payment of market guards across the County.
- xiii. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia on the state of Migwani Level 4 Hospital in Migwani Ward.
- xiv. Statement request by Hon. Anthony Musyoka Musyimi on Health Infrastructure and Staffing shortages in Kiomo/Kyethani.



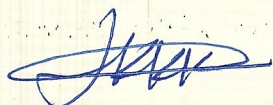


- xv. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu on the operationalization of Thitani Mortuary in Kyome / Thaana Ward.
- xvi. Statement request by Hon. Cornelius Muthami on reports regarding operations of the Office of the County Attorney.
- xvii. Statement request by Hon. Mary Mwendu Mutune on the alleged theft/ vandalism of Kitui County Textile Centre.
- xviii. Statement request by Hon. Hussein Mwandia on Land ownership and titling in Kitui County.
- xix. Statement request by Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara on the status of Water projects in Tharaka Ward.
- xx. Statement request by Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi on the status of the proposed construction of 100M3 Masonry tank at Misewani village in Kyangwithya East Ward and other water projects.
- xxi. Statement request by Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara to the Chairperson, Committee on Labour and Social Services on Non-inclusivity of Minority/Marginalized communities within Kitui County.

**Honourable Members,**

Even as we disperse for recess this afternoon, our duty to the electorate continues. I therefore urge all Members to remain active in their respective wards through engaging citizens, conducting site visits and receiving feedback on the implementation of county projects. With that in mind, allow me to highlight the key planned activities during the upcoming recess period, which require our full participation and commitment. as follows; -

- 1. The Council of Governor's has organized its biannual Devolution Conference 2025, under the theme "*For the people, for prosperity: Devolution as a catalyst for equity, inclusion, and social justice.*" scheduled take place from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Homa Bay





County, and given that County Assemblies being key players in devolution, we are expected attend and actively engage in the discourses.

2. During the same period, the County Assembly anticipates to hold a joint consultative meeting with the County Executive led by H.E the Governor Dr. Julius Makau Malombe in Mombasa County from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

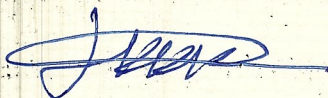
I therefore call upon all Honourable Members to fully participate in these important activities. Please note that any other matter requiring the Assembly's attention during the upcoming recess period, will be addressed accordingly, and Honourable Members will be duly notified.

#### **Honourable Members**

Following my earlier communication on the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games 2025, I call upon all of us to intensify physical training even during the recess period whenever possible. These Games are more than just competition—they symbolize unity, wellness and inter-county collaboration. Therefore, let us uphold Assembly reputation by preparing adequately. I encourage the Assembly sports coordinating committee, together with the captains of various disciplines to organize and coordinate training programs during this period to ensure our teams are well-prepared.

#### **Finally, Honourable Members**

I encourage you to interact with your electorates during the recess period as you address their pertinent issues. It is essential for us to utilize this time effectively in order to understand the needs and concerns of our electorate, which will enable us to represent them better when the Assembly reconvenes.





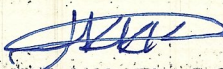
More so, I encourage you to take this time to rest and rejuvenate, so that when we resume our sittings on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, we will all be ready to proceed with the legislative agenda set forth for the remaining part of the year as per our approved annual calendar.

Finally, following my earlier communication on the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games 2025, I call upon all of us to intensify physical training even during the recess period whenever possible. Training from now until the CASA Games will take place from 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, while on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, training will begin immediately after the rise of the afternoon sitting.

Thank you once again for your continued dedication and service to the people of Kitui County. I wish you a productive and restful recess.

May God bless you all. May God bless Kitui County.

Thank you.

  
**HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA**  
**SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.**

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