



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY- (SECOND SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ NO. 6 of 2023 _____

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR AS RELATES TO
RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE DECEMBER 2022
RECESS.

Honorable Members,

Good morning!

I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the Second Session of the Third County Assembly. This House proceeded on recess with effect from 21st December, 2022. It is my sincere hope that you got adequate rest and an excellent opportunity to interact with the electorates within the County on Ward related matters despite it being a working recess.

Honorable Members,

During the recess we had two Special Sittings to transact matters of County importance and I sincerely commend you all for taking time off your resting period to carry on with the Assembly's mandate by engaging in various

activities. Allow me to highlight some of the activities successfully undertaken by Members during the just concluded December recess: -

- i. Held a public participation exercise on the Kitui County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year, 2023/2024;
- ii. Sectoral Committees' consideration of the Kitui County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year, 2023/2024;
- iii. Report by the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on consideration of the Kitui County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year, 2023/2024;
- iv. Vetting of nominees to the positions of County Chief Officers in the various County Departments, and County Executive Committee nominee for Education, Training and Skills Development; and
- v. Sectoral Committees' reports on the vetting of nominees to the positions of County Chief Officers in the various County Departments, and Committee on Appointments report on the vetting of the County Executive Committee nominee for Education, Training and Skills Development.
- vi. Three Committees travelled outside the Country for foreign study programs. The aforesaid are:
 - Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development Committee study visit to Singapore,
 - Public Investments and Accounts Committee study visit to Dubai, and
 - Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives Committee study visit to Turkey.

It is important to note that the foreign study program is an ongoing exercise which Members will benefit from.

Honorable Members,

Reflecting on the lapsed first session, I am pleased to note that this Assembly was able to make tremendous progress in legislative business.

Allow me to briefly review and remind you of the same as we gear up for the second session. Some of these achievements are:

- i. Accomplishing a total of thirty-eight (38) plenary sittings for the First Session;
- ii. Constitution of the County Assembly leadership;
- iii. Constitution of the Governing Council to represent the Assembly at the County Assemblies Forum (CAF);
- iv. Motion on the Insecurity caused by the camel herders in the Kitui South game reserve to the residents of Mutha ward in Kitui South constituency;
- v. Constitution of Assembly Committees, both Select and Sectoral pursuant to Section 14 of County Government Acts, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders;
- vi. Consideration of the Supplementary Budget I for the financial year, 2022/2023 and its appropriation bill thereof;
- vii. Issuance of the Speaker's considered ruling on the Statement request on the vetting of the Kitui County Executive Committee Members nominees;
- viii. Motion on Kitui County Government pending bills;
- ix. The County Assembly Service Board was able to vet and approve the appointment of two members to the County Assembly Service Board in compliance with Section 46 (d) of the County Assembly Service Act, 2017;



- x. Consideration of H.E The Governor's Memorandum on the Kitui County Supplementary I Appropriation Bill, 2022 (C/A Bill No. 4, 2022);
- xi. Preparation of Committees' workplans and their subsequent draft budgets;
- xii. Pursuant to Section 8 of the County Governments Act, 2012 you were able to vet and approve nine (9) County Executive Committee Members;
- xiii. Motion of County importance on the proposed construction of High Grand Falls Dam in Tharaka and Tseikuru Wards in Kitui County; and
- xiv. Motion on resolution to petition the National Assembly on County Wards equitable development fund, among other achievements.

Honorable Members,

It is my pleasure to record that the above-mentioned milestones for the first session were realized within a timeframe of only three months and based on this we can only look forward to do even more and reach greater heights in this Second Session.

Honorable members, it is also important to note that the term of the County Assembly Business Committee lapsed at the end of the first session pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 151(1)(d). To this end, I urge the County Assembly parties to nominate their Members ~~to the~~ to the House Business Committee.

Honorable Members,

I now take this opportunity to commend you all for your continued zeal and commitment to serve our people and the excellent performance demonstrated this far. I encourage you all to continue undertaking your mandate with utmost integrity and diligence.



I also wish to challenge you to be innovative and bring up more legislative business in the House.

Honorable Members,

We have been given this opportunity to serve on behalf of the great people of Kitui as contained in Article 1(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and thus we should live up to their expectations.

I therefore urge us all to brace ourselves for the rigorous duties which lie ahead of us.

Honorable Members,

Please allow me to thank you all for your continued support and I assure you that I will continue discharging my constitutional duties to the best of my ability.

THANK YOU.



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