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COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERICES

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REQUEST BY HON HUSSEIN MWANDIA ON THE CONCLUDED INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

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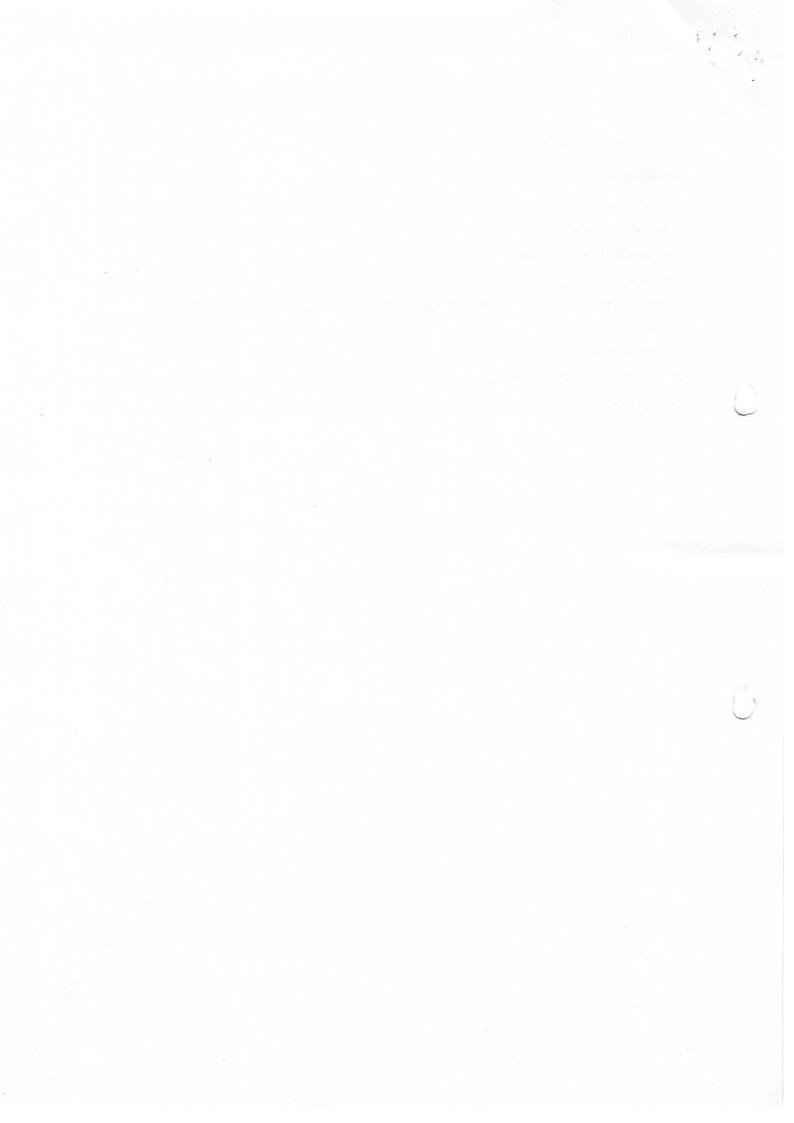
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ABBREVIATIONS

CECM County Executive Committee Member

CGA County Governments Act

CO Chief Officer

MCA Member of County Assembly

ANNEXURES

Annexure 1

-Adoption List.

Annexure 2

-Statement request by Hon. Hussein Mwandia

Annexure 4

-Response to statement from the CECM Culture,

Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social Services.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

As you are aware, Hon. Hussein Mwandia, the M.C.A for Ikutha Ward requested for a statement from the Chairperson to the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services on the concluded International Youth Day organized by Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth ICT Sports and Social Services, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2c).

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services Committee prepared this report on its consideration of the same pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2C) (C).

Mandate of the Committee Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services is established under Standing Order 190(5) and is mandated to:

- i. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned department;
- ii. Study programs and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iii. Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- iv. Study, assess and analyse the relative success of departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

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- vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (Committee on Appointments); and
- vii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Committee Membership.

As currently constituted, the committee comprises of the following members;

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	udith Wanza Kasyoka	Chairperson
2. Hon. I	mmaculate Wanza John	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. F	ridah Maua Mutinda	Member
4. Hon. J	acinta Mary Mwoni	,,
5. Hon. N	lunyoki Mwinzi	,,
6. Hon. E	rastus Musyoka Mbuno	,,
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	phonce Mukwaiyu	,,
9. Hon. M	uthama Musyoka Kieti	,,
	remiah Mutua	,,
11. Hon. Za	cchaeus Syengo	"

Committee Secretariat

Kennedy Mwendwa- Second Clerk Assistant

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2C(C), it is

my pleasant duty and pleasure to present this report of the Committee on the response to statement.

SIGNED:

HON. JUDITH WANZA KASYOKA
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS,
GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE:

BACKGROUND

Mr. Speaker Sir,

During the afternoon Plenary Sitting on 6th September, 2023, Hon. Hussein Mwandia - M.C.A for Ikutha Ward requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services on the concluded International Youth Day organized by Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth ICT Sports and Social Services. (Copy attached as Annexure II)

Mr. Speaker \$ir,

In his statement request, Hon. Hussein Mwandia had raised concerns that the County Assembly Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services was not invited as a relevant stakeholder to this noble exercise.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia further raised concern on the criteria used to organize and invite youth groups from every ward represented in this function.

The Hon. Member was also concerned on the budgetary allocation used during this function detailing the event organization, staff allowances and reimbursements on lunches and transport fees to the attendees.

Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Hussein Mwandi requested the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services, to respond to the following issues:

1. Whether, the Chairperson is aware that, the Ministry conducted an International Youth Day at Kauwi playground, Kauwi Ward, Kitui West Sub County on 11th August, 2023

- 2. Whether, the Chairperson is further aware that, the County Assembly Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services was not invited as a relevant Stakeholder to attend this noble exercise.
- 3. Whether, the Chairperson is further aware of the criteria used by the Ministry to invite Youth groups who attended this function.
- 4. Whether the Chairperson is aware of any strategies that the CECM, Culture, Gender Youth, Sports, ICT and Social Services is putting in place to ensure that there is proper implementation of the budget.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Upon receipt of the Statement Request, the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services through the office of the Clerk wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member for Culture, Gender, Youth ICT Sports and Social Services. forwarding the Statement Request and notifying them of the issues raised.

RESPONSE FROM CECM, CULTURE, GENDER, YOUTH ICT SPORTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The County Executive Committee Member through a letter, responded as follows;

- 1. That, the chairperson of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT Sports and Social services was aware of the concluded youth day. A WhatsApp message dated 6th August 2023 was send by the CECM-Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, and Social Services to the chairperson indicating that the youth day will be held on 11th August 2023 and that an invitation letter was written through the County Assembly clerk.
- 2. That, a letter inviting the County Assembly Committee Members for Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social Services was written and signed through the County Assembly clerk dated 7th August 2023. Esther Mutemi Assistant director Youth and Sports was responsible for the delivery.
- 3. That, the function was planned through a technical committee which drew its membership from across the departments of the ministry and which held several consultative meetings to plan. The Committee was chaired by the Chief Office Youth, Sports, ICT and innovation. In one of the meetings, there was a representation of youth leaders from different youth groups. The international youth day targeted youth aged (18-35) years. In order to ensure that regional balance achieved, each subcounty was allocated an officer from the ministry coordinate and mobilize youths in all the eight sub counties. The officers were to liaise with the subcounty and ward administrators. Fifty (50) youth were to come from each subcounty. The following were their terms of reference;

- i. To ensure youth representation in each ward
- ii. To Communicate on the venue and time of arrival
- iii. To ensure that youth are facilitated with Fares and Lunch The coordinators were as below:

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			DIRECTOR	CENTRAL
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			DEVELOPMENT	
			OFFICER	
4.GC	DFI	REY MAITHYA	ASSISTANT	KITUI
			DIRECTOR	CENTRAL
			CULTURE	
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			DIRECTOR ICT	
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			DIRECTOR	
			ADMINISTRATION	
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			YOUTH	
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- 4. That, the ministry has prepared an elaborate annual work plan which is clear, measurable and timebound as provided for in article 220 of the constitution to ensure timely implementation of its programs and its activities. (Attached please find a copy of the annual work plan). In addition, pursuant to Section 149(2 g and h) of the PFM, Act 2012 an estimate of expenditure in conformity with strategic plan has also been prepared and shared with the committee.
- 5. The total allocated budget was two million, one hundred seventy-three thousand four hundred and fifty (2,173,450)

 This was broken down as follows: -

1ST CATEGORY (Fare Disbursement)

URITY NSPORT(FARES)	20,000
	1,000,000
ERTAINMENT (inclusive of MCDJ)	196,000
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2ND CATEGORY (allowances)

S/NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
1.	Staff allowances	248,450	
2.	Media	56,000	
3.	Committee facilitation	40,000	
4.	Youth champions	25,000	
5.	Moderators	9,000	
6.	Master of Ceremony	25,000	

7.	First Aider	6,000
8.	Members of county Assembly	50,000
	(MCA)	
9.	Total	459,450
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3rd CATEGORY (Lunch and Refreshment)

S/NO	ITEM	AMOUNT
1.	Lunch allowances (youth)	250,000
2.	Refreshment (water and soda)	100,000
3.	Lunch(meetings)	50,000
4	Guest (lunch)	100,000
	Total	500,000

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee keenly interrogated the response from the CECM, Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services as well as material facts before the Committee and made a number of observations as follows:

- 1. The committee noted that the issues raised in the statement by Hon. Hussein Mwandia cut across most of the Committees since the Executive at times never invite the Committees as relevant Stakeholders in their undertaking's.
- 2. That the committee noted with concern that Ministry in her workplan had an allocation of Kshs 1,450,000 whereas the function consumed two million, one hundred seventy-three thousand four hundred and fifty (Kshs 2,173,450);

3. That County Ministry has failed to put in place policy guidelines towards Commemoration of international Days:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the County Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services should ensure there are policy guidelines approved by the Assembly on commemoration of International Days;
- 2. That the County Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services should engage the County Assembly Committee in her undertakings as a relevant stakeholder;
- 3. That the County Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services should have proper working plans as a guiding tool towards implementation of her budgets;
- 4. That the County Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services should sensitize the community groups on importance of commemoration of international days through civic education;
- 5. That the County Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services should have well laid down structures on the criteria used in choosing attendees during commemoration of international days.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The international youth day 2023 with the theme "Green skills for Youth: Towards a sustainable World" was successfully cerebrated on 11th August 2023 at Kauwi primary school grounds in Kitui West.

Pursuant to article 55 (b) of the constitution of Kenya 2010, the state is mandated to take measures including affirmative action to ensure that the youth have an opportunity to associate, be represented and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life. In addition, according to the Youth development policy 2019, the National and County government have a mandate to ensure commemoration of international youth day. International youth day was lastly commemorated in 2018, this has denied our youth an opportunity to associate, be represented and participate in political, social and important spheres of life hence the need to provide a platform for the youth to share their experiences, challenges, learn from one another and above all enhance national cohesion and integration.

Challenges are inevitable and to embrace the best practice possible, one is advised to unlearn and learn. The ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social services have and will embrace best practices to ensure that the best is given to the people of Kitui through consultations, learning from the experiences for efficient and effective delivery of service.

<u>ANNEX I</u>

We, honourable members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services, do hereby affix our signatures to this report to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity: -

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<u>NAME</u>	DES	IGNATION	SIGNATURE
1. Hon. Judith	Wanza Kasyoka	Chairperson	
2. Hon. Imma	culate Wanza John	Vice Chairperson	~~~~~~
3. Hon. Frida	Maua Mutinda	Member	Ŧ0:
4. Hon. Jacinta	Mary Mwoni	,,	
5. Hon. Munyo	oki Mwinzi	,,	
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8. Hon. Alphor	se Musyimi	,,	
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