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REPORT ON

THE 14<sup>TH</sup> NETWORK OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES OF HEALTH (NEAPACOH) MEETING, HELD FROM FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 IN KAMPALA, UGANDA.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

ALM	- Africa Leadership Meeting
AMR	- Antimicrobial Resistance
CHW	- Community Health Workers
FP	- Family Planning
MNCAH	- Maternal, Newborn, Child, And Adolescent Health
MOF	- Ministry of Finance
MOH	- Ministry of Health
MPs	- Members of Parliament
NCDs	- Non-Communicable Diseases
NEAPACOH	- Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health
NHIS	- National Health Insurance Schemes
PFM	- Public Financial Management
PHC	- Primary Health Care
PPP	- Public Private Partnerships
SDGS	- Sustainable Development Goals
UHC	- Universal Health Coverage
WHO	- World Health Organization
SHR	- Sexual Health Reproductive
ASRH	- Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

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## **CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD**

The Departmental Committee on Health was invited by Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) secretariat in Kampala Uganda to attend the 14th network on African Parliamentary committees on Health (NEAPACOH) conference 2023 in Kampala, Uganda.

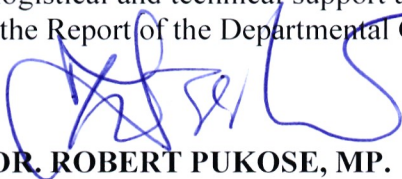
The main objective of the 2023 Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) meeting was meant to provide for capacity building and engagements between and among African parliamentarians, including technocrats, researchers and the civil society, to deliberate on priority policy interventions and build and sustain the momentum for political will, national ownership and support in order to consolidate the gains made towards achieving Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. The theme for the meeting was "Building the capacity of African Policy Makers for achieving universal health cover (UHC) and sustainable development goals (SDGs) that is the Role of Parliamentarians.

The sub themes were towards achieving UHC and SDGs: The key imperatives, accelerating Access to Sexual Reproductive Health Information and Services, accelerating Domestic Health Financing for achieving UHC and SDGs in Africa, integrating Population, Health and Environment for sustainable development; and strengthening African leadership, stewardship and accountability for achieving UHC and the SDGs.

The meeting was attended by delegates from more 30 Countries and Parliaments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Kingdom of Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republique Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Further, the Committee deliberated on the presentations of the conference and recommends that, Parliamentarians need to advocate for the increase in budget allocation for the Ministry of Health and Social Services particularly in the areas of primary health care and universal health care this is in order to meet the Abuja Declaration threshold.

The Committee is thankful to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its meeting. it is my pleasant duty to present the Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on its consideration of this report.



**HON. DR. ROBERT UKOSE, MP.**

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

## **1. PREFACE**

### **1.1 Mandate of the Committee**

The Committee is mandated under Standing Order 216 (4) and (5) to inter alia-

- a) *investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
- b) *study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation and effectiveness of the implementation;*
- c) *study and review all legislation referred to it;*
- d) *study, assess and analyze the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
- e) *investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
- f) *vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);*
- g) *examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
- h) *make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- i) *consider reports of Commissions and independent offices submitted to the house pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- j) *examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Health;

According to second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:

- i. Health;
- ii. Medical care and Health insurance including universal health coverage.

## 1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee comprises the following fifteen (15) Members;

4. The Committee was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises the following Members;

### **Chairperson**

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, MP  
Endebes Constituency  
**UDA Party**

### **Vice-Chairperson**

Hon. Ntwiga, Patrick Munene MP  
Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency  
**UDA Party**

### **Members**

Hon. Owino Martin Peters, MP  
Ndthiwa Constituency  
**ODM Party.**

Hon. Muge Cynthia Jepkosgei, MP  
Nandi (CWR)  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Wanyonyi Martin Pepela, MP  
Webuye East Constituency  
**Ford Kenya Party**

Hon. Kipngok Reuben Kiborek, MP  
Mogotio Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Nyikal James Wambura, MP  
Seme Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Kibagendi Antoney, MP  
Kitutu Chache South Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Julius Ole Sunkuli Lekakeny, MP  
Kilgoris Constituency  
**KANU**

Hon. Maingi Mary, MP  
Mwea Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Mathenge Duncan Maina, MP  
Nyeri Town Constituency  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Lenguris Pauline, MP  
Samburu (CWR)  
**UDA Party**

Hon. Oron Joshua Odongo, MP  
Kisumu Central Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. (Prof.) Jaldesa Guyo Waqo  
Moyale Constituency  
**UPIA Party**

Hon. Mukhwana Titus Khamala, MP  
Lurambi Constituency  
**ANC Party**

### **1.3 Committee Secretariat**

5. The following are the Secretariat who support the Committee;

**Mr. Hassan Abdullahi Arale**

Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

**Mr. Gladys Jepkoech Kiprotich**

Clerk Assistant III

**Ms. Salat Abdi Ali**

Senior Serjeant-At-Arms

**Ms. Faith Chepkemoi**

Legal Counsel II

**Mr. Yakub Ahmed**

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**Mr. Rahab Chepkilim**

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**Ms. Abigel Muendi**

Research Officer III

**Mr. Hiram Kimuhu**

Fiscal Analyst III

**Mr. Benson Kimanzi**

Serjeant-At-Arms III



## 2. INTRODUCTION

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6. The two-day meeting culminated in the formulation of country commitments and development and adoption of a 2023 Kampala Call to Action.
7. The Committee was represented by the delegation below and who attended the conference:
  - I. The Hon. Dr. Pukose Robert, M.P, Chairperson of the Committee- **Leader of delegation.**
  - II. The Hon. Titus Khamala, M.P.
  - III. Ms. Gladys Kiprotich, Clerk Assistant III-**Delegation secretary.**