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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

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REPORT ON:

COFFEE AND TEA CUPPING SESSIONS HELD IN BERLIN, GERMANY FROM 12TH TO 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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CHAPTER ONE

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is one of the twenty (20) Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under *Standing Order 216* whose mandates pursuant to the *Standing Order 216 (5)* are as follows:

- i. *To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
- ii. *To study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;*
- iii. *On a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
- iv. *To study and review all the legislation referred to it;*
- v. *To study, access and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
- vi. *To 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;*
- vii. *To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 204 (Committee on appointments);*
- viii. *To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
- ix. *To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- x. *To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- xi. *To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

2. In accordance with the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider agriculture, livestock, food production and marketing.

3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

1.2 Committee Membership

4. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises of the following members:

Chairperson

Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, MP
Tigania West Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP
Konoin Constituency

UDA Party

Members

Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP
Nominated Member

Jubilee Party

Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi
MP

Kwanza Constituency

Ford Kenya Party

Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
Matayos Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
Sigowet/Soin Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP
Nyando Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
Tigania East Constituency

NOPEU Party

Hon. David Kiplagat, MP
Soy Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
Gatundu South Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu,

Lamu County

Independent Member

Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP
Embu County

UDA Party

Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP
Borabu Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP
Mumias East Constituency

DAP-K Party

Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP
Wajir West Constituency

ODM Party

1.3 Committee Secretariat

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following secretariat:

Ms. Laureen Omsa Wesonga
Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

Mr. Victor Kilimo
Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Ahmednoor Hassan
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Brigitta Mati
Legal Counsel I

Mr. David Ng'eno
Research Officer II

CPA. Robert Ng'etich
Fiscal Analyst II

Ms. Sheila Chebotibin
Senior Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Gerald Kadede
Legal Counsel II

Mr. Muhumed Shillow
Research Officer III

Ms. Noelle Chelagat
Media Relations Officer II

Ms. Lilian Aluga
Public Relations Officer III

Mr. Kelvin Sakani
Audio Recording Officer

Mr. Richard Sang
Serjeant-at-Arms

CHAPTER TWO

2 COFFEE AND TEA CUPPING SESSIONS IN EUROPE

2.1 Introduction

6. The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs through its Kenyan Missions in Belgium, Netherlands and Germany had been assessing Europe's market feasibility to enhance placement of the Kenyan coffee and tea in the European Union market. The two commodities have gained wide recognition in various European nations which informed the need to increase marketing and exports to these markets.
7. As a result of the Mission's market assessment, the Kenyan Mission in Brussels in collaboration with Missions in Hague and Berlin decided to host tea and coffee cupping events in Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany. The cupping sessions in the three missions took place as follows: Brussels, Belgium on 12th and 13th September 2023; Hague, Netherlands on 14th and 15th September 2023; and Berlin, Germany on 18th and 19th September 2023.
8. The delegation from the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock of the National Assembly participated in tea and coffee cupping sessions in Berlin, Germany. The delegation comprised of:
 - i. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP – Leader of Delegation
 - ii. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP
 - iii. CPA. Robert Ng'etich – Fiscal Analyst II/Delegation Secretary

2.2 Objectives of the Coffee and Tea Cupping Sessions in Europe

The overall objective of hosting these sessions was to increase Kenya's market share in the traditional coffee market, business collaboration, connection and cooperation to help spur product demand. The specific objectives were:

9. **Market Exposure and Networking:** The event provided a platform for farmers and exporters to showcase their products to a wide range of industry professionals, buyers, and potential partners. This exposure can lead to increased market opportunities and direct trade relationships, addressing the challenge of limited market access.
10. **Access to Market Information:** The cupping event can facilitate the exchange of market information and trends between participants, including farmers, exporters, and buyers. Farmers can gain insights into market demands, quality requirements, and consumer preferences, helping them align their production and processing practices accordingly.
11. **Quality Improvement and Feedback:** Through cupping sessions and feedback from industry experts, farmers and exporters can receive valuable insights on improving the quality of their coffee and tea. This can lead to enhanced competitiveness in the market and increased demand for their products.
12. **Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building:** The cupping event can serve as an educational platform, offering workshops, seminars, and presentations on various topics

related to coffee and tea production, processing, and sustainability. This helps farmers and exporters gain knowledge, learn best practices, and adopt improved farming and processing techniques.

13. **Networking and Collaboration:** The event brings together stakeholders from different parts of the value chain, fostering networking opportunities and potential collaborations. Farmers can connect with exporters, processors, and buyers to explore partnerships, establish direct trade relationships, and access resources for productivity improvement.
14. **Investor Engagement:** The cupping event can attract the attention of potential investors interested in supporting the coffee and tea sectors in Kenya. These investors can provide financial resources, technology transfer, and expertise to address challenges such as access to financing, value addition, and infrastructure development.
15. **Policy Advocacy and Reforms:** The event can create a platform for stakeholders to engage with policymakers and advocate for policy reforms that address the challenges faced by the coffee and tea sectors. This can lead to improved policies, regulations, and supportive frameworks that address key issues, such as access to finance, infrastructure development, and market facilitation.
16. **Promotion of Sustainable Practices:** The cupping event can emphasize the importance of sustainable farming practices, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship. Through workshops and discussions, farmers and exporters can learn about sustainable agricultural techniques, including agroforestry, water management, and soil conservation.
17. **Value Addition and Product Innovation:** The event can showcase the potential for value addition and product diversification in the coffee and tea sectors. By highlighting specialty coffees, unique tea blends, and innovative processing methods, it encourages farmers and exporters to explore higher value markets and adopt value addition practices.

2.3 Cupping Sessions in Berlin, Germany

18. The cupping event in Berlin took place on 18th and 19th September 2023, the first day being dedicated to cupping and tea tasting and the exhibition sessions which took place concurrently. The second day being dedicated to site visits where the stakeholders from Kenya had an opportunity to visit various coffee and tea companies and warehouses in Germany to understand dynamics of the European market. The coffee-cupping and tea tasting event took place at the Kenyan Embassy in Berlin.
19. Various samples of tea and coffee from different cooperatives, millers and companies were presented for tasting. The tea tasting session was coordinated by the two tea companies that were present: Kaisagu Tea Factory; and Kabianga Tea Factory.
20. Participants from the German side comprised of various coffee roasters, coffee and tea retailers and wholesalers as well as representatives of the industry federations. The Government of Kenya was represented by the Principal Secretary for the State Department on Cooperatives among other Ministry officials.
21. Among the key participant on the event was the German Tea Association Secretary-

General who welcomed the initiative terming it as an opportunity for the consumers in Germany to taste, cup, and experience the originality and quality of the Kenyan coffee and tea. The Secretary-General underscored the need for the stakeholders from the two sides to engage and forge partnerships and collaborations.

22. In his submissions, the German Tea Association Secretary-General submitted that:
- i. The German consumer is becoming increasingly interested in the story behind the product. Issues like fair trade, social responsibility, and sustainability are becoming strong marketing tools for many tea companies;
 - ii. Kenya has a good standing compared to her competitors like India and China in increasing her exports e.g., in the orthodox tea sector and in the control of use of pesticides and contaminants. The latter, he noted had very high pollution levels compared to Kenya. This aspect can be used as great marketing tool by Kenya since Germans are very environment conscious. He said that Kenya is already doing a lot in environmental protection which is very impressive and an overlooked marketing tool by the country;
 - iii. On the relationship between German tea importers and Kenyan tea farms; he noted that the Germans are very deliberate and specific on the farms they import from. He noted that they usually make site visits and work to maintain the relationships they have built;
 - iv. He discouraged Kenya Tea Board or other tea exporters from thinking that exporting already packaged tea from Kenya could increase its export volumes. This he noted, is because the Germans have very high-quality packaging that is custom-made to specifically attractive standards that are constantly being reviewed. Meeting this threshold is difficult for any country and a costly affair. He explained that it is not worth risking a loss in export volumes of a great commodity like the Kenya tea by trying to sell it to Germany already packaged.
 - v. Herbal and fruit infusions retain their popularity, including in neighboring Austria and Switzerland, reflecting their long tradition in Germany and enduring consumer appeal.

2.4 Site visits

23. On the second day, the Kenyan delegation had an opportunity to site visit five (5) coffee roasters in Berlin. The visits offered an opportunity for the roasters to engage in cupping twelve (12) samples of Kenyan coffee from the various regions. The additional cupping was carried out at the community roastery.
24. The roasters were impressed by the quality of the coffee and committed to collaborate with the Kenyan producers. The roasters also offered to provide the Kenyan producers with the necessary market information and the needs of the Europe market and specifically, the German market.

CHAPTER THREE

3 OBSERVATIONS

The delegation made the following observations from the tea and coffee cupping sessions, THAT:

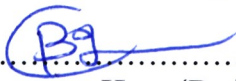
1. Natural, anaerobic, honey and organic coffees are gaining popularity in the European market. The demand for these products is on the rise.
2. Kenyan Missions play a critical role in promoting tea and coffee. In addition, Kenyans in the diaspora are key resource persons that Kenya can leverage on to market and promote Kenyan-made products.
3. The European market is very cautious and sensitive to the use of pesticides, herbicides, and contaminants in agricultural production. Any alarm on pesticide residue can result in product withdrawal which can be hard to regain.
4. The German consumer is becoming increasingly interested in the story behind the product and more so on fair trade issues, social responsibility, and environmental protection and sustainability. Germans are very deliberate and specific on the farms or companies they import from.

CHAPTER FOUR

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Government of Kenya needs consider establishing warehouses in strategic locations in Europe for storage and tasting of Kenyan tea and coffee. This will promote marketing and ease availability to consumers.
2. The Government of Kenya needs to leverage on its Kenyan Missions and diaspora as brand ambassadors for promoting Kenyan products. This can work well especially where warehouses and cupping stations are established.
3. Kenyan Missions should stock various coffee and tea samples and marketing materials to enable the continuity of the quest to penetrate the European market.
4. In order to ensure health and environmental protection which is very important in the European market, Kenyan producers and exporters are required to align their agricultural practices with the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides in and on food products.
5. To promote value addition on Kenyan tea and coffee, there is need to regularly educate and sensitize Kenyan producers on the taste and preferences of European consumers. This may include education on other methods of processing like natural, anaerobic honey and organic coffee products as a means of diversification of coffee products for emerging market demands.
6. The Tea Board of Kenya and Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) to consider organizing tea and coffee origin events which will avail opportunity for the consumers to visit and appreciate how and where the Kenyan tea/coffee is being produced. This will enable the consumers of the Kenya products to have a personal experience and linkage with the Kenyan produce.

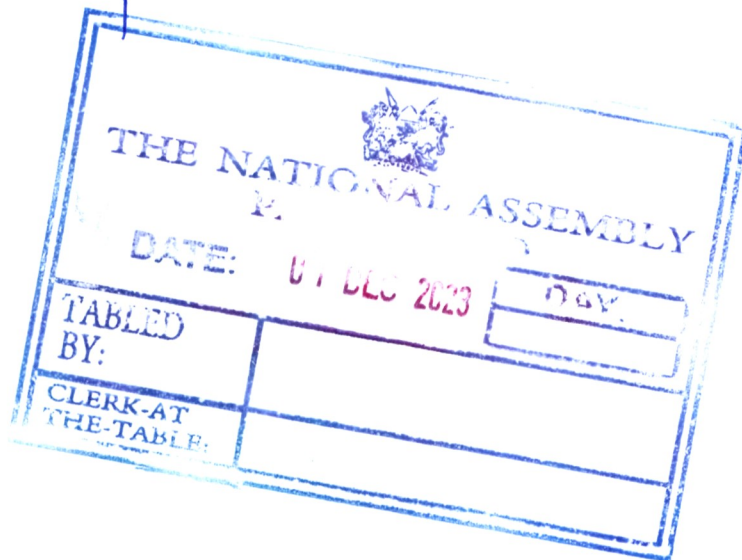
Signed:



Date:

6/12/2023

Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, MP
Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock





THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION - 2023

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

ADOPTION SCHEDULE FOR THE REPORT ON THE SUMMIT FOR THE
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD FROM
22ND TO 28TH OCTOBER 2023 IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

DATE: 6TH DECEMBER 2023

VENUE: 2ND FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE

S/NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUITHIA MUTUNGA, MP - CHAIRPERSON	
2.	HON. BRIGHTON LEONARD YEGON, MP - VICE- CHAIRPERSON	
3.	HON. SABINA WANJIRU CHEGE, CBS, MP	
4.	HON. FERDINAND KEVIN WANYONYI, MP	
5.	HON. GEOFFREY MAKOKHA ODANGA, MP	
6.	HON. JUSTICE KIPSANG KEMEI, MP	
7.	HON. JARED ODOYO OKELO, MP	
8.	HON. LAWRENCE MPURU ABURI, MP	
9.	HON. DAVID KIPLAGAT, MP	
10.	HON. GABRIEL GATHUKA KAGOMBE, MP	
11.	HON. MONICAH MUTHONI MARUBU, MP	
12.	HON. PAMELA NJOKI NJERU, MP	
13.	HON. PATRICK KIBAGENDI OSERO, MP	
14.	HON. PETER KALERWA SALASYA, MP	
15.	HON. YUSSUF MOHAMED FARAH, MP	



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION - 2023**

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 50TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON 2ND FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP
2. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
3. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
4. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP
5. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP
6. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP
7. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP
8. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |

INATTENDANCE

SECRETARIAT

- | | | |
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| 1. Ms. Laureen O. Wesonga | - | Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 3. Ms. Noelle Chelagat | - | Media Relations Officer II |
| 4. Mr. Kelvin Lengasi | - | Audio Recording Officer |

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Introductions
 - i. Adoption of the Agenda
 - ii. Remarks by the Chairperson
3. Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising

4. Meeting to discuss the proposed amendments to the veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011 (No. 29 of 2011)
5. Adoption of reports
6. Any other Business
7. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/209: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-five minutes past two O'clock. It was noted that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were not present in the meeting. Members elected Hon. Justice Kemei, MP to chair the meeting as provided under S.O. 188.

The interim Chairperson said a word of prayer before welcoming the meeting to consider the day's agenda.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Sabina Chege, CBS, MP and seconded by Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/210: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the following Sittings were confirmed as a true reflection of the proceedings:

1. 48th Sitting having been proposed by Hon. Patrick Osero, MP and seconded by Hon. Monicah Marubu, MP; and
2. 49th Sitting having been proposed by Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP and seconded by Hon. Patrick Osero, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/211: MATTERS ARISING

Under deliberation No. 6(iv):

The Committee Clerk informed the CS for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development had written a letter to the Committee informing Members that he and other Cabinet Secretaries had been assigned counties across the country to oversee emergency response to persons affected by the El Nino rains and was therefore not be able to appear before the Committee on Monday, 4th December 2023 as earlier agreed. He requested the Committee to reschedule the meeting to a later date.

Members deliberated and resolved that the CS should be invited to appear before the Committee on Monday, 20th February 2024 given that the House was going on long recess.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/212:

MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE VETERINARY
SURGEONS AND VETERINARY
PARAPROFESSIONALS ACT, 2011 (NO. 29
OF 2011)

The meeting deliberated and resolved as follows on the amendments proposed to the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011 (No. 29 of 2011):

1. Section 2(1)
 - a) Definition of the word "animal" – Agreed to
 - b) Definition of the word "animal resource industry" – Agreed to
 - c) Definition of "annual premises license" – Rejected
 - d) Definition of "private practice" – Rejected
 - e) Definition of "register" – Agreed to
 - f) Definition of "veterinary medicine" – Agreed to
 - g) Definition of "Cabinet Secretary" – Agreed to
 - h) Definition of "veterinary practice" – Agreed to
2. Section 2(2) : Agreed to
3. Section 6(2)(a) : Agreed to
4. Section 6(2)(n) : Agreed to
5. Section 16(5) : Rejected

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/213:

ADOPTION OF REPORTS

The Committee considered and adopted the following reports:

1. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 68 of 2023) having been proposed by Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP and seconded by Hon. Monicah Marubu, MP;
2. The Crop (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023) having been proposed by Hon. David Kiplagat, MP and seconded by Hon. Monicah Marubu, MP;
3. The Summit for the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock held from 22nd to 28th October 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa having been proposed by Hon. Pamela Njoki, MP and seconded by Hon. Jared Okelo, MP; and
4. Coffee and Tea Cupping Sessions Held in Berlin, Germany from 12th to 19th September 2023 having been proposed by Hon. Sabina Chege, CBS, MP and seconded by Hon. Patrick Osero, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/214:

ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT
MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at twelve minutes to two O'clock. The next meeting will be held on notice.

SIGNED: DATE: 7/12/2023

HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK