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**REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,  
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**

**THE VETTING OF THE PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARIES NOMINEES TO THE MINISTRY  
OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. DR. RICHARD BELIO KIPSANG - NOMINEE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION
2. PROF. COLLETTE AKOTH SUDA - NOMINEE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013**

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## 1.0 PREFACE

On behalf of the Members of the Departmental Committee on Education and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 199, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's Report on the vetting of Principal Secretaries nominees.

### **Committee Membership**

The Departmental Committee on Health was constituted by the House on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 216 comprising of the following Members:-

1. The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. (Vice Chair)
3. The Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P.
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27. The Hon. Dorcas Kedogo Luvalitsa, M.P.
28. The Hon. Ibren Nasra Ibrahim, M.P.
29. The Hon. Makenga Richard katemi, M.P.

## Committee mandate

The Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology is established by Standing Order 216 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly and mandated, amongst other things,

- 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;*
- 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;and*
- f) *make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.*

Pursuant to Article 155 (3) which states, and I quote, the President shall-

*Nominate a person for appointment as Principal Secretary from among persons recommended by the Public Service Commission; and*

*With the approval of the National Assembly, appoint Principal Secretaries.*

### Nomination of the Principal Secretaries

It was within the premise of the Article that H.E. the President, forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly, the names of nominees to the position of Principal Secretary vide a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for vetting by the Departmental Committee on Education and consideration for approval by the

National Assembly for appointment as Principal Secretaries:-

	Nominee	Ministry
1.	Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang	Education
2.	Prof. Collette Akoth Suda	Science and Technology

On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 the Honourable Speaker in a communication to the House, informed the House that he had received the names of the twenty six (26) nominees for Principal Secretaries in various Ministries and directed that their names and Curriculum Vitae be referred to relevant Departmental Committees for vetting and reporting to the House within 14 days (by 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013).

**Committee meetings**

The Committee held two Sittings during which the nominees appeared and were vetted in accordance with the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011 for appointment as Principal Secretaries.

On behalf of the Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's Report on the vetting of the nominees.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting of the nominees.

**Thank you.**

Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.  .....

(Chairperson)

Date ..... 25/6/13 .....

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Departmental Committee on Education is established under Standing Order No. 216(5) with the mandate to consider for approval by the House, appointments of Principal Secretaries under Article 152(2) of the Constitution.

### 2.2 APPOINTMENT PROCESS OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES NOMINEES

- (i) H.E. the President, in accordance with the provisions of Article 152(2) of the Constitution, forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly, the names of the two (2) nominees; Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang and Prof. Collette Akoth Suda (together with other nominees for Principal Secretaries for other Ministries) vide a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 for vetting and approval for appointment by the National Assembly as Principal Secretaries.
- (ii) On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, the Honourable Speaker in a communication, referred the names of the nominees to the respective Departmental Committee for vetting and reporting to the House within 14 days (by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013)
- (iii) On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, an advertisement was placed in the print media inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of affidavit on the suitability or otherwise of the two (2) nominees in conformity with Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2011. The submissions were to be received latest by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- (iv) The Committee requested the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) to provide reports about the nominees on: -
  - Matters touching on integrity;
  - Tax compliance;
  - Loan repayments.

In response, HELB confirmed that Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang and Prof. Collette Akoth Suda had been cleared by HELB; Kenya Revenue Authority confirmed that both nominees were tax compliant while the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission informed the Committee that there were no pending integrity related cases on the nominees.

### 3.0 APPROVAL PROCESS

In conducting the vetting process, the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology examined the nominees against the following criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011.

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject
- (vi) Overall suitability for the position
- (vii) Tax compliance
- (viii) Integrity

During its Sittings held Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 the Committee conducted face to face interview of the nominees.

### 3.1 DR. RICHARD BELIO KIPSANG- PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NOMINEE FOR EDUCATION

Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang appeared before the Committee and after introductions, the Chairperson informed him that a letter from the Ethics and Anti Corruption

Commission had cleared him of any integrity issues. The Higher Education Loans Board and Kenya Revenue Authority had also cleared him.

## **1.1 Response to Questions raised by the Committee**

### **Suitability for the Position**

#### **I. Industrial Unrest**

Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang stated that if appointed Principal Secretary he will ensure that dialogue channels between employers and employees are kept open so as to facilitate engagements in respect of salaries and emoluments with a view to maintaining stability in the economy by avoiding strikes/labour unrest. His role will be to safeguard the interest of both groups. He noted the critical role played by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission in advising the national and county governments on the salaries and benefits for all other public officers.

#### **II. Quality of Education**

Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang noted that Education is a key foundation in ensuring that the country realizes development. Further, he cited the factors affecting quality of education including the quality of teachers, infrastructure among others. He stated that if appointed Principal Secretary he would ensure that favorable learning environment in schools.

#### **III. Leadership and good governance in the Education sector**

Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang stated that he would ensure that all the managers of learning institution are adequately briefed of what is expected of them in terms of the code of conduct and regulations.

#### **IV. Linkage between the Executive and the Legislature**

Dr. Kipsang noted that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 changed the dynamics in that there is definite and clear separation of power between the



executive and the legislature. On one hand, he stated that the executive formulates and implements policy while the legislature plays an important role in terms of ensuring necessary legislations are put in place. He noted that Committees play a critical role in creating a linkage between the executive and the Houses of Parliament. If appointed Principal Secretary he would ensure that the three arms of government operate complementarily and still uphold the Principle of separation of power. He will also ensure that properly trained knowledgeable team on Parliamentary matters is put in place to ensure timely response whenever a statements are sought from Parliament.

#### **V. Implementation of the new constitution**

Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang stated that he will ensure that the Ministry's operations are properly aligned to the new constitution by ensuring that all policies in the education sector are put in place and all the functions that require to be devolved to the county governments are done so in a proper and structured way. He will also ensure that all the policies and all the working documents are aligned to the constitution. He will ensure that he involves all the stakeholders in coming up with necessary policies that are required to implement the constitution. In the matter of the constitutionality of the TSC as it is constituted, he would ensure that the process of selecting the remaining Commissioners is fast tracked.

#### **VI. Devolution**

He noted that transfer of functions to county governments should be done in a proper structured and progressive manner. In the sector of education, Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) function has been devolved to the county governments, he noted that there is need for TSC to

be allowed to recruit manage, train and deploy teachers for purposes of quality assurance and standardization of teaching content. Further, he stated that there is therefore a need for the national and county governments to work together to ensure that there is no inconsistency between the Constitution and the TSC Act.

#### **VII. University education funding**

He stated that there are myriads of problems facing needy students who intend to access funding for their university education. Further, Dr. Kipsang assured the Committee that if appointed Principal Secretary he would ensure that the regulations put in place to identify needy students are adhered to. He noted that there is need to relook at the legal framework of the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) in order to ensure that more students have access to this facility. He further noted several ways of transforming HELB for instance relooking at the definition of the term "needy student" and also transforming the fund in such a way that parents can begin making savings (learners bank) for their children's university education as early as possible.

#### **VIII. Corruption**

He stated that would ensure that meritocracy is adhered to while undertaking form one selections, college placement through setting up proper systems to avoid corruption that has bedeviled the exercises.

#### **IX. Free Primary Education (FPE) and Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE)**

He noted that he will ensure FPE and FDSE are accessed by all and at the same time he will also address quality of education in order to ensure that

the same is not compromised. He noted that integration of ICT is key in ensuring that the quality of education is enhanced. For proper management of FPE and FDSE he stated that he would put in place mechanisms to deal with any person who misappropriates these funds. He will also leverage on technology in order to minimize bureaucracy.

#### **X. Elevation of Middle level colleges to fully fledged universities**

Dr. Kipsang noted that while transforming middle level colleges into fully fledged universities, it was important for these middle colleges to continue offering technical training in order to ensure that the country has the requisite manpower for industrial development. He will also ensure that these upgraded technical colleges/ universities continue playing the duo role of being a technical institution and a university.

### **3.2 PROF. COLLETTE AKOTH SUDA - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NOMINEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Prof. Collette Akoth Suda appeared before the Committee on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and informed the Committee as follows:

#### **Response to Questions raised by the Committee**

##### **Suitability for the Position**

##### **I. Corruption**

Prof. Collette Akoth Suda noted that corruption is a vice that has bedeviled this country for a very long time and there is need to hold accountable those engaging in the vice. She also noted that curbing of corruption requires change of altitude at all levels of governance. Further, she added that through collective responsibility, corruption can be eliminated even in learning institutions.

## **II. Funding of University Education**

She stated that there was need to come up with innovative and creative enterprises in order to generate revenue at the universities and colleges. She noted that these must be done without compromising quality of education.

## **III. Elevation of middle level colleges into universities**

Prof. Collette Suda noted that the middle level colleges must continue offering the technical courses so as to achieve the aspirations of Kenya's vision 2030. However, she emphasized on the need to modernize the modules so as to correspond with the needs of the market; there is therefore a need to ensure that modern technology is embraced.

## **IV. Funding of Research**

She stated that the establishment of the National Research Fund is a milestone in ensuring that research is funded by the Government. She further noted that there is need for Private -public partnership in funding research since the funds allocated by the Government are inadequate. She added that the University funding board is mandated to mobilize resources to fund research. She stated that if appointed Principal Secretary, she will ensure that research conducted is aligned with the needs of the industry so that the findings can influence the services and products offered.

## **V. Integration of ICT in learning institutions**

She stated that introduction of ICT in learning institutions is fundamental if Kenya is to become an industrialized nation by 2030. She added that there is need to embrace ICT right from inception. However, she noted that the laptop project is competing with other issues in the education sector. Consequently, she stated that there is need for dialogue for all stakeholders in order to decide how best this can be achieved.

## **Implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TIVET) Act, 2013**

She stated that if appointed Principal Secretary, she will ensure that the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 and the TIVET Act, 2013 are operationalised. She noted that there was need to operationalise TIVET Authority in order to regulate science, technology and innovations. She further added that she will ensure that the curriculum in technical institutions is modernized to respond to the changing times and the market needs. She will also ensure that the modules offered at Technical institution correspond with the needs of the market. She will ensure that the innovations showcased at the science congress are patented and commercialized. This will go a long way in creating employment for the youths and assist in realizing the aspirations of vision 2030.

### **4.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS**

#### **4.1 PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NOMINEE FOR EDUCATION - DR. RICHARD BELIO KIPSANG:-**

The Committee having considered his curriculum vitae and heard his oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations:-

- a. He holds a Ph. D in Education specializing in Educational Administration and Planning from The Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Masters of Arts degree in Economics and a Bachelors (Honours) degree in Education (Business and Economics) both from the University of Nairobi. He has undertaken various trainings including Strategic Decision Making for Management, Corporate Finance and Strategy, Management of Higher Education Institutions among others. He has also undertaken Research in the field of education mainly in Financing Higher Education in Kenya.

- b. He is currently the **Managing Trustee/Chief Executive Officer** of Coffee Development Fund, a state corporation in the Ministry of Agriculture, a Council Member Cooperative University College, Mt Kenya University and Board Member of Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade Canadian based international Think Thank organization.
- c. Prior to his appointment as the Managing trustee, Mr. Belio Kipsang was Deputy CEO & Head of Operations, at Higher Education Loans Board, and Chairman, Operations Committee, Association of African Higher education Financing Agencies (AAHEFA). He has undertaken various consultancies both locally and internationally on leadership and management of higher education
- d. He has never been charged in a Court of Law, has no potential conflict of interest, and has fully complied with his tax obligation.
- e. He has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry.
- f. **The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as the Principal Secretary for Education**

4.2 **PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NOMINEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-  
PROF. COLLETTE A SUDA**

The Committee having considered her curriculum vitae and heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations:-

- i. She holds a Ph.D in Rural Sociology, M.Sc. in Rural Sociology, M.Sc. in Community Development from the University of Missouri - Columbia USA and Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Nairobi.

- ii. She worked as a lecturer in the University of Nairobi from 1986, rising through the ranks to become a full professor in 2007. She did her inaugural Lecture at the University of Nairobi in 2007 titled *“Formal Monogamy and informal polygamy in parallel African traditions in transition”*
  - iii. She has conducted several research including supervising masters students as well as Ph. D students. She has also made several Publications in sociology.
  - iv. She worked as the Secretary for Gender and Social Development in the Ministry of Gender, Children and Youth Services. She has also worked as a Commissioner in the National Commission on Gender and Development.
  - v. She resigned as a Secretary for Gender and Social Development with intention to vie for a Senate seat in Migori County but she later withdrew her candidature before nominations.
  - vi. She has never been charged in a Court of Law, has no potential conflict of interest, and has fully complied with his tax obligation.
  - vii. She has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry.
- (vi) The Committee found the nominee suitable for appointment as a Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.**

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Article 155(3)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 45 the Committee recommends that:-

This House approves the following two (2) nominees for appointment by H.E. the President as Principal Secretaries in their respective departments:-






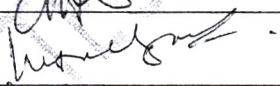
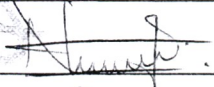
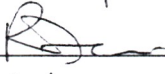
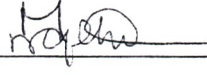
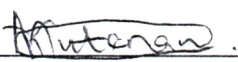


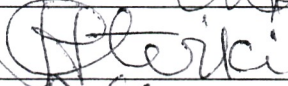
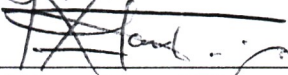
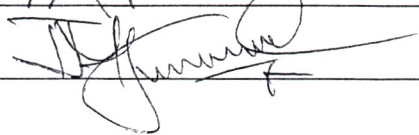
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Adoption of the Report on the vetting of Principal Secretaries

Date: 24/06/2013.....

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MINUTES OF THE 8TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH 2013, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, AT 4.00 P.M.

1. The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)
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ABSENT

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3. The Hon. Kenneth Okoth, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Ms. Leah Wanjiru - Clerk Assistant I  
Ms. Camellyne - Parliamentary Intern

The meeting was called to order at Ten Minutes past Four and thereupon prayers were said.

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### **Educational and Professional Qualifications**

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Dr. Belio Kipsang stated that he will ensure that the Ministry's operations are properly aligned to the new constitution by ensuring that all policies in the education sector are put in place and all the functions that require to be devolved to the county governments are done so in a proper structured way. He will ensure that all the policies and all the working documents are aligned to the constitution. He will ensure that he involves all the stakeholders in coming up with necessary policy that are required to implement the constitution. In the matter of the constitutionality of the TSC as it is constituted, he would ensure that the process of selecting all the Commissioners is fast tracked.

### **Devolution**

He noted that transfer of functions to county governments should be done in a proper structured and progressive manner. In the sector of education, Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) function has been devolved to the county governments, he noted that there is need for TSC to be allowed to recruit manage, train and deploy teachers for purposes of quality assurance and standardization of teaching content. Further, he stated that there is therefore a need for the national and county governments to work together to ensure that there is no inconsistency between the Constitution and the TSC Act.

### **University education funding**

He stated that there are myriads of problems facing needy students who intend to access funding for their university education. Further, Dr. Kipsang assured the Committee that if appointed Principal Secretary he would ensure that the regulations put in place to identify

needy students are adhered to. He noted that there is need to relook at the legal framework of the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) in order to ensure that more students have access to this facility. He further noted several ways of transforming HELB for instance relooking at the definition of the term "needy student" and also transforming the fund in such a way that parents can begin making savings (learners bank) for their children's university education as early as possible.

### **Corruption**

He stated that would ensure that meritocracy is adhered to while undertaking form one selections, college placement by setting up proper systems to avoid corruption that has bedeviled the exercises.

### **Free Primary Education (FPE) and Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE)**

He noted that he will ensure FPE and FDSE are accessed by all and at the same time he will also address quality of education in order to ensure that the goals of vision 2030 are realized. He noted that integration of ICT is key in ensuring that the quality of education is enhanced. He added that the free programmes are not necessarily unnecessary as some of them increase retention of pupils in schools. For proper management of FPE and FSDE he stated that he would put in place mechanisms to deal with any person who misappropriates these funds. He will also leverage on technology in order to minimize bureaucracy.

### **Elevation of Middle level colleges into fully fledged universities**

Dr. Kipsang noted that while transforming middle level colleges into fully fledged universities, it was important for these middle colleges to continue offering technical training in order to ensure that the country has the requisite manpower for industrial development. He will also ensure that these upgraded technical colleges/ universities continue playing the duo role of being a technical institution and a university.

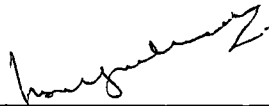
### **MIN.NO. 31/2013 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6.15 O'clock.

MIN. NO. 32/2013 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Committee resolved to re-convene on the same day at 6.20 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH 2013, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, AT 6.20 P.M.

1. The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. (Vice Chair)
3. The Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P.
4. The Hon. (Dr.) Wilber Ottichilo, M.P.
5. The Hon. Harrison Kombe, M.P.
6. The Hon. Yusuf Chanzu, M.P
7. The Hon. Joseph Manje, M.P.
8. The Hon. Rose Rwamba Mitaru, M.P.
9. The Hon. Anthony Kimaru, M.P.
10. The Hon. Joseph Nyumu, M.P.
11. The Hon. Jacob Macharia, M.P.
12. The Hon. Mary Seneta, M.P.
13. The Hon. Joseph M'eruaki, M.P.
14. The Hon. Dr. Susan Chebet, M.P.
15. The Hon. Eric Keter, M.P.
16. The Hon. Cecilian Ng'etich, M.P.
17. The Hon. Mohamed Huka, M.P.
18. The Hon. Moses Injendi, M.P.
19. The Hon. Charles Muriuki, M.P.
20. The Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, M.P.
21. The Hon. (Dr.) Christine Ombaka, M.P.
22. The Hon. Simba Arati, M.P.
23. The Hon. Jared Opiyo Odhiambo, M.P.
24. The Hon. Michael Kiso Manthi, M.P.
25. The Hon. Ibren Nasra Ibrahim, M.P.
26. The Hon. Makenga Richard katemi, M.P.

**ABSENT**

1. The Hon. Halima Ware Duri, M.P.
2. The Hon. Dorcas Kedogo Luvalitsa, M.P.
3. The Hon. Kenneth Okoth, M.P.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

Ms. Leah Wanjiru - Clerk Assistant I  
Ms. Camellyne - Parliamentary Intern

MIN.NO. 33/2013 VETTING OF THE PRINCIPAL NOMINEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY– PROF. COLLETTE AKOTH SUDA

The meeting was called to order at 6.20 pm thereupon prayers were said.

Prof. Collette Akoth Suda appeared before the Committee and after introductions she proceeded to give a brief background as follows:-

**Academic and professional background**

In respect of her academic and professional background the nominee informed the Committee as follows: -

- i. She holds a Ph.D in Rural Sociology from the University of Missouri – Columbia USA, M.Sc. in Rural Sociology, M.Sc. in Community Development and Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Nairobi.
- ii. She worked as a lecturer in the University of Nairobi from 1986, rising through the ranks to become a full professor in 2007. She did her inaugural Lecture in 2007.
- iii. She has conducted several research including supervising masters students as well as Ph. D students. She has also made several Publications in sociology.
- iv. Until last year when she resigned to vie for a Senate seat in Migori County, she worked as the Secretary for Gender and Social Development in the Ministry of Gender, Children and Youth Services. She has also worked as a Commissioner in the National Commission on Gender and Development.
- v. She resigned as a Secretary for Gender and Social Development to vie for a Senate seat in Migori County but she later withdrew her candidature.
- vi. She has never been charged in a Court of Law, has no potential conflict of interest, and has fully complied with his tax obligation.
- vii. She has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry.

## **I. Corruption**

Prof. Collette Akoth Suda noted that corruption is a vice that has bedeviled this country for a very long time and there is need to hold accountable those engaging in the vice.

She also stated that it was important to make people who engage in corruption be held accountable. She also noted that corruption requires change of altitude at all levels of governance in order to curb the vice. Further, she added that through collective responsibility, corruption can be eliminated even in learning institutions.

## **II. Funding of University Education**

She stated that there was need to come up with innovative and creative enterprises in order to generate revenue at the universities and colleges. She noted that these must be done without compromising quality of education.

## **III. Elevation of middle level colleges into universities**

Prof. Collette noted that the middle level colleges must continue offering the technical modules so as to achieve the aspirations of Kenya's vision 2030.

## **IV. Funding of Research**

She stated that the establishment of the National Research Fund is a milestone in ensuring that research is funded by the Government. She further noted that there is need for Private-public partnership in funding research since the funds allocated by the Government are inadequate. She added that the University funding board is mandated to mobilize resources to fund research. She stated that if appointed Principal Secretary, she will ensure that research conducted is aligned with the needs of the industry so that the findings can influence the services and products offered.

## **V. Integration of ICT in learning institution**

She stated that introduction of ICT in learning institutions is key if Kenya is to become an industrialized nation by 2030. She added that there is need to embrace ICT right from

inception. However, she noted that the laptop project is competing with other issues in the education sector. Consequently, she stated that there is need for dialogue for all stakeholders in order to decide how best this can be achieved.

**VI. Implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act , 2013 and the TVET Act , 2013**

She stated that if appointed Principal Secretary, she will ensure that the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 and the TVET Act, 2013 are operationalised. She noted that there was need to operationalise TVET Authority in order to regulate science, technology and innovations. She further added that she will ensure that the curriculum in technical institutions is modernized to respond to the changing times and the market needs. She will also ensure erstwhile disconnect between the modules offered at Technical institution and the needs of the market is removed. She will ensure that the innovations showcased at the science congress are patented and commercialized. This will go a long way in creating employment for the youths and assist in realizing the aspirations of vision 2030.

**MIN.NO. 34/2013 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at Twenty Minutes past seven O'clock.

**MIN.NO. 35/2013 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Committee resolved to re-convene on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 24TH 2013, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, AT 6.20 P.M.

1. The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. (Vice Chair)
3. The Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P.
4. The Hon. Harrison Kombe, M.P.
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1. The Hon. Halima Ware Duri, M.P.
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IN ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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MIN. NO. 36/2013

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SITTING

The meeting was called to order at Twenty Minutes Past six O'clock and prayers were said.

Minutes of the following previous sittings of the Committee were confirmed as true records of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairperson;

1. Eighth Sitting Proposed by Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. and Seconded by Hon. Harrison Kombe, MP.
2. Ninth Sitting proposed by Hon. Muriuki Njagagua, MP and Seconded by Hon. Prof. Hellen Sambili, MP .

MIN. NO. 37/2013

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE VETTING OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES NOMINEES

The Committee recommends that Pursuant to Article 152(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 216 (5), the House approves the following two (2) nominees for appointment by H.E. the President as Principal Secretaries in their respective departments in the Ministry of Education Sience and Technology:-

- 1) Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang
- 2) Prof. Collette Akoth Suda

MIN. NO. 38/2013

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON VETTING OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES NOMINEES – DR. RICHARD BELIO KIPSANG AND PROF. COLLETTEE AKOTH SUDA

The Members unanimously adopted the Committee's report on the vetting of Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang and Prof. Collette Akoth Suda and resolved that the Chairperson Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P. will move the Motion on the adoption of the report and the Hon. Simba Arati, MP to second.

MIN. NO. 39/2013 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm.

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Dear *Charles*

RE: VETTING OF NOMINEES TO POSITIONS OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY BY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

Departmental Committees are established pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order 216 and are mandated to 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).

The Committees will be conducting vetting of the nominees whose names are indicated on the attached list on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013,

This is to request you to provide a report on re-payments of any loans that may have been advanced by the Commission to the nominees.

We will appreciate if the information is received by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

Yours *Sincerely*

JUSTIN N. BUNDI  
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY