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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Select Committee on Regional Integration has oversight responsibility over the Ministry responsible for the implementation of Northern Corridor Integration Projects including the One Stop Border Posts. The One-Stop-Border Post (OSBP) concept combines the traditional two stops for border processing into one and improves the coordination of other border control functions for exit and entry points in the shared spaces between respective countries. The idea is influenced by the need to improve revenue collection by speeding up clearance for goods and people wishing to travel to either side of the countries, improve security and mutual trust between partner states and nurture the EAC federation dream.

At inception, the Namanga OSBP was expected to reduce transportation time by saving up to a third of the current time taken; thereby reducing the losses that earlier on discouraged export trade. The Committee, keen on monitoring the supposed improvements and expansion of trade between Kenya and her neighbours, organized for an inspection visit to the Border post at Namanga and held discussions with government officials and other stakeholders. The Committee notes with appreciation the progress made by the Governments of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania in operationalizing the OSBP concept.

During the inspection visit, the Committee identified concerns on the operations and management of the Namanga Border Post facility and consequently invited the Kenya Revenue Authority Customs officials responsible for border control and customs to address the issues raised by members of the local community. The primary issues touched on unemployment of the locals, treatment of women traders, allocations of tenders to non-locals, use of facilities within the Border Post including the operations of the canteen and corporate social responsibility of the facility towards the locals.

In response to the concerns affecting the Namanga OSPB Community, KRA pledged support the local economy by ensuring some categories of goods, services and works required at the region is awarded to locals in support of local business activities. For large contracts such as cleaning and security, contractors shall be obligated to employ local youth.

Further, the Committee was informed that, KRA has organized a local football match which involves the locals in Tanzania and Kenya. As a long term plan, KRA intends to identify a

suitable, sustainable and viable community social responsibility project shall benefit the community.

In cognisance of the need for local Women Traders facilitation, KRA promised to engage with the County Government of Kajiado with a view of supporting the women traders.

The Committee was further informed that, KRA, with the support of Border Agencies, Regional and International partners, in pursuit of securing the porous/unmanned borders against smuggling, has carried out the following enforcement operations on joint border patrols: established a road block along Namanga Nairobi Highway; Establishment of a Border Management Committee under the leadership of Kenya, Customs; establishment of a Joint Operations Centre at Namanga OSPB; enhanced transparency by carrying of inter-agency joint verifications; procurement of a baggage scanner to complement verification of traveller's baggage; enhanced intelligence sharing between agencies; regional and international cooperation and engaged the community in dealing with porous borders.

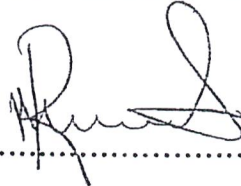
The Committee was informed that the sensitization exercise of the facility users has been ongoing through various forums as follows:

- (a) Continuous engagement/training with the community and traders on matters relating to trade. Enlightening traders on which forms of trade which do not attract taxes and penalties thus discouraging smuggling;
- (b) Establishment of a Customer Care desk at the OSBPs to guide the traders and passengers when necessary;
- (c) Incorporation of Joint Border Committees, County meetings and workshops dealing with illicit trade and contraband goods, held continuously with the County Commissioner/Commander and cross boarder trader on clearance laws and procedures;
- (d) Continuous engagement with the local community through Joint Border Coordination Committee meetings.

KRA further gave assurance that conditions surrounding the management and operations will be stipulated moving forward and the locals would be considered in any upcoming events. It was also agreed by KRA and the Committee that the peaceful coexistence enjoyed by residents of

Namanga One Stop Border Post facility should be maintained and that local arrangements on trade facilitation should not be interfered with by KRA.

The Committee would make a follow up with the Agency after the new lease has been floated to ensure they have incorporated the locals. On behalf of the Select Committee on Regional Integration and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 199 (6), it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this House the Report of the Committee on the inspection visit of the operations at Namanga One stop border post, Kajiado County.

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DATE..... 7/11/2018.....

HON. NAISULA LESUUDA, OGW, MP
CHAIRPERSON,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
KEPHIS	Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services
IBM	Integrated Border Management
TANCIS	Tanzania Customs Integrated System
OGAs	Other Government Agencies
OSBP	One Stop Border Post
SCT	Single Customs Territory

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains the Committee's observations and recommendations on the status of implementation of the One Stop Border Post in Namanga, Kajiado County. The Committee on Regional Integration carried out a familiarization visit to the One Stop Border Post (OSBP) facility in Kajiado County, between 7th and 10th of April, 2018 to inspect and confirm the implementation status of the One Stop Border Post facility.

During the visit, the Committee noted the following matters as critical for the success of the OSBP idea and therefore warrants further attention:

1. There is need for better enforcement of various laws and conventions due to improved understanding of different Government Agencies' mandate and the value of uniform application of procedures at different borders within Tanzania
2. There is a general lack of harmonized charges/fees on import permits by various Other Government Agencies; for example Veterinary (VET), and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS), as charged by the two Governments (KE/TZ). Non-tariff barriers such as levies and fees imposed on small scale traders' exports from Tanzania.
3. There is need for more funds to cater for sustainable maintenance/Repair of the OSB
4. Authorities need to anchor the Joint Border Coordinating Committee Meetings under the EAC framework to ensure structured engagement.
5. The EAC spirit is not fully embraced by the neighbouring Partner state. The Committee also observed the border community livestock issues was handled in crude way; and that the action taken had created a rift between the two communities.

After the visit, the Committee invited the Kenya Revenue Authority Customs Commissioner to address the issues raised by stakeholders and the local community concerning the operations and management of the Namanga Border Post facility. The primary issues touched on unemployment of the locals, treatment of women traders, allocations of tenders to non-locals, use of facilities within the Border Post including the operations of the canteen and corporate social responsibility of the facility towards the locals. The Kenya Revenue Authority Customs Commissioner appeared before the Committee and gave assurance that conditions surrounding the management

and operations will be stipulated moving forward and the locals would be considered in any upcoming events. It was also agreed between KRA and the Committee that the peaceful coexistence enjoyed by residents of Namanga One Stop Border Post facility should be maintained and that local arrangements should not be interfered with by KRA.

The Committee would make a follow up with the Agency after the new lease has been floated to ensure they have incorporated the locals.

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Regional Integration concluded a familiarization visit of the Namanga One Stop Border Post (OSBP) facility in Kajiado County, between 7th and 10th of April, 2018 to inspect and confirm the implementation status of the One Stop Border Post facility.

1.1 Committee Mandate

As provided for in Standing Order 212, the Committee is mandated to carry out the following functions:

- i. Enhance the involvement of the National Assembly in intensification and development of the integration process in the East African Community and the greater African region;
- ii. Examine the records of all the relevant debates and resolutions of the meetings of the East African Legislative Assembly;
- iii. Examine the Bills introduced in the East African legislative Assembly and Acts of the East African Community;
- iv. Examine records of relevant debates and resolutions of Pan African Parliament, the African Caribbean and Pacific- European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly and other regional bodies;
- v. Inquire into and examine any other matter relating to regional integration generally requiring action by the House;

1.2 Committee Membership

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1.4 Delegation Composition

The Committee was represented by the following Members and staff-:

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, O.G.W, M.P
2. Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P.
3. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
4. Hon. Janet Teyiaa, M.P
5. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P
6. Hon. William Kamket, M.P
7. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli- Clerk Assistant
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9. Ms. Faryda Ngasura- Audio Officer

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NAMANGA BORDER POST

Namanga One Stop Border Post is an international border and a gazetted entry/exit point along the Kenya and Tanzania (Republic of Kenya 2012, the Survey Act CAP 299). The border lies along the Kenya -Tanzania border stretching along Kajiado County (Kenya) and Logindo District (Tanzania). The OSBP is located 110 kilometers from Arusha, and 183 kilometers from Nairobi. The border post facility is operational and is proposed to be launched in August, 2018.

The One-Stop-Border Post (OSBP) is a concept that promotes a coordinated and integrated approach to:

- i. Trade facilitation, a key to promote economic development and to reduce poverty in the region
- ii. Facilitation of free movement of people expedites the movement of goods and people, and to reduce transport costs across national boundaries.
- iii. Improving Security.

The facility operates orderly in its coordination processes, entry controls is done by Kenyan security personnel while exit procedures are implemented by Tanzanian border control staff. The officers employed in Tanzania undertook exit formalities while the Kenyan counterpart dealt with entry formalities.

The facility adopted the juxtaposed model where each partner state puts up a dedicated facility at their site as opposed to other models such as sstraddled model; one controlled zone at the facility by all agencies and; one country model- facility located along one territory for example model adopted by Rwanda and Burundi

The Committee identified various government agencies deployed at the border post process for clearance of cargo and the travelers crossing the border. Each agency performs its mandate guided by their respective legislations with the main aim of:

- a. Customs & Border Control Department collects and accounts for revenue for the other agencies and the exchequer, facilitates legitimate trade, protects of the society from illegal entry and exit of prohibited goods;
- b. Department of Immigration controls and regulate entry and exit of all persons and removal of prohibited immigrants. The department also controls and regulates residency through issuance and renewal of entry/ work permits and other passes; issuance of entry visas; the granting of Kenya Citizenship to qualifying foreigners and the registration of all non-citizens resident in Kenya;
- c. Port Health Officers ensures all processes leading to certification of goods at points of entry such as inspection, verification, sampling and laboratory analysis are completed.
- d. Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services protects plants from pests, weeds and invasive species;
- e. State departments of livestock and fisheries under Ministry of Agriculture enforces rules and regulations governing the border clearance of livestock and fish as well as their products;
- f. Kenya Wildlife Services undertakes and conduct enforcement activities such as anti-poaching operations, wildlife protection, intelligence gathering, investigations and other enforcement activities;
- g. Kenya Forest Services officers enforces the provisions of the Forest Act and any forestry and land use rules and regulations made pursuant to any other written law; and
- h. National Police Service (NPS) is mandated to ensure security along the border and ensure no persons, weapons or products enter the country that would compromise the country's security.

The former border control arrangement with the attendant border clearance process of stopping on either side of the border for relevant border agencies control had resulted in inefficiencies and delays at the border. The following are some of the inefficiency features noted:

- a. Two-stop checks for cargo and passenger's clearance;

- b. Each agency with own verification process independent of each other;
- c. Each agency operating in diverse locations from each other;
- d. Information sharing marred with bureaucratic procedures;
- e. Stand-alone cargo and passenger processing systems;
- f. The agencies unwilling to share information in border management.

The resulting effects of the Old Border Management System included:-

- a. Delays in cargo and passenger clearance due to the two-stops in Kenya & again in Tanzania; parallel verification of cargo by various border agencies, slow pace of information sharing;
- b. High operation costs for the traders and transporters resulting in high production costs;
- c. Movements from one office to another looking for service; and
- d. Complex and numerous procedures of cargo clearance. Logging into various agencies systems to process consignments.

This was the driving force behind the development and implementation of the OSBP concept. Travelers and cargo exiting the country only stop once in the destination country where all the border agencies of the two adjacent countries operate side-by-side to perform exit controls for the exiting country and then entry controls for the destination country. The biggest benefit of OSBPs is the reduced clearance time and improved efficiency in border clearance.

2.1 The Old Border Management System features

The former border point arrangement depicted the following:

- i. Two stops
- ii. Inadequate security for goods
- iii. Many hours spent while trying to trace/obtain Government services.
- iv. Traffic jams
- v. Lack of reliable internet connectivity
- vi. Complicated cargo clearing procedures

2.2 Effects of Old Border Management System

- i. Delays in cargo and passenger clearance due to the two-stops in Kenya & again in Tanzania; parallel verification of cargo by various border agencies, slow pace of information sharing.
- ii. High operation costs for the traders and transporters resulting in high production costs.
- iii. Moving from one office to another looking for service.
- iv. Complex and numerous procedures of cargo clearance. Logging into various agencies systems to process consignments

2.3 Gains achieved

Namanga Border Post facility has reported tremendous progress and growth with the help of the contributions from development partners as follows:

- i. African Development Bank (ADB) -Namanga OSBP- Kenya
- ii. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-Namanga OSBP-Tanzania JICA has been promoting infrastructure and energy development, trade and industry promotion and the private sector development under the framework of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). In addition to developing and implementing the RTMS, other aspects of JICA's support include designing/prototyping the OSBP facility; constructing the OSBP facilities at Namanga (Tanzania side) and the Rusumo (Rwanda/Tanzania) borders and developing the "OSBP Source Book" in association with the EAC. The source book is now being used as a general reference tool in Africa when implementing OSBP. JICA also assisted to develop EAC OSBP bill, which has passed East African Legislative Assembly and waiting for final signature by the respective Presidents of EAC.
- iii. East African Community (EAC) Secretariat

2.4 Legal and Institutional Framework

The Namanga Border Post facility is guided by the following legal and institutional framework:

1. The East African Community One Stop Border Posts Act, 2016 (EAC OSBP Act, 2016) is an Act of the Community to provide for the establishment and implementation of one stop border posts in the Community, and for other related matters. Implementation of

OSBPs demands that a detailed analysis of the legislative, regulatory and institutional framework governing the operations of border agencies is undertaken. In Namanga One Stop Border Post facility, there are several government agencies that are responsible for border controls. For efficient and effective OSBP operations, these agencies operate in a coordinated manner to minimize duplications and redundancies.

2. The EAC OSBP Regulations, 2017 on operational procedures for border control, maintenance of peace, security, law and order in the control zone, and on conduct of officers and facilitative agencies.
3. EAC OSBP Operational Procedure Manual (Draft); implementing an OSBP without simplifying and harmonizing border crossing procedures renders an OSBP ineffective. Whereas users would be required to stop once in order to undertake exit and entry formalities at a border, subjecting such users to routine and redundant formalities would have little impact on reducing the time spent at the border. In Namanga One Stop Border Post facility, the process of reviewing and aligning procedures is continuous in order to ensure that the facility operates with border crossing procedures that are not only effective but also facilitative and relevant to the prevailing circumstances.

2.0 OSBP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

The Committee noted progress in the OSBP implementation process characterized by the following:

a. Harmonization and simplification of cargo clearing procedures

1. Integrated cargo clearing systems, Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS). The system is built on hi-tech principles with a view to increasing effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and reliability in the Customs administration. Being a web based system TANCIS progressively facilitates paperless operations leading to a significant reduction in costs of doing business. TANCIS has replaced the previous customs management system.
2. Real Time Monitoring System (RTMS). The Real Time Monitoring System/Cargo Control System of various functionalities facilitates smooth and efficient cargo clearance processes by the border agencies thus contributing to trade facilitation by reducing the clearance time and the cost of business. The RTMS enables real-time optimal information-sharing among the border agencies as well as clearing agents on the status of the concerned declaration of cargo. They can be seen on the internet for those provided with user accounts and on the large screen set up at the Customs common area. In addition, it also enables the concerned parties to see the status of cargo anywhere through their mobile phones before its arrival at the border, during its clearance process at the border, and even after issuance of Customs' overall release order;
3. Rolled out the Single Customs Territory (SCT) program. The Single Customs Territory (SCT) is full attainment of the Customs union which is achieved by the removal of duties and other restrictive regulations and/or minimization of internal border customs controls on goods moving among Partner States with an ultimate realization of free circulation of goods. This initiative which was launched in October, 2013 was piloted first in the Northern Corridor involving Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda. Following successful implementation in the Northern Corridor, the same is now rolled out onto the Central Corridor which involves Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

4. Under Single Customs Territory, all five Partner States: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda are regarded as one Customs Territory which means there shall be only one Customs declaration that will be made in the Country at which goods are consigned. Such one declaration has replaced the previous system where imports to Rwanda, Burundi or Uganda requires multiple customs declarations; first in Tanzania as Transit Goods and then in Rwanda, Burundi or Uganda as Imports that ultimately involves two or more Customs Agents to clear the consignment. The overall benefit is time and cost saving.
5. Preferential treatment for goods originating from either country; This procedure provides guidelines on the issuance of certificates of origin on goods which have fulfilled certain criteria allowing preferential rates of duty to be claimed, in accordance with requirements of the regional, unilateral and multilateral trade protocols where Kenya is a signatory. Countries with which the EU has mutual free trade or other preferential tariff agreements grant reduced or zero tariff rates in the country of destination on products originating in the EU. In these cases, the import taxes on the export goods decrease in the country of destination.
6. Joint cargo verification during its clearance process at the border; enables border agencies to arrange and conduct joint inspections on the concerned cargo when necessary; and enables border agencies to command its clearance result on the concerned declaration of cargo and give its unique release order into the RTMS before Customs gives its overall release order out of the Customs area; It also enables proper control of temporary export and import of motor vehicles which are going across the border.
7. Relevant 'Other Government Agencies' (OGAs) housed in one building and enhanced collaboration between them access to additional resources or lower costs through sharing resources such as office space, administration or other aspects of an organization's operation
8. Partner State Inter-agency collaboration; greater efficiency and less duplicated effort of services required; improved quality and consistency of service and greater responsiveness to needs, organizational knowledge and improved service system capability;; greater innovation and flexibility to respond to changing, emerging or more complex client needs and changing operations and operational environments; and, access to up-to-date information, new ideas and strategic thinking.

b. Implementation Milestones

1. Implementation of One Stop Border Post has led to enhanced information sharing between Other Government Agencies.
2. Clearance time for both passenger and goods has greatly reduced (comparative survey),
3. Creation of Border Management Committee (BMC) and Joint Operations Centre (JOC),
4. General increase in business between Kenya and Tanzania owing reduced cost of doing business,
5. Improved network connectivity as electricity is almost available throughout(standby generator set installed),
6. Improved surveillance due to installation of CCTV and concentration of security organs within the controlled zone.

c. Implementation Challenges

1. Lack of non-intrusive inspection tools for cargo such as scanners, laboratory equipment, K9 unit; law enforcement officers partnered with highly-trained canines. Trained dogs are bred or chosen for their intelligence and strong sense of smell and would greatly assist in cargo clearance. They can also help when pursuing fugitives, searching for missing persons, and during narcotics or weapons detection.
2. Inadequate budgetary allocation for running the OSBP; the officers proposed that a budget line be allocated to the Kenya Revenue Authority.
3. Vast stretch of porous/unmanned border which are used by smugglers.
4. Incomplete harmonization of migration laws as per the EAC protocol is a contributing factor.
5. Failure by some exporters/importers to fully utilize the pre clearance module prior cargoes arrival at the borders.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY ON MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE NAMANGA OSBP

Kenya Revenue Authority Commissioner, Customs department, Mr. E.K Saina gave presentations on management and operations of the Namanga One Stop Border Post facility as requested by the Committee as follows:-

- i. **Statistics of the youth from the local community employed in the Namanga One Stop Border Post (OSBP) facility.**

KRA officials tabled Statistics of the youth from the local community employed in the Namanga OSBP facility alongside a list of contractor employees indicating locals and non-locals.

- ii. **Information of tenders advertised and awarded regarding service providers in cleaning and catering services.**

The Committee was informed that four tenants mainly for the cyber cafe, restaurant, forex bureau, and automated machine bank were occupying the facility and that the offer was on a temporary arrangement. The meeting was also informed that tenders would be published in July. The meeting was further informed that the Kenya Revenue Authority tender processes are guided by the Public Procurement and Disposal Act and that KRA would invite eligible suppliers to tender for various provisions of services as advertised through a public notice where eligibility is categorized including youth and women. Sample tender notice was provided for the meeting

- iii. **Details of projects implemented by KRA in various parts of the Country as part of Community Social Responsibility.**

The Committee was informed that KRA has sustainably supported strategic initiative that is in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and linked to Vision 2030 which emphasizes on Education, Environment, Health and Sports marketing. The meeting was further informed that KRA has invested Kshs. 12,320,000 the past one year in various CSR programs and was set to launch Kenyatta National Hospital playground for children in October, 2018.

iv. **Rationale for distancing the road blocks from the One Stop Border Post in Counties such Wajir.**

The Committee learnt that in order to intercept smugglers at a convergence points within our borders, it was necessary to locate road blocks strategically away from the border crossing points.

v. **Rationale for variations on export charges imposed on the commodities and incidences of double taxation at the Kenya Tanzania boarder.**

The Committee was informed that products grown in host countries had simplified documents to enable them declare their goods in normal systems and official entries, and that goods with value of less than 200USD ; that the small cross border traders are facilitated to trade easily across the border of the East African Community Partner States through simplified procedures like the Simplified East African Community Certificate of Origin for duty free clearance of goods that are grown or produced from the EAC Partner states whose value is below US\$ 2000. As there are no import duties on the goods commonly traded across either side of the border, incidences of double taxation will not arise on the part of Customs authorities. It was reported that KRA was aware that County Governments or local authorities levy on certain goods and this might be the source of the complaint of double taxation by the small traders

vi. **Challenges affecting KRA in executing its mandate amongst others, issuing of fake stamps and under valuing of commodities.** The following challenges were listed and measures to address them were also reported:

Valuation Challenges

1. Failure by the importers to avail transaction documents as invoices, packing list etc
2. Falsification of transaction documents.
3. Delays in submission of documents / information during valuation dispute resolution
4. Dynamics in the manufacturing industry; new products released at a very high rate that are not covered in our Valuation database
5. International market price fluctuations

6. Inadequate description of imported goods; declaration is made without specific details to guide on valuation
7. System down time that makes it difficult for the officers to access online valuation database

Measures taken by KRA to address the challenges:

1. The Customs department has created Business intelligence database Matrix which is circulated internally to guide Customs officers on values of different items.
2. The department has developed Valuation database for used motor vehicles Called; Current Retail Selling Price. This is available on KRA Website for use both internally and the public.
3. Use Reuters Thompson Valuation system for bulk commodities as Sugar, Wheat, rice etc
4. The department has also developed Bench marks; Test yields per container for some sensitive goods. This is to enable officers detect undervalued cases.
5. Automation of Valuation through the ICMS System. This is a Customs Clearance system that has integrated all customs processes hence aiding in valuation
6. The department has an interactive clearance system (SIMBA 2014) that enables undervalued cases be referred online and guidance is provided real time.
7. Provide Refresher valuation training for customs staff.
8. Sensitization of stakeholders on valuation and need to expedite submissions of requested data/information.
9. Formation of market survey/intelligence gathering unit within valuation headquarters unit.

Fake Excise Stamps

The Authority has deployed equipment and software that enables all stakeholders in the supply chain as well as law enforcement agencies to verify, identify and interdict any stamps and products thereof that are illegitimate. The Enforcement Division/Market Surveillance Division is equipped with tools that help identify illegitimate stamps, products and creates a market presence in fighting illicit trade. These measures have enabled KRA to seize more than 1.5m products, which were destroyed during the destruction exercise that was carried out two weeks ago. The enforcement tools used by KRA are the basis on which the current multi-agency crackdown is based on.

- i. Status of Lokiriama/Moroto border area, whether it is gazetted post and if not, measures KRA has put in place to ensure the existence of the post incognizance of the fact that booming business is conducted along the border.**

The Committee learnt that the border is not gazetted and that prerequisite for gazettelement of Lokiriama/Moroto border, among other borders was identified, and is to be forwarded to the Border Control Operational Coordinating Committee (BCOCC) through the Border Management Secretariat in order to involve other agencies prior to consideration. A list of borders proposed for gazettelement was provided for the meeting.

- ii. Follow up on settling Women Traders within the One Stop Border Post**

It was reported that the Border Management Secretariat, through BCOCC advised that no kiosks should be erected at the OSBP, however the County Commissioner Kajiado County had designated place in customs area for women traders.

- iii. Impact of Kiunga border post to Kenya's economy since the inception of the facility and considerations of local youth in employment.**

It was reported that Kiunga is marked as a Security Concern area with Somali border being only fifteen (15) kilometers away. The meeting was further informed that the operation area was under state security and that the border post has been rehabilitated, refurbished to 8 units of modern houses and tanks provided to store water; office allocated 50litres per week. It was also reported that the Authority conducts its operations in an office block comprising 1 office for KRA, 1 boardroom & 1 office for immigration.

- iv. Illegality of goods entering Kenya from Somalia through the Wajir Border Post.**

The border is currently closed, and that existing KRA border posts and patrol bases are located far away from the actual border line with Somalia. It was also revealed that the border frontier with Somalia in Wajir County is porous and currently a security operation area under the control of KDF and NPS. It was however reported that there was an existing inter-agency initiative to combat illicit trade under local County Commissioners.

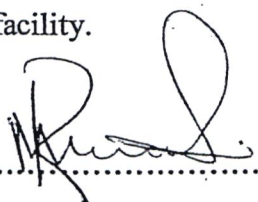
5.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations;

1. There is need for better enforcement of various laws and conventions due to improved understanding of different Government Agencies' mandate and the value of uniform application of procedures at different borders within Tanzania
2. Integrating the Kenyan and Tanzanian communities requires harmonization of integration laws, especially considering the punitive action taken against the Kenyan people on free movement.
3. There is a general lack of harmonized charges/fees on import permits by various Other Government Agencies; for example Veterinary (VET), and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS), as charged by the two Governments (KE/TZ). Non-tariff barriers such as levies and fees imposed on small scale traders' exports from Tanzania.
4. Need for more funds to cater for sustainable maintenance/Repair of the OSB
5. Authorities need to anchor the Joint Border Coordinating Committee Meetings under the EAC framework to ensure structured engagement.
6. The EAC spirit not fully embraced by the neighboring Partner states. The Committee also observed the border community livestock issues was handled in crude way; and that the action taken had created a rift between the two communities.
7. The small scale women traders who sold beads along the border were restricted to certain areas of the OSBP and cannot access potential customers.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee urges the Ministry of EAC to initiate and coordinate harmonization of laws on policies to be followed by the Government agencies to allow for mutual trade and harmonized charges/fees on import permits.
2. The Committee Ministry of EAC in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to urgently facilitate standardization of rules, laws and operationalization of all border point procedures.
3. The laws on coverage area of EAC free movement of locals should be relooked at in order to allow the Communities living within the radius of fifteen kilometers to move freely without being subjected to the rigors of the movement permits.
4. The Committee recommends affirmative action on employment of all locals on the basis of Constitution of Kenya.
5. The Committee urges the ministry responsible for Youth affairs to facilitate the County youths to register companies and apply for tenders on cyber café, bureaus, cleaning and canteen.
6. The Kenya Revenue Authority should allocate a certain percentage to the local community as part of support through educational scholarships and local tournaments as part of corporate social responsibility.
7. The Committee recommends that the Namanga One Stop Border Post management should allocate the women traders a container inside the facility to enhance their trade in the OSBP facility.

SIGNED *for*  DATE *7/11/2018*

HON. NAISULA LESUUDA, OGW, M.P
CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION



KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

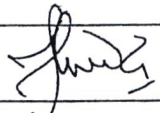
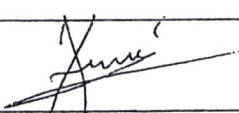


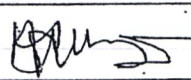
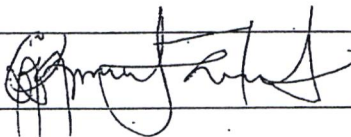
Date: 31ST JULY, 2018 (11:30 A.M)

Venue: MEMBERS LOUNGE (NEW WING)

Agenda

ADOPTION OF REPORTS ON EAC-ICT PROTOCOL & NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITY

	NAMES	SIGNATURE
1.	Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P, OGW (Chairperson)	
2.	Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed, M.P (Vice-Chairperson)	
3.	Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, M.P	
4.	Hon. Kubai Iringo, M.P	
5.	Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P	
6.	Hon. Janef Teyiaa, M.P	
7.	Hon. Joyce Emanikor, M.P	
8.	Hon. Eve Obara, M.P	
9.	Hon. Ezekiel Ombaki, M.P	
10.	Hon. Janet Ong'era M.P	
11.	Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P	
12.	Hon. Rozaah Buyu, M.P	

13.	Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P	
14.	Hon. Dr. Gideon Ochanda, M.P	
15.	Hon. Nasri Ibrahim, M.P	
16.	Hon. Ali Wario, M.P	
17.	Hon. Abdi Mude Ibrahim, M.P	
18.	Hon. Erastus Nzioka, M.P	
19.	Hon. William Kamket, M.P	
20.	Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P	
21.	Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P	
22.	Hon. Gideon Keter, M.P	
23.	Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P	

For: The Clerk of the National Assembly

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON TUESDAY 31ST JULY, 2018 IN SMALL DINING (NEW LOUNGE) AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed, M.P – Vice Chairperson
2. Hon. Ali Wario Guyo, M.P.
3. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
4. Hon. Dr. Gideon Ochanda, M.P.
5. Hon. Gideon Keter, M.P
6. Hon. Erastus Kivasu, MP
7. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
8. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
9. Hon. Ezekiel Ombaki, MP
10. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.
11. Hon. Abdi Mude Ibrahim, MP
12. Hon. Memusi Kanchory, MP

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP, OGW - Chairperson
2. Hon. Nasri Sahal Ibrahim, MP
3. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, MP
4. Hon. Eve Obara, M.P
5. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
6. Hon. Janet Teiyaa, MP
7. Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP
8. Hon. Joyce Emanikor, MP
9. Hon. Sen. Janet Onge'ra, MP
10. Hon. Kubai Iringo, MP

ABSENT

Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Dr. Kefa Omoti | - | Principal Researcher |
| 4. Ms. Christine Odhiambo | - | Legal Counsel |

MINUTE NO. RIC/2018/160

PRELIMINARIES

The Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.15 a.m. and a prayer was said. The agenda of the meeting was confirmed being the consideration of reports on the Protocol on ICT Networks and Namanga One Stop Border Post inspection visit.

MINUTE NO. RIC/2018/161

REPORT ON THE PROTOCOL ON ICT NETWORKS

The Committee was taken through the report and noted that the Protocol was founded based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ministers in charge of the Partner States of the Northern Corridor Integration Projects which established to facilitate cooperation between the Partner States with regard to implementing activities that promote cooperation and collaboration on cyber security.

In considering the report, the Committee made the following observations:-

1. That, EAC has provided opportunities for the Kenya's Private Sector (Banks, Supermarkets and Education sector) with reliable and high speed ICT networks to link headquarters of each Partner States and hence there is need for the private sector to be facilitated with reliable ICT interconnectivity to promote Kenya's economic interests.
2. That, EAC has developed a legal framework for cyber laws which provides guidelines on the enactment and enforcement of laws that promote the deployment of e-government and e-commerce services. Two sets of such laws have been developed, Cyber Laws Phase I and Cyber Laws Phase 2.
3. That, Information Communication and Technology has opened up new windows of opportunity for east African countries as tools that can accelerate their economic growth and development and the lack of a framework for interconnecting regional ICT.
4. That, Infrastructure Networks presents a challenge in the development of the ICT sector leading to high tariffs and poor rural communications whereby the digital divide between the rural and urban populations still exists.
5. That, there is direct cost anticipated in the course of implementation but there is potential for cost saving arising from sharing of information and equipment, which would avoid duplication among Partner States.

In conclusion, the Committee recommended the ratification of the East African Community Protocol on Information Communication and Technology Networks as it would facilitate the successful operation and cross border interconnection of broadband ICT networks in the East African Community.

The Report was adopted having been proposed and seconded by the Hon. William Kamket, M.P. and Hon. Gideon Keter, MP respectively.

The Committee considered the report on the inspection visit to Namanga One Stop Border Post and observed the following:-

1. That, there is need for better enforcement of various laws and conventions due to improve understanding of different agencies' mandate and the value of uniform application of procedures at different borders within Partner States.
2. That, there is a general lack of harmonized charges/fees on import permits by various other government agencies; for example Veterinary and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services, as charged by Partner States. Non-tariffs barriers such as levies and fees imposed on small scale traders' exports from Tanzania.
3. That, there is need for more funds to cater for sustainable maintenance/repair of the One Stop Border Post.
4. That, authorities need to anchor the Joint Border Coordinating Committee Meetings under the EAC framework to ensure structured engagement.
5. That, the EAC spirit not fully embraced by the neighbouring Partner States. The Committee also observed the border community livestock issue was handled crudely and that the action taken had created a rift between the two Partner States.
6. The Committee recommended that:-
7. The Ministry of East African Community and Northern Corridor Development should initiate and coordinate harmonization of laws on policies to be followed by the government agencies to allow for mutual trade and harmonized charges/fees on import permits.
8. The Committee identified the need to relook at the laws on coverage area of EAC free movement of locals in order to allow the Communities living within the radius of fifteen kilometres to move freely without being subjected to the rigors of the movement permits.
9. The Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor development in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to urgently facilitate standardization of rules, laws and operationalization of all border point procedures.
10. Affirmative action be applied in employment of the local youth.
11. The Ministry of Youth Affairs to train and facilitate the County Youths to register companies and apply for tenders advertised at the One Stop Border Post facility in Namanga.
12. The status quo of co-existence between the local community and the Namanga Border Post facility to be maintained to enhance integration and trade.

The Report was adopted having been proposed and seconded by the Hon. Erastus Kivasu, M.P. and Hon. Dr. Gideon Ochanda, MP respectively.

MINUTE NO. RIC/2018/163 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee resolved the following:

1. Secretariat to provide updated list of upcoming trips as well as members who have travelled and those who have not travelled
2. Committee meetings to be held at 11.30am every Tuesday and Thursday
3. Secretariat to come up with a 10day programme to tour LAPPSET projects from Lamu-Nairobi-Isiolo-Moyale-Adis Ababa

MINUTE NO. RIC/2018/164 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at eleven thirty o'clock.

SIGNED 

(Chairperson)

DATE 02/08/2018

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY, 2018 AT THE
NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITY, IN KAJIADO COUNTY AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P – Chairperson
2. Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P
3. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
4. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
5. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P
6. Hon. Janet Teyiah, M.P

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
2. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
3. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Mr. Kennedy M. Muteti | KEPHIS |
| 2. Mr. Samson Maticha | KEBS |
| 3. Mr. Daniel Mjomba | KEBS |
| 4. Ms. Susan Miati | KRA |
| 5. Mr. Wambua J.M | KRA |
| 6. Mr. Kenneth Kinyua | KRA |
| 7. Mr. Joseph Karani | IMMIGRATION |
| 8. Mr. Samwel Ochieng | OCS |
| 9. Mr. James Wakhungu | SVO |
| 10. Ms. Susan Koros | KENTRADE |
| 11. Mr. Ronald Kimanzi | POLICE |
| 12. Mr. Julius Kiboino | APS |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Faryda Ngasura | Audio Officer |
| 4. Mr. Boniface Mugambi | Sergeant at arms |

MINUTE NO.102/2018

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 2.15 P.m. and commenced with a word of prayer by the Chairperson, Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P.

MINUTE NO.103/2018

MILESTONES GAINED AT NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER FACILITY

- Implementation of One Stop Border Post has led to enhanced information sharing between Other Government Agencies.
- Clearance time for both passenger and goods has greatly reduced (comparative survey),
- Creation of Border Management Committee (BMC) and Joint Operations Centre (JOC),
- General increase in business between Kenya and Tanzania owing reduced cost of doing business,
- Improved network connectivity as electricity is almost available throughout(standby generator set installed),
- Improved surveillance due to installation of CCTV and concentration of security organs within the controlled zone.

MINUTE NO.104/2018 CHALLENGES FACED AT NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER FACILITY

- Lack of non-intrusive inspection tools for cargo and i.e. scanners, Laboratory equipment, K9 unit; law enforcement officers partnered with highly-trained canines. These specially trained dogs are bred or chosen for their intelligence and strong sense of smell. These dogs can help when pursuing fugitives, searching for missing persons, and during narcotics or weapons detection.

- Inadequate budgetary allocation for running the OSBP; the officers proposed that a budget line be allocated to the Kenya Revenue Authority.
- Vast stretch of porous/unmanned border which are used by smugglers.
- Incomplete harmonization of migration laws as per the EAC protocol is a contributing factor.
- Failure by some exporters/importers to fully utilize the pre clearance module prior cargoes arrival at the borders.


MINUTE NO.105/2018 MATTERS REQUIRING INTERVENTION ON FUTURE PROSPECTS BY THE COMMITTEE

- Better enforcement of various laws and conventions due to improved understanding of different Other Government Agencies' mandate ;Uniform application of procedures at different borders within Tanzania
- Lack of harmonized charges/fees on import permits by various Other Government Agencies for example Veterinary (VET), and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS), as charged by the two Governments (KE/TZ). Non-tariff barriers such as; levies & fees imposed on small scale traders' exports from Tanzania.
- Funds to cater for sustainable maintenance/Repair of the OSB
- Anchor the Joint Border Coordinating Committee Meetings under the EAC framework to ensure structured engagement.
- EAC spirit not fully embraced Tanzania. The Committee also observed the border community livestock issues was handled in crude way; and that the action taken had created a rift between the two communities.

MINUTE NO.106/2018

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at four o'clock.

SIGNED..... 

(Chairperson)

DATE..... 30/5/18

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY, 2018 AT THE NAMANGA
ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITY, IN KAJIADO COUNTY AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P – Chairperson
2. Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P
3. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
4. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
5. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P
6. Hon. Janet Teyiah, M.P

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
2. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
3. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Mr. Kennedy M. Muteti | KEPHIS |
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| 8. Mr. Samwel Ochieng | OCS |
| 9. Mr. James Wakhungu | SVO |
| 10. Ms. Susan Koros | KENTRADE |
| 11. Mr. Ronald Kimanzi | POLICE |
| 12. Mr. Julius Kiboino | APS |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Faryda Ngasura | Audio Officer |
| 4. Mr. Boniface Mugambi | Sergeant at arms |

MINUTE NO.097/2018

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m. and commenced with a word of prayer by the Chairperson, Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P and thereafter followed by introductions by the members and officers at the border facility.

MINUTE NO.098/2018

BACKGROUND OF NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITY

The meeting was informed that the facility operated orderly in its coordination processes; entry controls was done by Kenya while exit done by Tanzania. The officers employed in Tanzania undertook exit formalities while the Kenyan counterpart dealt with entry formalities.

The meeting was informed of the following guiding principles of the facility;

1. EAC Treaty- cooperation and coordination for the partner states
2. EAC OSBP Act, 2016- the meeting was informed that the Act was ratified by the National Assembly and was being implemented in the Host countries
3. OSBP Act, 2015
4. Bilateral Agreement – purposely to deal with issues of One Stop Border Points ,specified for things not found in the Act
5. Procedural Manuals – unveiled regulations for purposes of rationalization to implement issues to do with One Stop Border Points.

MINUTE NO.099/2018

MODEL ADOPTED AT NAMANGA ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITY

The meeting was informed that the facility adopted the juxtaposed model where each partner state puts up a dedicated facility at their site as opposed to other models which include:

1. Straddled model- one controlled zone at the facility by all agencies

2. One country model- facility located along one territory for example model adopted by Rwanda and Burundi

MINUTE NO.100/2018

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ONE STOP BORDER POST FACILITIES IN KENYA

Namanga

The border post facility is operational and is proposed to be launched in June, 2018. However, the meeting was informed that a VIP lounge was lacking and that would pose a major challenge especially during inauguration of the facility by H.E the President. The meeting was further informed that the facility needed funding on running costs and proposed that a budget line be allocated to the Kenya Revenue Authority.

Malaba

The border post facility is operational though there is a pending bridge link to be constructed by the Ugandan counterpart.

Lungalunga

The border post facility is operational awaiting fibre optic connectivity

Taveta

The border facility is operational and has been inaugurated

Isebania

The border facility is operational but has connectivity issues to be addressed, and is yet to be commissioned

Busia

The border facility is operational and has been officially launched by the H.E the president of Kenya and Uganda on 24th February, 2018.

MINUTE NO. 101/2018

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at one o'clock.

SIGNED.....

(Chairperson)

DATE..... 30/5/18

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MAY, 2018 AT NAMANGA
ONE STOP BORDER FACILITY, KAJIADO COUNTY AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuada, OGW, M.P – Chairperson
2. Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P
3. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
4. Hon. Gideon Keter, M.P
5. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
6. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
2. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
3. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS AT NAMANGA BORDER POST

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| 1. Mr. Kennedy M. Muteti | KEPHIS |
| 2. Mr. Samson Maticha | KEBS |
| 3. Mr. Daniel Mjomba | KEBS |
| 4. Ms. Susan Miati | KRA |
| 5. Mr. Wambua J.M | KRA |
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| 12. Mr. Julius Kiboino | APS |

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| 1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Faryda Ngasura | Audio Officer |
| 4. Mr. Boniface Mugambi | Sergeant at arms |

MINUTE NO.094/2018 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting commenced at 2.15 p.m. with a word of prayer by the Chairperson and introductions followed thereafter by the members and the officers representing various agencies at the One Stop Border Facility.

MINUTE NO.095/2018 MEETING WITH OFFICERS AT NAMANGA BORDER POST FACILITY

The meeting was informed that the one stop border facility was working very well although it had a challenge on lack of sensitization of the Communities living along the border on the use of the facility. The meeting was also informed that the Tanzania laws were rigid and the matter had been addressed and was under consideration at the regional office in Tanzania.

The Committee observed that integrating both communities needed harmonization of integration laws and it was incumbent upon the Committee to take up issues to the house especially considering the punitive action taken against the Kenyan people on free movement.

The Committee also observed the border community livestock issues was handled in crude way; and that the action taken had created a rift between the two communities.


The Committee observed the outcry by the locals who felt displaced by the one stop border facility especially by women in small scale trade in beads along the border who were restricted to certain area and cannot access the border.

The Committee observed the need to relook at the laws to allow the Communities living within the radius of fifteen kilometers to move freely without being subjected to the rigors of the movement permits is adhered to.

MINUTE NO. 096/2018

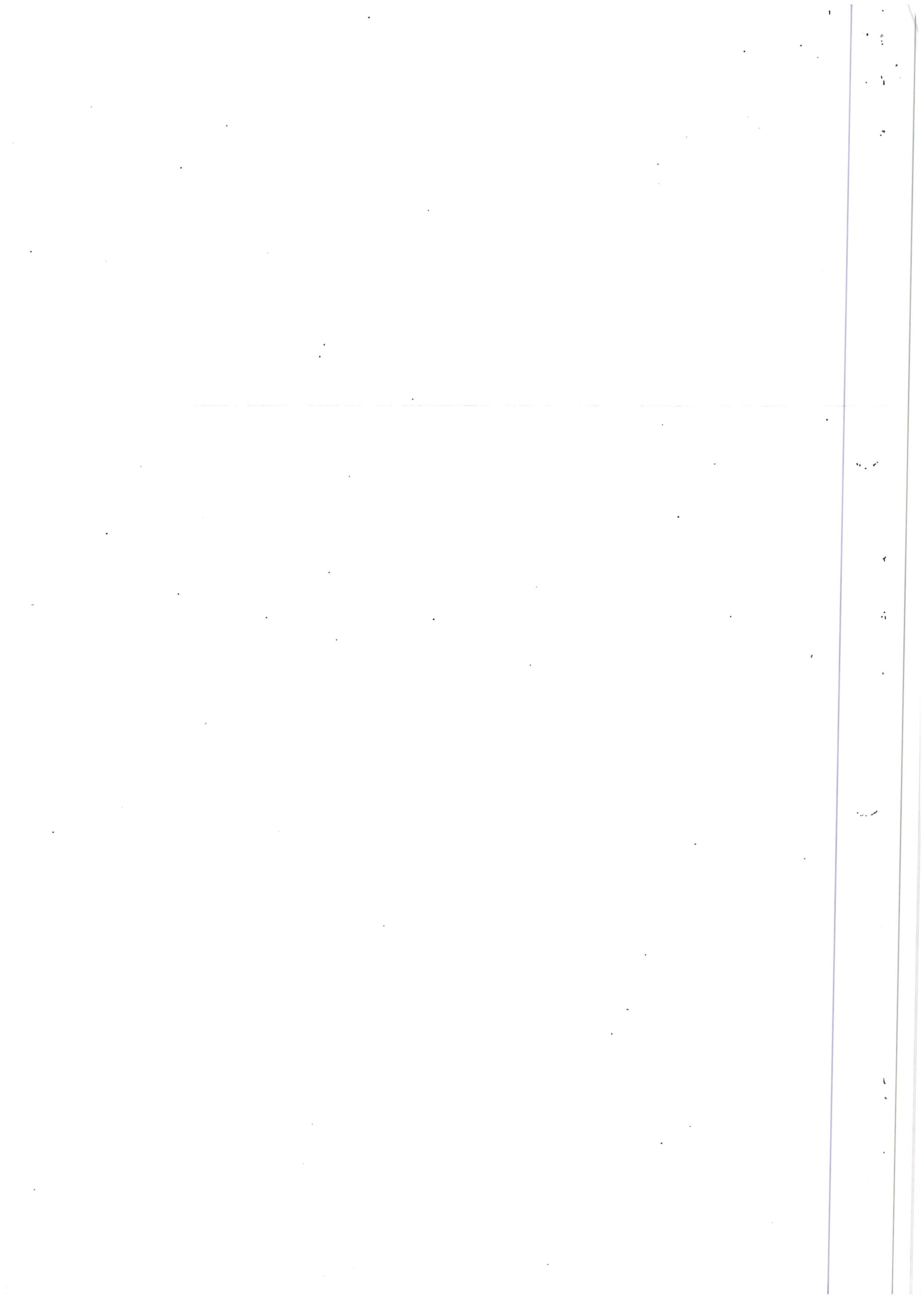
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at thirty minutes past four o'clock.

SIGNED..... 

(Chairperson)

DATE..... 30/5/18



MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MAY, 2018 AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, IN KAJIADO AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P – Chairperson
2. Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, M.P
3. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
4. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
5. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, M.P
6. Hon. Janet Teyiah, M.P

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
2. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
3. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

1. Mr.D.Y Kipkemoi County Commissioner Kajiado Central

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli Clerk Assistant
2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle Clerk Assistant
3. Mr. Boniface Mugambi Sergeant at arms
4. Ms. Faryda Ngasura Audio Officer

MINUTE NO.091/2018

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m. and commenced with a word of prayer by the Chairperson, Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, M.P. The Chairperson expressed gratitude towards the Area M.P Hon.Memusi Ole Kanchory, and Hon. Janet Teyiah, M.P who were also members of the Committee for a warm reception in the Constituency and the County respectively..

MINUTE NO.092/2018

BRIEFING AT COUNTY COM MISSIONER'S OFFICE

The meeting began with introductions and thereafter the Chairperson gave an overview of the Committee mandate and the purpose of the visit to the Namanga Border Point facility. The Chairperson stated that the Committee oversees the One Stop Border Post facility to ensure there is a cordial working agreements between the communities living along the Kenya-Tanzania borders, and also to ensure that both communities live in harmony towards achieving the East African Community spirit. She further stated that there was a need to validate the procedures, rules and regulations so that the journey to East African Community integration process succeeded.

The County Commissioner expressed interest of being part of the team, stating that he had been in office for only seven months and that the visit had provided an avenue for him to learn more about the border region.

MINUTE NO.093/2018

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at eleven o'clock.

SIGNED.....



(Chairperson)

DATE.....

30/5/18