



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ON THE SPEAKER'S ROUND TABLE RETREAT WITH THE KENYA
PRIVATE SECTOR ALLIANCE (KEPSA)

1. **Honourable Senators**, I wish to inform you that the Office of the Speaker of the Senate has organized a meeting between the Senate and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) to deliberate on public - private sector engagement especially on legislative matters and its effects on the economy.
2. The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) is the apex body of the Private Sector in Kenya with a membership drawn from various sectors of the economy. KEPSA advocates on behalf of the Private Sector in respect of high-level national cross-cutting issues. It also coordinates the Private Sector's engagement on public-private sector dialogue with the various arms of government.
3. Since its establishment in March 2003, KEPSA has sought the integration of the Private Sector as an equal partner with the various arms of government and other stakeholders in the formulation of laws and policies. Its overarching goal is to create an environment conducive to business which makes Kenya a globally competitive investment destination commanding a high ranking in the ease of doing business index.
4. It is towards this end that KEPSA has established mechanisms of engagement with the three arms of government. These engagements are facilitated through various mechanisms such as the Presidential Round Table, Speaker's Round Table, Ministerial Stakeholders' Forum and the Judiciary Forum.

5. **Honourable Senators**, the theme for this year's Speaker's Round Table retreat with KEPSA is **Securing Kenya's Competitiveness Through an Enabling Legislative Framework**. The meeting will focus on the following broad objectives-
- i) To reflect on the engagement between Private Sector and the Senate;
 - ii) To review Kenya's competitiveness and attendant policy and legislative reforms; and
 - iii) To deliberate on the forthcoming General Elections and mitigating impact on the business environment.
6. **Honourable Senators**, the retreat is scheduled to take place on 28th to 30th July, 2016 at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort & Convention Center Shanzu, Mombasa. Senators are scheduled to depart for Mombasa on the evening of Thursday 28th July, 2016.
7. **Honourable Senators**, I am therefore inviting all of you to plan to attend this important retreat. You are requested to forward your preferred travel times to the Office of the Clerk of Senate for planning.
8. I thank you.

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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