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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CAJ	Commission on Administrative Justice
CDF	Constituency Development Fund
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigations
EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
H.E.	His Excellency
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
Hon.	Honourable
IPOA	Independent Policing Oversight Authority
KNCHR	Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
KSL	Kenya School of Law
LSK	Law Society of Kenya
MCCP	Maendeleo Chap Chap Party
MP	Member of Parliament
NGEC	National Gender and Equality Commission
ODM	Orange Democratic Movement
ORPP	Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
UON	The University of Nairobi
UDA	United Democratic Alliance
UDM	United Democratic Party
VAT	Value Added Tax
WDM	Wiper Democratic Movement

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FOREWORD

This report contains proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs during the approval hearing of a person nominated for appointment as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(2) which requires that, whenever a Message is received from the President at a time when the House is not in Session, the Speaker shall forthwith cause the Message to be transmitted to every Member and shall report the Message to the House when it next sits. To this end therefore, and in accordance with the Resolution of the House passed on 13th February 2025, the Rt. Honourable Speaker vide Communication No. 003 of 2025 made on 1st April 2025, conveyed to the House the Message from H.E the President nominating Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno for appointment as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

The Rt. Honourable Speaker subsequently referred the curriculum vitae of the nominee to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for approval hearing in accordance with section 6 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and Standing Order 216(5)(f) of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

While referring the matter to the Committee, the Rt. Honourable Speaker directed the Committee to undertake the approval hearing and table its report within twenty-eight (28) days, on or before Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 in accordance with section 8 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

In fulfilment of the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution, section 6(3) and (4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and Standing Order 45(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to the nominee and placed an advertisement dated Thursday, 27th March 2025 in the print media informing the nominee and the general public that the Committee would conduct the approval hearing on 7th April 2025 in Committee Room 9, Main Parliament Building.

Additionally, and pursuant to section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement dated 27th March 2025 in the print media inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability of the nominee. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received on or before Thursday, 3rd April 2025 at 5.00 pm. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda.

The Clerk of the National Assembly also wrote to the KRA, DCI, ORPP, HELB, EACC and UON seeking references and background checks relating to the suitability of the nominee. The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 7th April 2025 as scheduled and the Committee examined her suitability based on the criteria set out in section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F including the procedure used to arrive at the nominee, the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to the office in question and suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed, having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the office in question. Furthermore, the Committee examined the nominee's academic credentials, relevant

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professional training and experience, knowledge of sector issues and personal integrity in accordance with section 6(7) and (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

While conducting the approval hearing, the Committee observed that while there is need to streamline the functions of the Principal Secretary and those of the Solicitor-General to avoid a conflict of roles.

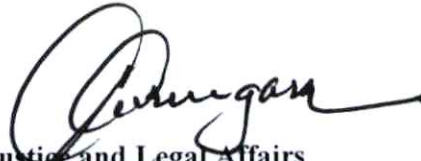
The Committee, having held the approval hearing for the nominee regarding her suitability, observed that the nominee met the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues relating to the State Law Office and Department of Justice; and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be approved for appointment.

The Committee therefore recommends that this House approves Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

The Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the technical support accorded to it during the exercise. The Committee further extends its appreciation to the nominee for her cooperation during the parliamentary approval process. The Committee also appreciates the DCI, ORPP, HELB, and EACC for providing references and background checks relating to the suitability of the nominee. Finally, I acknowledge and appreciate the Honourable Members of the Committee, and the Committee Secretariat, who sat for long hours and made useful contributions towards the preparation and production of this report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and pursuant to Article 124(4)(b) of the Constitution, section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and the provisions of Standing Order 199(6) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House the Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the Approval Hearing of Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno, Nominee for Appointment as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

Hon. George Gitonga Murugara, CBS, MP
Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs



CHAPTER ONE

1 PREFACE

1.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs is one of twenty departmental committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 of the National Assembly Standing Orders whose mandate pursuant to the **Standing Order 216 (5)** is as follows—
 - i. *To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
 - ii. *To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
 - iii. *To, on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
 - iv. *To study and review all legislation referred to it;*
 - v. *To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
 - vi. *To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
 - vii. *To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);*
 - viii. *To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
 - ix. *To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation;*
 - x. *To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
 - xi. *To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

1.2 Mandate of the Committee

2. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider matters regarding—
 - a) The Judiciary;
 - b) Tribunals;
 - c) Access to Justice;
 - d) Public prosecutions;
 - e) Ethics, Integrity and Anti-corruption;
 - f) Correctional services;
 - g) Community service orders and witness protection;
 - h) Constitutional Affairs;
 - i) Sovereign immunity;
 - j) Elections including referenda;
 - k) Human rights;
 - l) Political parties; and

m) The State Law Office, including insolvency, law reform, public trusteeship, marriages and legal education.

3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Ministries/Departments—

- a) State Department of Correctional Services;
- b) State Law Office and Department of Justice;
- c) The Judiciary;
- d) Judicial Service Commission;
- e) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- f) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
- g) Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;
- h) Commission on Administrative Justice;
- i) Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;
- j) Witness Protection Agency;
- k) Kenya National Commission on Human Rights;
- l) Kenya Law Reform Commission; and
- m) Council of Legal Education.

1.3 Committee Membership

4. The Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises the following Members:

Chairperson

Hon. Murugara George Gitonga, CBS, MP
Tharaka Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwengi, OGW, MP
Kibwezi West Constituency

MCCP Party

Members

Hon. Gladys Boss, MGH, MP
Uasin Gishu Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Maalim Farah, EGH, MP
Dadaab Constituency

WDM-Kenya

Hon. Onyiego Silvanus Osoro, CBS, MP
South Mugirango Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Francis Kajwang' Tom Joseph, CBS, MP
Ruaraka Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Wetang'ula Timothy Wanyoyi, CBS, MP
Westlands Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, EBS, MP
Rarieda Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP
Ol Jorok Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Muchangi Karemba, CBS, MP
Runyenjes Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Makali John Okwisia, MP
Kanduyi Constituency

FORD-Kenya

Hon. Mogaka Stephen M., MP
West Mugirango Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP
Wajir East Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Siyad Amina Udgoon, MP
Garissa Township (CWR)

Jubilee Party

Hon. CPA Zuleka Hulbale Harun, MP
Nominated Member

UDM Party

1.4 Committee Secretariat

5. The Committee is well-resourced and facilitated by the following staff:

Mr. Ahmed Salim Abdalla
Clerk Assistant I / Head of Secretariat

Mr. Ronald Walala
Senior Legal Counsel

Mr. Abdikafar Abdi
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Jael Ayiego
Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Isaac Nabiswa
Legal Counsel II

Mr. Omar Abdirahim
Fiscal Analyst II

Ms. Vivienne Ogega
Research Officer III

Ms. Calvin Karungo
Media Relations Officer III

Mr. John Nduaci
Serjeant-At-Arms

Ms. Mary Kamande
Public Communication Officer III

Mr. Meldrick K. Sakani
Audio Officer III

CHAPTER TWO

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Legal Framework

6. Article 155(3) of the Constitution provides for the appointment of Principal Secretaries. It stipulates—

“(3) The President shall—

(a) nominate a person for appointment as Principal Secretary from among persons recommended by the Public Service Commission; and

(b) with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint Principal Secretaries.”

7. The Committee was guided by the following provisions of the Constitution and statutes in executing its mandate:
- 1) Article 10 of the Constitution on the national values and principles of governance;
 - 2) Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity;
 - 3) Article 77 of the Constitution on restriction on activities of State Officers;
 - 4) Article 78 of the Constitution on dual citizenship;
 - 5) Article 118 of the Constitution on public participation;
 - 6) Article 124(4) of the Constitution on consideration of persons for appointment to public office;
 - 7) Article 232 of the Constitution on values and principles of public service;
 - 8) Article 250(12) on the appointment of a secretary of a constitutional commission;
 - 9) The Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F;
 - 10) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Cap. 7H;
 - 11) The Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185;
 - 12) The Public Officer Ethics Act, Cap. 185B; and
 - 13) The Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap. 185C.

2.2 Selection Process

8. Vide letter Ref No. EOP/CAB.26/4VOL.V(29) dated 19th November 2024, the Executive Office of the President noted vacancies within the ranks of Principal Secretaries and thus requested the Public Service Commission to recommend suitably qualified candidates for nomination and appointment.
9. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 155(3)(a) of the Constitution, the Public Service Commission, vide advertisement placed in the print media and on the Commission's website on 20th November 2024, invited applications from suitably qualified persons for consideration for appointment to the position of Principal Secretary.
10. To this end, the Commission received two thousand five hundred and seventeen (2,517) applications out of which one hundred and nine candidates were shortlisted and interviewed from 27th to 31st January 2025. Consequently, and following a competitive recruitment process, the Commission forwarded to H.E. the President names of qualified persons for appointment as Principal Secretary.

11. Accordingly, H.E the President nominated Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno for appointment as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

2.3 Notification of Nomination

12. Sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F stipulate as follows—

“3. Exercise of powers of appointment

An appointment under the Constitution or any other law for which the approval of Parliament is required shall not be made unless the appointment is approved or deemed to have been approved by Parliament in accordance with this Act.

5. Notification of nomination

(1) An appointing authority shall, upon nominating a person for an appointment to which this Act applies, notify the relevant House of Parliament accordingly.

(2) A notification under subsection (1) shall be —

(a) in writing;

(b) be lodged with the Clerk of the relevant House of Parliament.

(3) A notification of appointment shall be accompanied by information concerning the nominee, having regard to the issues mentioned in section 7.

(4) For purposes of this Act, a notification of nomination shall be deemed to be duly given on the day on which it complies fully with subsections (2) and (3).”

13. Pursuant to Article 155(3)(b) of the Constitution as read with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, H.E. the President, through the Head of Public Service, transmitted to the Speaker of the National Assembly the Report of the Public Service Commission and the nominee’s curriculum vitae (*Annexure 9*) vide a letter Ref No. EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL.VI/ (13) dated 20th March 2025 (*Annexure 3*).

2.4 Notification to the House and Referral to the Committee

14. Standing Order 42(2) provides—

“If a message is received from the President, at a time when the House is not in session, the Speaker shall forthwith cause the message to be transmitted to every Member and shall report the message to the House on the day the House next sits.”

15. Pursuant to the Standing Order 42(2) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Rt. Honourable Speaker, vide Notification No. 003 of 2025 dated 26th March 2025 (*Annexure 4*), conveyed to the House the President’s Message on the nomination of Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno for appointment as Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

16. Notably, the House vide Resolution passed on 13th February 2025, ordered that upon receipt of any name of a person nominated for appointment to a State or public office from the President or any other office in the National Executive during the Short or Long Recesses of the Fourth Session, the Speaker shall forthwith refer such Message to the relevant

Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House and report such fact to the House on resumption.

17. In accordance with the Resolution and pursuant to section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the name and curriculum vitae of the nominee was referred to the Committee for approval hearing and reporting to the House within twenty-eight (28) days on or before Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.

2.5 Notification to the Public

18. Article 118 of the Constitution provides that Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of Parliament and its Committees.
19. Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F further provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 118 of the Constitution, section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and Standing Order 45(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement (*Annexure 5*) dated 27th March 2025 in the print media notifying the public that the approval hearing would be held on Monday, 7th April 2025 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 9, Main Parliament Buildings.
20. Moreover, section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F provides that “any person may, prior to the approval hearings and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”.
21. Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution as read with section 6(9) of Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement dated 27th March 2025 in the print media inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of a written statement on oath (affidavit) on the suitability of the nominee. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Thursday, 3rd April 2025 at 5.00 pm.
22. At the close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda regarding the nominee.

2.6 Notification to the Nominee

23. The Clerk of the National Assembly vide a letter dated 27th March 2025 referenced *NADDC/JLAC/2025/015 (Annexure 6)* invited the nominee for the approval hearing in accordance with section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

2.7 Clearance and Compliance Requirements

24. Vide letters dated 27th March 2025 and referenced NA/DDC/001/2025, NA/DDC/002/2025, NA/DDC/003/2025, NA/DDC/004/2025, NA/DDC/005/2025 and

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NA/DDC/EDU/2025 (036) the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to the KRA, DCI, ORPP, HELB, EACC and UON (*Annexure 7*) requesting for reports with respect to the nominee on the following matters:

- a) tax compliance;
- b) criminal records;
- c) political party affiliations;
- d) higher education loan repayment(s);
- e) ethics and integrity; and
- f) authenticity of academic certificates.

25. The following institutions wrote back to the National Assembly clearing the nominee: DCI vide letter referenced *DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XVI/91* dated 2nd April 2025; ORPP vide letter referenced *RPP/ORG/34VOL.VIII (70)* dated 2nd April 2025; HELB vide letter referenced *HELB/RR/112009/V/378* dated 2nd April 2025 EACC vide letter referenced *EACC.7/10/5 VOL XXXI (63)* dated 4th April 2025; (*Annexure 8*).

26. At the time of the approval hearing, KRA and UON had not responded. However, the nominee had provided the relevant documents from the agencies.

2.8 Criteria for Consideration during the Approval Hearings

27. Section 6(7) and (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F provides that:

“(7) An approval hearing shall focus on a candidate’s academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity and background.

(8) The criteria specified in the Schedule shall be used by a Committee during an approval hearing for the purposes of vetting a candidate”.

28. Additionally, section 7 of the Act provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant House of Parliament in relation to any nomination shall be—

(a) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee;

(b) any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and

(c) the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee’s abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made.

29. While conducting the approval hearing, the Committee was guided by the provisions of section 6(7) and (8) and section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

2.8.1 Procedure for Nomination

30. Article 155(3)(a) of the Constitution confers upon the President the power to nominate a person for appointment as Principal Secretary, from among persons recommended by the Public Service Commission.

31. Section 46 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185 requires that in recommending persons for appointment, the Public Service Commission abides by the constitutional requirements of fair competition and merit as a basis of appointment and ensures that the appointment facilitates achievement of a representative public service. In compliance with

this provision, the Public Service Commission conducted a competitive recruitment process and recommended to H.E the President suitable candidates for the position of Principal Secretary.

32. Article 155(3)(b) as read with section 5(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F requires that the President, upon nominating any person for appointment, notifies the National Assembly. Upon receipt of the list of qualified candidates, H.E the President nominated Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno for appointment as Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs and thereafter, notified the National Assembly vide letter Ref No. EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL.VI/ (13) dated 20th March 2025.

2.8.2 Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

33. The Committee was guided by the following provisions of law on the requirements for appointment to the public office:

i. National Values and Principles of Governance

34. Article 10 of the Constitution provides for the national values and principles of governance which State officers must abide by in discharging their mandate. They include: patriotism; national unity; sharing and devolution of power; the rule of law; democracy and participation of the people; human dignity; equity; social justice; inclusiveness; equality; human rights; non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized; good governance; integrity; transparency and accountability; and sustainable development.

ii. Conduct of State Officers

35. Article 75 of the Constitution requires a State Officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties. This Article further prohibits a State Officer who has been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution from holding any other State office.
36. Article 77 of the Constitution outlines that a full-time State officer must not participate in any other gainful employment and that any appointed State officer must not hold office in a political party.
37. Moreover, the Constitution under Article 78 further stipulates that a State officer must not hold dual citizenship but instead shall be a citizen of Kenya only.
38. Article 232 provides for the values and principles of public service as: high standards of professional ethics; efficient, effective and economic use of resources; responsive, prompt, effective, impartial and equitable provision of services; involvement of the people in the process of policy-making; accountability for administrative acts; transparency and provision to the public of timely, accurate information; fair competition and merit as the basis of appointments and promotions; representation of Kenya's diverse communities; and affording adequate and equal opportunities for appointment, training and advancement, at all levels of the public service of men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities.

39. The Public Officer Ethics Act, Cap 185B outlines the obligations of a public officer as: professionalism; carrying out duties in accordance with the law; prohibition from unjust enrichment; avoiding conflict of interest; not using the office as an avenue for soliciting or collecting *harambees*; not acting for foreigners; care of property; political neutrality, not practising nepotism or favouritism; giving impartial advice; conducting private affairs in a way that maintains public confidence; not engaging in sexual harassment; and submission of a declaration of income, assets and liabilities once every two years.

iii. Qualifications for Appointment as Principal Secretary

40. Section 47(2) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185 provides for the qualifications for appointment as a Principal Secretary—

A person is eligible for appointment as a Principal Secretary if the person—

- (i) is a citizen of Kenya;*
- (ii) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;*
- (iii) has at least ten years relevant professional experience, five years of which should have been in a leadership position or a top management level in the public service or private sector;*
- (iv) possess general knowledge of the organization and functions of Government;*
- (v) demonstrates an understanding of the goals, policies and developmental objectives of the nation;*
- (vi) has demonstrable leadership and management capacity including knowledge of financial management and strategic people management; and*
- (vii) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution. ”*

iv. Leadership and Integrity

41. The Committee, in determining the suitability of the nominee, was also guided by the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. In particular, Article 73(2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include –

- a) selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;
- b) objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favouritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;
- c) selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by —
 - i) honesty in the execution of public duties; and
 - ii) the declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties.
- d) accountability to the public for decisions and actions; and
- e) discipline and commitment in service to the people.

42. In addition, the Committee considered section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap 185C which provides that –

“A State officer shall, to the best of their ability—

- (a) carry out the duties of the office efficiently and honestly;*
- (b) carry out the duties in a transparent and accountable manner;*
- (c) keep accurate records and documents relating to the functions of the office; and*
- (d) report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent. ”*

2.8.3 Suitability of the nominee for the proposed appointment having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made

43. The suitability of the nominee was assessed after scrutiny of the nominee's academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as her performance during the approval hearing conducted on Monday, 7th April 2025.

CHAPTER THREE

3 APPROVAL HEARING OF THE NOMINEE

44. The Committee held a sitting on Monday 7th April 2025 to deliberate on the approval hearing and noted the following—
- 1) The nominee had not notified the Clerk of the National Assembly of her withdrawal from the approval process as outlined in section 6(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.
 - 2) The shortlisting and nomination process conducted by the Public Service Commission adhered to section 46 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.
 - 3) The Committee had not received any memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominee.
45. The Committee, therefore, proceeded with the approval hearing on Monday, 7th April 2025, as scheduled, and examined the nominee on the criteria set out in section 6(7), 6(8) and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

3.1 Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno – Nominee for Appointment as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice

46. Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno appeared before the Committee on Monday 7th April, 2025 at 10.10 am and was vetted under oath to examine her suitability as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice. The Committee noted the following:

Date and place of Birth

47. The nominee is a female Kenyan citizen of Identification Card Number 10883558 and does not hold any other citizenship. She was born on 30th December 1969 in Kajiado County.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

48. The nominee is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya having been admitted to the bar on 11th January 1996 and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law and Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Nairobi awarded on 10th December in 1994.
49. She also indicated that she has undertaken various short-term courses in computer studies and trainings on administration, management and leadership, public procurement procedures and legislation by the Kenya Institute of Administration, Kenya Institute of Management, Public Procurement Oversight Authority and the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute, respectively.

Work and Professional Experience

50. The nominee has worked in the following capacities, as a—
- a) Director, Kajiado County Investment Authority from 2023 to 2024;
 - b) Nominated Senator, Parliament of Kenya from 2017 to 2022;
 - c) Member of Parliament, East African Legislative Assembly from 2012 to 2017;
 - d) Proprietor, J.N. Pareno Advocates from 2001 to date;

- e) Associate, Kenta Moitalel & Company Advocates from 1997 to 2001;
- f) Associate, Gathirwa Company Advocates in 1996; and
- g) Pupil, A.N Ngunjiri & Company Advocates in 1995.

Income and Net Worth

51. The nominee estimated her net worth to be Ksh. 160 million comprising immovable property, livestock and motor vehicles. She indicated her sources of income to be legal fees, annual rental income, and income from farming and sale of immovable property.

Professional Associations and Memberships

52. The nominee indicated that she is a member of the Law Society of Kenya and the Women Democracy Network Kenyan Chapter. She also indicated that she has been a chairperson of the Board of Governors (BOGs) of Mashuuru Secondary School and AIC Girls Sajiloni Secondary School Kajiado and a member of the BOGs of Mashuuru Secondary School and Maasai Technical Training Institute, Kajiado.

Published Writings

53. The nominee indicated that she had been involved in the preparation of the following—
- (a) A presentation to the Asian and African Parliamentarians as a Fourth Pillar for Achieving the 2030 Agenda Population, Food, Security and Reproductive Health and their Role in Ensuring Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance;
 - (b) A presentation to the African Asian Parliamentarians Addressing Nairobi Summit Commitments in the East and Southern Africa Region, Sharing the Kenyan Experience;
 - (c) A Report from Crown Trust on the Shareholders Meeting for Mentorship of the Girl Child; and
 - (d) A Report and Resolution of a Multisectoral Workshop on Election Campaign Financing.

Potential Conflict of Interest

54. The nominee declared that she is currently not associated with any persons or matters that would present a potential conflict of interest should she assume the position of Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations

55. The nominee indicated that she had previously served as—
- (a) Chairperson and Member, National Election Board of ODM from 2008 to 2018;
 - (b) Vice-Chairperson and Member, Legal Committee of ODM from 2008 to 2024;
 - (c) Chairperson, Kajiado District Poverty Eradication Committee from 2011 to 2013;
 - (d) Member, Mashuuru District Education Board in 2011;
 - (e) Deputy Director, National YES Secretariat for the Constitution of Kenya Referendum in 2010;
 - (f) Vice-Chairperson, Kajiado Central Project Tendering Committee (Economic Stimulus Program) in 2010;
 - (g) Member, Kajiado District Education Board from 2008 to 2013;
 - (h) Treasurer, Kajiado Central Constituency Development Fund in 2008 to 2012;
 - (i) Member, Poverty Eradication Committee; and
 - (j) Member, Taskforce on Implementation of Sexual Offences Act.

56. The nominee also stated that she does not currently hold any official position in any political party having resigned upon completion of her term in the Legal Committee of ODM.

Pro-Bono and Charity Work

57. The nominee indicated that she has provided pro bono legal services on community interest cases such as the Kenya Portland Case where seven hundred (700) workers were facing retrenchment and was involved in the ten-day negotiation between the Board and the Community.

58. She also indicated that, as the Patron of the Kipsigis High School Alumni, she spearheaded the fundraising of Ksh. 3,000,000 which was used for drilling of a borehole and installation of water tanks to provide water to the entire school.

59. The nominee also stated that she has, in 2024 and 2025, been involved in mentorship and training programs, and donation of sanitary towels for girls in ten (10) schools in Kajiado County.

Integrity

60. The nominee demonstrated integrity. She has not been charged in a court of law or mentioned in any investigatory reports of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. Further, she has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

3.1.1 General and Sector-Specific Questions to the Nominee

61. The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on her suitability for appointment as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice. The nominee responded as follows:

On her understanding of the role

62. The nominee was of the view that the role of PS for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs would be to look into matters relating to justice and constitutional affairs including the implementation and interpretation of the Constitution by State organs. She stated that, if approved, she would also look into the enforcement of the Bill of Rights and existing national and international legal instruments on human rights.

63. Noting that most violations of human rights are alleged to have been committed by the State, she stated that, if approved, she would assist the State Law Office to address violations of human rights in collaboration with other justice sector players including the CAJ, IPOA, KNCHR, Judiciary and NGEN through lobbying for budgetary support.

On duplication of roles with the Solicitor-General

64. The nominee submitted that, according to the Office of the Attorney-General Act, the Solicitor-General is an assistant of the Attorney-General and therefore, did not envisage a conflict of roles with the position of Principal Secretary. She added that she would collaborate with the Solicitor-General and Attorney-General in the performance of her duties, if approved.

On accounting officer

65. The nominee submitted that the law designates the Principal Secretary as an accounting officer. Relating to the current structure where the Solicitor-General is the accounting officer, the nominee stated that she would seek clarity on the role and assured the Committee that there would be no conflict between the Solicitor-General and the Principal Secretary, if approved.

On regulation of legal education and massive failure of KSL students

66. The nominee noted that the Court of Appeal ended KSL's monopoly over the Advocates Training Programme, allowing other institutions to offer the programme. In her view, competition would ensure effective service delivery in legal education and may resolve some of the challenges at the Kenya School Law.

On operationalization of the National Coroners Service Act

67. The nominee submitted that, if approved, she would advocate for the enactment of Regulations, budgetary support for capacity building and political goodwill to operationalize the Act.

On her vision for the justice sector

68. The nominee stated that she would build synergy with the constitutional commissions and other agencies dealing with justice, human rights and constitutional affairs. In her view, the position of Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs would streamline matters justice, human rights and constitutional affairs in the justice sector for the prosperity of the country.

On transitioning from partisan politics to a non-partisan environment in the public service

69. The nominee submitted that political participation is a right guaranteed in the Constitution and thus she discharged her role as an official in the ODM Party in accordance with the law. She added that her twelve-year service in the ODM National Elections Board provided her with a deep understanding of politics, the electoral process and public service. Furthermore, she submitted that the party acknowledged her distinguished service to the party and the nation.

70. She also stated that she had previously served in many other non-political capacities including membership in various boards and committees including school BOGs, the Kajiado District Education Board and the Poverty Eradication Committee, among others. In her view, serving in all these capacities demonstrates her resilience and capability to serve in the public service as Principal Secretary.

71. The nominee confirmed that she was no longer an official of the ODM Party or any other political party having resigned upon completion of her term. She indicated that she was committed to serving the public without fear or any political interference.

On effective service delivery

72. The nominee stated that, if approved, she would discharge her duties in accordance with the Constitution and the Public Service Commission Act which stipulate the values and principles of public service.

On allegations of contempt of court

73. The nominee informed the Committee that during her tenure as Chairperson of the National Elections Board of ODM, she was sued but not served and only became aware of the suit via broadcast media after which she appeared in court. She confirmed that she was acquitted by the Court of Appeal in Civil Appeal No. 181 of 2017 as consolidated with No. 182 of 2017.

On specific interventions to address violation of human rights in pastoralist communities

74. The nominee identified FGM and unequal property rights as some of the human rights violations against women in pastoralist communities. She submitted that, if approved, she would champion the enforcement of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act and implementation of affirmative action programs for marginalized communities in employment and education in accordance with the Constitution. She also noted the need for creating awareness on the provisions of the Succession Act on the right of all persons, including women, to own land.

On tax compliance

75. The nominee clarified that she had some outstanding VAT payments but had since settled them and been issued with a tax compliance certificate by KRA.

On her views on the broad-based government

76. The nominee noted that the law empowers the President the sole prerogative to organize the government in the manner he deems fit. According to the nominee, the broad-based government promotes inclusivity and brings about national cohesion.

On sponsoring Bills while in Senate

77. The nominee submitted that during her time as a Senator, she sponsored the County E-Health Bill, 2021 (*Senate Bill No. 39 of 2021*); National Cohesion and Peace Building Bill, 2021 (*Senate Bill No. 19 of 2021*); Military Veterans Bill, 2021 (*Senate Bill No. 41 of 2021*); and Petitions to County Assemblies (Procedure) Bill, 2018 (*Senate Bill No. 22 of 2018*).

3.1.2 Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

78. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and section 47 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185, curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice —

Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

- 1) The nominee is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold any other citizenship and therefore meets the requirement of Article 78(1) of the Constitution and section 47(2)(i) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.
- 2) The nominee possesses an undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi awarded on 10th December 1994 and therefore meets the requirements of section 47(2)(ii) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.
- 3) The nominee has over ten years' proven experience at top management level having served in various leadership positions including as a Director at the Kajiado County

Investment Authority from 2023 to 2024, a Member of Parliament in the East African Legislative Assembly from 2012 to 2017 and a Chairperson and Member of various BOGs in education institutions. The nominee, therefore, meets the requirements of section 47(2)(iii) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.

- 4) The nominee possesses general knowledge of the organization and functions of Government having held various public offices including as a Senator from 2017 to 2022, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer of the Kajiado Central Project Tendering Committee and Kajiado Central Constituency Development Fund, and several governmental committees and taskforces. She has experience in various fields including public administration and financial management and thereby meets the requirements of section 47(2)(iv) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.
- 5) The nominee demonstrated an aspiration for integrity in public service and thus meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity and section 47(2)(vii) of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.
- 6) The nominee, having been cleared by KRA, DCI, ORPP, HELB, and EACC with regard to tax compliance, criminal records, political party affiliations, higher education loans, ethics and integrity has met the statutory requirements for appointment as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

Suitability of the nominee for the proposed appointment having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is made

- 7) The nominee demonstrated a deep understanding of the affairs of the Office of the Attorney-General and the respective roles of the office. She exhibited an understanding of the justice and human rights issues and constitutionalism required for a person nominated to serve as the Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

CHAPTER FOUR

4 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

4.1 General Observations

79. The Committee observed that—

- 1) The Department for Justice in the Office of the Attorney-General has been a substantive Ministry since independence and has since evolved to a Department within the Office of the Attorney-General. However, some statutes still make reference to a Principal Secretary responsible for justice and therefore, there is need for the appointing authority, through an Executive Order on Organization of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, to distinguish the two offices.
- 2) There is need to streamline the functions of the Principal Secretary and those of the Solicitor-General to avoid disagreement and conflict of interest. While it is important to streamline justice and human rights issues and constitutionalism, the office of the Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs could be domiciled in a separate Ministry.
- 3) While Article 152(1)(c) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney-General is part of the Cabinet, the Office of the Attorney-General Act, Cap 6A designates the Office of the Attorney-General as an independent office. There is need to streamline the provisions of the Act with the Constitution.

80. Pursuant to sections 6(7) and (8) and 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Committee observed that—

(a) Procedure for Nomination

- 1) The nominee was selected following an open, transparent and competitive recruitment process in accordance with the provisions of section 46 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185.

(b) Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

- 2) The nominee has satisfied all the constitutional and statutory requirements including those on citizenship; leadership, ethics and integrity; tax compliance; and higher education loan repayments.


(c) Suitability of the nominee for the proposed appointment having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is made

- 3) The nominee possesses the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience required for a person nominated to serve as the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

CHAPTER FIVE


5 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

81. Having considered the approval hearing for the nominee pursuant to Article 155(3) of the Constitution, section 46 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185 and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Committee recommends that the National Assembly **approves** the appointment of **Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno** to the Office of the **Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.**

Signed..........Date.....*8.4.025'*.....

HON. GEORGE GITONGA MURUGARA, CBS, MP
CHAIRPERSON

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE APPROVAL HEARING / VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, HON. JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA PARENO

We, the Members of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs have, pursuant to Standing Order 199, adopted this Report of the Committee on the Approval Hearing / Vetting of the Nominee for the Position of the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs, Hon. Judith Nayiai Ramaita Pareno, and affixed our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity:

1. Hon. Murugara George Gitonga, CBS, MP - Chairperson

2. Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwengi, OGW, MP - Vice Chair

3. Hon. Maalim Farah, EGH, MP

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4. Hon. Francis Kajwang' Tom Joseph, MP

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5. Hon. Gladys Boss, MGH, MP

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6. Hon. Onyiego Silvanus Osoro, CBS, MP

7. Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, MP

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8. Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP

9. Hon. Makali John Okwisia, MP

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10. Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi Wetangula, CBS, MP

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11. Hon. Muchangi Karemba, CBS, MP

12. Hon. CPA Zuleka Hulbale Harun, MP

13. Hon. Mogaka Stephen M., MP

14. Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP

15. Hon. Siyad Amina Udgoon, MP

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Annexure 1

Adoption Schedule

Annexure 2

Minutes



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION-2025
DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

**MINUTES OF THE 23rd SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS HELD ON TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL 2025 AT
10:00 AM IN 5TH FLOOR COMMITTEE ROOM, CONTINENTAL HOUSE,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Hon. Murugara George Gitonga, CBS, MP - *Chairperson*
2. Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwangi, OGW, MP – *Vice Chairperson*
3. Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, MP
4. Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP
5. Hon. Mogaka Stephen M., MP
6. Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP
7. Hon. Siyad Amina Udgoon, MP
8. Hon. Muchangi Karemba, CBS, MP
9. Hon. CPA Zuleka, Hulbale Harun, MP

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Gladys Boss, MGH, MP
2. Hon. Maalim Farah, EGH, MP
3. Hon. Francis Kajwang' Tom Joseph, CBS, MP
4. Hon. Onyiego Silvanus Osoro, CBS, MP
5. Hon. Wetangula Timothy Wanyoyi, CBS, MP
6. Hon. Makali John Okwisia, MP

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| 3. Mr. Abdikafar Abdi | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 4. Ms. Jael Kilaka | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 5. Mr. Abdirahim Omar | - | Fiscal Analyst I |
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| 9. Mr. Calvin Karungo | - | Media Relations Officer |
| 10. Mr. Rose Njuki | - | Serjeant-at-Arms |
| 11. Mr. Nimrod Misoi | - | Attaché, Justice & Legal Affairs Committee |

AGENDA

1. Prayers / Preliminaries;
2. Confirmation of the previous minutes;
3. Adoption of the Report on approval hearing of Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno for appointment as the principal secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney General & Department for Justice;
4. Adoption of the Report on the Consideration of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (amendment) Bill, 2025 (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2025);
5. Any Other Business; and
6. Adjournment / Date of the Next Meeting

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/096/2025: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at five minutes past ten o'clock by the Chairperson followed by a word of prayer from the Session Chairperson and thereafter Members introduced themselves. The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP and seconded by Hon. Mogaka Stephen M., MP.

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/097/2025: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 20th Sitting of the Committee held on 10th March 2025 were adopted as a true reflection of the proceedings, having being proposed by Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP and seconded by Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP.
2. Minutes of the 21st Sitting of the Committee held on 3rd April 2025 were adopted as a true reflection of the proceedings, having being proposed by Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwangi, OGW, MP and seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, MP.
3. Minutes of the 22nd Sitting of the Committee held on 7th April 2025 were adopted as a true reflection of the proceedings, having being proposed by Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwangi, OGW, MP and seconded by Aden Daud, EBS, MP.

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/098/2025: APPROVAL HEARING OF HON. JUDITH NAYAIAI RAMAITA PARENO FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL & DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE;

Members were taken through the report and made the following observations:

- i. The Department for Justice in the Office of the Attorney-General has been a substantive Ministry since independence and has since evolved to a Department within the Office of the Attorney-General. However, some statutes still refer to a Principal Secretary responsible for justice and therefore, there is need for the appointing authority, through an Executive Order on Organization of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, to distinguish the two offices.
- ii. There is need to streamline the functions of the Principal Secretary and those of the Solicitor-General to avoid disagreement and conflict of interest. While it is important to streamline justice and human rights issues and constitutionalism, the office of the

Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs could be domiciled in a separate Ministry.

- iii. While Article 152(1)(c) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney-General is part of the Cabinet, the Office of the Attorney-General Act, Cap 6A designates the Office of the Attorney-General as an independent office. There is need to streamline the provisions of the Act with the Constitution.

Committee Recommendation

Having considered the approval hearing for the nominee pursuant to Article 155(3) of the Constitution, section 46 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap 185 and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Committee resolved to recommend that the National Assembly approves the appointment of Hon. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno to the Office of the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General and Department for Justice.

Adoption of the Report

The report was adopted having being proposed by Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, MP and seconded by Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP.

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/099/2025:

REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COMBATING OF TERRORISM FINANCING LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5 OF 2025)

Members were taken through the report and made the following observations:

- i. The Bill seeks to amend various Acts of Parliament to align them to the international standard on combating terrorism financing and financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as prescribed by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF);
- ii. The Bill is necessary to ensure compliance with global standards on anti-money laundering and combating of terrorism financing and proliferation financing through improving the powers of designated non-financial businesses and professions to conduct anti-money laundering and combating of terrorism financing risk-based supervision and inspection of reporting institutions.
- iii. The proposed amendments to the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act; the Retirement Benefits Act; the Mining Act; the Sacco Societies Act; the Accountants Act; the Estate Agents Act; and the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya Act seek to give the respective entities supervisory powers for anti-money laundering and combating of terrorism and proliferation acts financing. These proposed amendments are in line with the provisions of section 36A (3) of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act which states that the obligation of supervising and enforcing compliance with the Act is placed on a supervisory body and this obligation shall constitute a core function of the supervisory body.
- iv. The Bill seeks to revise the framework for regulation and oversight of non-governmental organizations which was informed by the results of Non-Profit Organizations Task Force risk assessment. In that regard, the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act is amended by removing non-governmental organizations as reporting institutions and removing Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Board as a supervisory body to comply with FATF standards.

- v. During public participation, various entities and stakeholders proposed amendments to various sections and Acts of Parliament not contained in the Bill. For example, LSK proposed a raft of amendments to the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act; the Companies Act; the Land Act; the Land Registration Act and the Trustee (Perpetual Succession) Act. They stated that these amendments were to allow LSK effectively carry out its supervisory mandate over advocates in line with the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act which declares LSK to be a self-regulatory body. These amendments would unduly expand the subject of the Bill. Therefore, the Committee shall introduce the proposals in a separate Bill.

Committee Recommendation

The Committee, having considered the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*National Assembly Bills No. 5 of 2025*) and the submissions from members of the public and stakeholders, resolved to recommend that the House approves the Bill with amendments.

Adoption of the Report

The report was adopted having being proposed by Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP and seconded by Hon. Muchangi Karemba, CBS, MP.

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/100/2025: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee resolved to have a working retreat in Mombasa from 4th May 2025 to 11th May 2025 to consider all the business pending before the Committee. All agencies under the purview of the Committee to be invited.

MIN. NO. DDC/JLAC/101/2025: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at forty minutes past eleven o'clock. The next sitting to be held on Thursday, 10th April 2025.

SIGNED:  DATE: 8. 4. 2025'
(CHAIRPERSON: HON. MURUGARA GEORGE GITONGA, CBS, MP)

Annexure **3**

Transmittal letter

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Dear *Speaker*

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF THE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

You are most graciously notified that **His Excellency the President** has, in exercise of the constitutional prerogative vested in the Head of State and Government effected nominations to the ranks of Principal Secretaries.

This presidential action follows the recommendations of the Public Service Commission, as required by **Article 155 (3)(a) of the Constitution**, which states:

"The President shall nominate a person for appointment as Principal Secretary from among persons recommended by the Public Service Commission." [Emphasis]

In that regard and in accordance with **Section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act** (Chapter 7F of the Laws of Kenya), kindly be pleased to receive the fourteen nominees for appointment as Principal Secretaries for consideration by the National Assembly, as follows:

NAME	STATE DEPARTMENT
1. Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya	State Department for Public Service & Human Capital Development Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development & Special Programmes
2. Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	State Department for Trade Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry

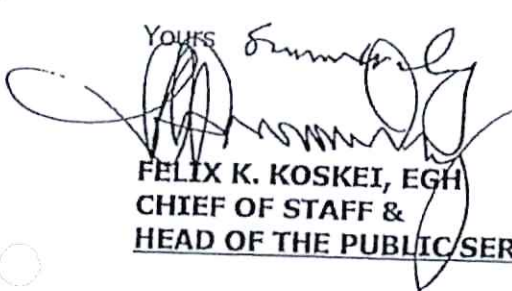
3. Mr. Cyrell Odede Wagunda	State Department for Public Investments & Assets Management The National Treasury & Economic Planning
4. Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	State Department for East African Community (EAC) Affairs Ministry of East African Community (EAC) Affairs & The ASALs and Regional Development
5. Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	State Department for Medical Services Ministry of Health
6. Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	State Department for National Government Co-ordination Office of the Prime Cabinet-Secretary
7. Ms. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno	State Department for Justice, Human Rights & Constitutional Affairs Office of the Attorney-General & State Department for Justice
8. Dr. Bonface Makokha	State Department for Economic Planning The National Treasury & Economic Planning
9. Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	State Department for Science, Research & Innovation Ministry of Education
10. Mr. Stephen Isaboke	State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications Ministry of Information, Communication & Digital Economy
11. Mr. Michael Lenasalon	State Department for Devolution Office of the Deputy President

12. Mr. Fikirini Katoj Kahindi Jacobs	State Department for Youth Affairs Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
13. CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng	State Department for Children Welfare Services Ministry of Labour & Social Protection
14. Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy & Maritime Affairs

To aid the August House in its consideration and approval processes, we have the pleasure of enclosing herewith the **Certificate of Presidential Nomination No. 1 of 2025** and the Report of the Public Service Commission together with the Curricula Vitae and Testimonials for all the nominees.

In acknowledgment of the unique mandate of Principal Secretaries as the Administrative heads of State Departments, the National Assembly is urged to consider the nominees on a priority basis.

Yours



FELIX K. KOSKEI, EGH
CHIEF OF STAFF &
HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Copy to: **Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, MP, EGH**
Majority Leader
The National Assembly
Parliament Building
NAIROBI

Mr. Samuel J. Njoroge, CBS
Clerk
The National Assembly
Parliament Building
NAIROBI

Mr. Arthur A. Osiya, CBS
Principal Administrative Secretary
Executive Office of the President
NAIROBI

Mr. Jasper Mbiuki, CBS
Head, Constitutional Affairs,
Liaison & Assurance
Executive Office of the President
NAIROBI

Annexure 4

Communication from the Speaker conveying the Message from H.E the President appointing the nominee



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

[Pursuant to Standing Order 42(2)]

_____ (No. 003 of 2025) _____

ON

NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

WHEREAS, the House, by a resolution passed on 13th February 2025, ordered that, upon receipt of any name of a person nominated for appointment to a State or public office from the President or any other office in the National Executive during the Short or Long Recesses of the Fourth Session, **the Speaker shall forthwith refer such Message to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House**, and report such fact to the House on resumption;

FURTHER WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 25th March 2025, being a period during the short recess, I received a Message from His Excellency the President, seeking parliamentary approval of nominees for appointment as Principal Secretaries;

FURTHER WHEREAS, in the Message, His Excellency the President conveyed that, in exercise of powers conferred by the provisions of Article 155(3)(a) of the Constitution, he nominated **fourteen (14)** persons for appointment as **Principal Secretaries** as hereunder—

NO.	NAME	STATE DEPARTMENT
1.	Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya	State Department for Public Service & Human Capital Development, Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development & Social Programmes
2.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	State Department for Trade, Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry
3.	Mr. Cyrell Odede Wagunda	State Department for Public Investments & Assets Management, The National Treasury & Economic Planning
4.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	State Department for East African Community (EAC) Affairs, Ministry of East African Community (EAC) Affairs & The ASALs and Regional Development
5.	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	State Department for Medical Services, Ministry of Health

NO.	NAME	STATE DEPARTMENT
6.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	State Department for National Government Co-ordination , Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary
7.	Ms. Judith Nayaiai Ramaita Pareno	Justice, Human Rights & Constitutional Affairs , Office of the Attorney-General & Department for Justice
8.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	State Department for Economic Planning , The National Treasury & Economic Planning
9.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	State Department for Science, Research & Innovation , Ministry of Education
10.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications , Ministry of Information, Communication & Digital Economy
11.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	State Department for Devolution , Office of the Deputy President
12.	Mr. Fikirini Katoi Kahindi Jacobs	State Department for Youth Affairs , Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

NO.	NAME	STATE DEPARTMENT
13.	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng	State Department for Children Welfare Services Ministry of Labour & Social Protection
14.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy & Maritime Affairs

NOTING THAT, section 3 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F provides that an appointment under the Constitution or any other law for which the approval of Parliament is required **shall not be made unless the appointment is approved or deemed to have been approved by Parliament;**

FURTHER NOTING THAT, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F provides that, unless otherwise provided in law, the Committee to which nomination are referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House for debate and decision **within twenty-eight (28) days.**


NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F and in furtherance of the resolution passed by the House on 13th February 2025 on consideration of business received during the recess period, it is **NOTIFIED** to all Members of the National Assembly and the general public as follows—

(1) **THAT**, the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the certificate of Presidential nominations, *curriculum vitae* and other testimonials of the nominees now stand referred to the respective Departmental Committees to undertake approval hearings as hereunder—

NO.	COMMITTEE	NOMINEE(S)
1.	Administration, and Internal Security	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim
2.	Communication, Information and Innovation	Mr. Stephen Isaboke
3.	Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu
4.	Education	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat
5.	Finance and National Planning	(i) Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede
		(ii) Dr. Bonface Makokha
6.	Justice and Legal Affairs	Ms. Judith Nayaiai Pareno Ramaita
7.	Labour	Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya
8.	Health	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma
9.	Regional Development	Mr. Michael Lenasalon
10.	Social Protection	(i) Mr. Fikirini Katoi Kahindi Jacobs
		(ii) CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng
11.	Trade, Industry & Cooperatives	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam
12.	Transport and Infrastructure	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah

- (2) **THAT**, the respective Committees to which the nominations have been referred are expected to immediately commence the approval process and, thereafter, table their reports on or before **Tuesday, 22nd April 2025**, to enable the House to consider the nominees within the statutory timelines; and,
- (3) **THAT**, the Clerk is hereby required to transmit this Notification to all Members of the National Assembly, and facilitate the Committees to undertake the necessary approval hearings on the nominees referred to them for consideration.

I thank you.


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F. M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 26th March 2025

Annexure **5**

Advertisement notifying the public of the approval hearing



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION (2025)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 118(1)(b), 132(2), 155(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL) ACT (CAP. 7F)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR
APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL HEARINGS AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of Articles 132(2)(d) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President is empowered to nominate and with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint Principal Secretaries. In exercise of the said powers, His Excellency the President nominated the following persons for appointment as Principal Secretaries—

No.	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdulsalan Ibrahim	State Department for National Government Coordination Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary
2.	Mr. Stephen Isaboka	State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy
3.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	State Department for East African Community (EAC) Affairs Ministry of East African Community (EAC) Affairs and The ASALs and Regional Development
4.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	State Department for Science, Research & Innovation Ministry of Education
5.	Mr. Cyrell Odede Wagunda	State Department for Public Investments & Assets Management The National Treasury and Economic Planning
6.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	State Department for Economic Planning The National Treasury and Economic Planning
7.	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	State Department for Medical Services Ministry of Health
8.	Ms. Judith Nayaial Pareno	State Department for Justice, Human Rights & Constitutional Affairs Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice
9.	Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya	State Department for Public Service & Human Capital Development Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes
10.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	State Department for Devolution Office of the Deputy President
11.	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achleng	State Department for Children Welfare Services Ministry of Labour & Social Protection
12.	Mr. Fikirini Katol Kahindi Jacobs	State Department for Youth Affairs Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
13.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	State Department for Trade Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry
14.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy & Maritime Affairs

AND WHEREAS, following receipt of the nominations from His Excellency the President, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly vide a Notification made on Wednesday 26th March 2025 conveyed the Message to the Members of the National Assembly and referred the names and curriculum vitae of the nominees to the relevant Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED to the general public that pursuant to Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), the respective Committees of the House shall conduct Approval Hearings (Vetting) of the nominees on the dates, times and at the venues indicated in the schedule below—

No.	NOMINEE	STATE DEPARTMENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL SECURITY					
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdulsalan Ibrahim	State Department for National Government Coordination	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Room 21	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION AND INNOVATION					
2.	Mr. Stephen Isaboka	State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications	Bunge Tower, 3 rd Floor, Room 17	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS					
3.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	State Department for East African Community (EAC) Affairs	Mini-Chamber, County Hall, 1 st Floor	Monday, 7 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION					
4.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	State Department for Science, Research & Innovation	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Room 24	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING					
5.	Mr. Cyrell Odede Wagunda	State Department for Public Investments & Assets Management	Bunge Tower, 3 rd Floor, Committee Room 18/19	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
6.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	State Department for Economic Planning	Bunge Tower, 3 rd Floor, Committee Room 18/19	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	12.00 pm
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH					
7.	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	State Department for Medical Services	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Committee Room 20	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS					
8.	Ms. Judith Nayaial Pareno	Justice, Human Rights & Constitutional Affairs	Main Parliament Buildings, Committee Room 9	Monday, 7 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR					
9.	Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya	State Department for Public Service & Human Capital Development	Main Parliament Buildings, Committee Room 7	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT					
10.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	State Department for Devolution	Bunge Tower, 3 rd Floor, Room 16	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION					
11.	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achleng	State Department for Children Welfare Services	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Room 26	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am
12.	Mr. Fikirini Katol Kahindi Jacobs	State Department for Youth Affairs	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Room 26	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	12.00 noon
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES					
13.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	State Department for Trade	Main Parliament Buildings, Committee Room 7	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	12.00 noon
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE					
14.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs	Bunge Tower, 5 th Floor, Room 23	Friday, 4 th April, 2025	10.00 am

AND WHEREAS, section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F) provides that "any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated";

IN COMPLIANCE with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the candidates for appointment to the offices they have been nominated to.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 by 5.00 p.m.

IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT the nominees are required to—

- (1) Appear for the approval hearings with the original identity cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and
- (2) Obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions—
 - (a) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - (b) The Kenya Revenue Authority;
 - (c) The Higher Education Loans Board;
 - (d) The Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
 - (e) The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties; and
 - (f) A Credit Reference Bureau.

S. NJOROGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 27th March, 2025

Annexure **6**

Letter from the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting the nominee for the approval hearing



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Ref: NA/DDC/JLAC/2025/015

27th March 2025

Hon. Judith Nayiai Ramaita - Pareno

P.O. Box 5581 - 0506, Nyayo

NAIROBI

Dear *Hon Pareno*

**RE: INVITATION FOR VETTING BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Following your nomination by His Excellency the President for appointment as the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs, the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs hereby invites you for vetting pursuant to provisions of Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No 33 of 2011) on **Monday, 7th April 2025** in **Committee Room 9, Main Parliament Building**, at **10:00 am**.

Kindly fill the attached questionnaire as required by the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No 33 of 2011), and attach copies of your national identity card, academic and professional certificates and any other testimonials. The questionnaire should be returned **on or before Thursday, 3rd April 2025**.

Further, you are required to bring along originals of the above documents and letters/certificates of clearance/compliance from the following institutions:

1. Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission;
2. Kenya Revenue Authority;
3. Higher Education Loans Board;
4. Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and
5. Office of the Registrar of Political Parties.

The liaison officers on this subject are **Mr. Ahmed Salim Abdalla**, who may be contacted on tel. no. **0710204056** or email: ahmed.salim@parliament.go.ke, or **Ms. Jael Ayiego Kilaka** on tel. no. **0725385945** or email: jael.kilaka@parliament.go.ke or **Mr. Abdikafar Abdi Sheikh** on tel. no. **0715456503** or email abdikafar.sheikh@parliament.go.ke.

Yours

JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS
FOR: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Encl:

Annexure 7

Letters from the Clerk of the National Assembly to various agencies requesting information on the nominee



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Ref: NA/DDC/003/2025

27th March 2025

Ms. Anne N. Nderitu, CBS
Registrar of Political Parties
Lions Place, 1st Floor
Karuna Close, Waiyaki Way
Sarit Center,
NAIROBI

Dear *Ms Nderitu*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR
APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES**

The National Assembly is in receipt of notifications of fourteen persons for appointment as Principal Secretaries by His Excellency the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominees for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (d) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that **“when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the House.”**

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the Second Schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (d).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), Committees are mandated to consider whether the nominees meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nominations have since been committed to Departmental Committees for consideration. Consequently, the Committees request you to provide a report on whether the nominees hold an office in any political party in Kenya.

	Name	ID No.
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145
2.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
3.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176
4.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	8009288
5.	Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede	1545354
6.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	13671582
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12.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	26629462
13.	Mr. Fikirini Katoi Kahindi Jacobs	33271223
14.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480

This information will assist the Committees to effectively undertake their mandate. We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 3rd April 2025**.

The liaison officer on this subject is Mr. **Benjamin Magut**, Principal Clerk Assistant who may be contacted on Tel. **0712974966** or email benjamin.magut@parliament.go.ke

Yours



JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS
FOR: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



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Ref: NA/DDC/005/2025

27th March 2025

Mr. Abdi A. Mohamud, MBS
Commission Secretary
Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
Milimani/Valley Road Junction
NAIROBI

Dear *Mr. Mohamud*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR
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In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the Second Schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (d).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), Committees are mandated to consider whether the nominees meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nominations have since been committed to Departmental Committees for consideration. Consequently, the Committees request you to provide a report on the integrity of the following nominees as set out in Chapter Six of the Constitution.

	Name	ID No.
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145
2.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
3.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176
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Ref: NA/DDC/004/2025

27th March 2025

Mr. Geoffrey Monari
Chief Executive Officer
Higher Education Loans Board
Anniversary Towers, 19th Floor
P.O Box, 69489-00400
NAIROBI

Dear *Mr Monari*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR
APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES**

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Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), Committees are mandated to consider whether the nominees meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nominations have since been committed to Departmental Committees for consideration. Consequently, the Committees request you to provide a report on the repayment status of any loans that may have been advanced by the Higher Education Loans Board to the following nominees;

	Name	ID No.
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145
2.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
3.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176
4.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	8009288
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27th March 2025

Mr. Amin Mohamed Ibrahim, EBS, MBS, OGW
Director
Directorate of Criminal Investigations
Mazingira Complex, Kiambu Road
NAIROBI

Dear *Mr. Ibrahim*

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Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), Committees are mandated to consider whether the nominees meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nominations have since been committed to Departmental Committees for consideration. Consequently, the Committees request you to provide

a report on whether the following nominees are adversely mentioned in any investigation carried out by the Directorate;

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1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145
2.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
3.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176
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14.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480

This information will assist the Committees to effectively undertake their mandate. We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 3rd April 2025**.

The liaison officer on this subject is Mr. **Benjamin Magut**, Principal Clerk Assistant who may be contacted on Tel. **0712974966** or email benjamin.magut@parliament.go.ke

Yours



JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS
FOR: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Annexure 8

Letters of clearance from agencies



DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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2nd April, 2025

Clerk of the National Assembly,
Main Parliament Buildings,
P. O. Box 41842-00100,
NAIROBI.



*Mr. Abenayo Wasike, HoD
Mr. Benjamin Magut, HoD
Mr. Adan Gindicha, HoD
Ms. Rose Wanjohi, HoD
Ms. Tracy chebet, HoD*

Attn: Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

*To place before
the relevant
Vetting Comms.
Dnt 04/04/25*

Reference is made to your letter NA/DDC/002/2025 dated 27th March, 2025 on the above matter.

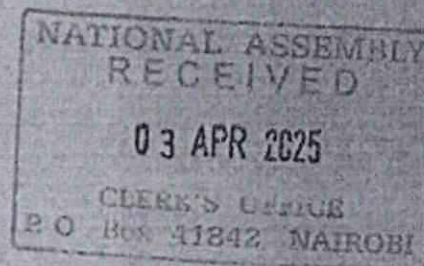
Forensic fingerprint analysis of the below named nominees was conducted in the criminal database and found that they have no previous criminal records.

S/NO.	NOMINEE	ID NO
1.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
2.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176
3.	Prof Abdulrazak Shaukat	8009288
4.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	13671582
5.	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	23797977
6.	Ms. Judith Naiyai Pareno	10883558
7.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	26629462
8.	Mr. Fikirini Katoi Hahindi Jacobs	33271223

The below named nominees are advised to present themselves to the nearest Huduma Centre DCI desk for fingerprinting services. Alternatively, they can centrally access the same service at DCI Headquarters fingerprint and Police Clearance Certificate application centre for the exercise.

S/NO.	NOMINEE	ID NO
1.	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865445
2.	Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede	1545354
3.	Dr. Jane Kare Imbunya	34645601
4.	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng	13235213
5.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	20584192
6.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480

Mohamed I. Amin, CBS, OGW, ndc(K)
DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS





REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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Lion Place, 1st & 4th Floor
Off Waiyaki Way
P.O. Box 1131-00606
Sarit Centre, Nairobi.

Ref: RPP/ORG/34 VOL. VIII (70)

Date: 2nd April 2025

Clerk of the National Assembly
Clerk's Chambers
Parliament Buildings
P.O. Box 41842-00100
NAIROBI

Attn: Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS

Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

Reference is made to letter Ref. NA/DDC/003/2025 dated 27th March 2025 and on the above subject matter.

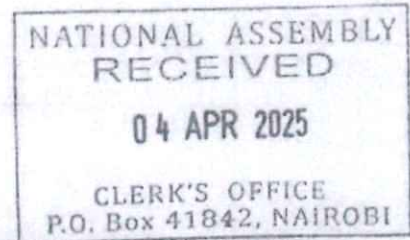
Pursuant to Article 77 (2) of the Constitution and according to the records held by this Office as at 2nd April 2025, the list of the nominees tabulated herein are **NOT** officials of any registered political party.

S/No.	Nominee	ID No.	Official of Registered Political Party
1.	Mr. Ahmed'Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145	Not an official
2.	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023	Not an official
3.	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176	Not an official
4.	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	8009288	Not an official
5.	Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede	1545354	Not an official
6.	Dr. Bonface Makokha	13671582	Not an official
7.	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	23797977	Not an official
8.	Ms. Judith Naiyai Pareno	10883558	Not an official
9.	Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya	34645601	Not an official
10.	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng	13235213	Not an official

11.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	20584192	Not an official
12.	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	26629462	Not an official
13.	Mr. Fikirini Katoi Kahindi Jacobs	33271223	Not an official
14.	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480	Not an official

Yours faithfully,


Ann N. Nderitu, CBS
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO



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2nd April 2025

Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS
Clerk
National Assembly
P.O Box 41842-00100

NAIROBI

Dear *Sir,*

CLEARANCE FOR SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated **27th March 2025**, with reference number **NA/DDC/004/2025**, regarding the background check on the status of HELB loan repayment for candidates nominated for the position of **Principal Secretaries**.

HELB is committed to assisting the National Assembly in the comprehensive evaluation of candidates, including their financial responsibilities and obligations. We have utilized the necessary procedures to conduct background checks on the candidates listed in the attached schedule.

Our team has diligently reviewed the HELB loan repayment status of each candidate, ensuring accuracy and compliance with the information provided. We understand the importance of this inquiry in the overall assessment process.

Please find below their status.

S/No.	NAME OF NOMINEE	ID/No.	STATUS	YEAR OF CLEARANCE
1	Mr. Ahmed Abdisalan Ibrahim	20865145	Not a loanee	N/A
2	Mr. Aden Abdi Millah	11692023	Cert No.55335	2013
3	Mr. Stephen Isaboke	9148176	Cert No.8277	2007
4	Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat	8009288	Not a loanee	N/A
5	Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede	1545354	Not a loanee	N/A
6	Dr. Boniface Makokha	13671582	Cert No.42774	2012
7	Dr. Oluga Fredrick Ouma	23797977	Cert No.95205	2025
8	Ms. Judith Naiyai Pareno	10883558	Cert No.35551	2012
9	Dr. Jane Kare Imbunya	34645601	Not a loanee	N/A
10	CPA Carren Ageng'o Achieng	13235213	Cert No.94046	2024
11	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	20584192	Not a loanee	N/A
12	Mr. Michael Lenasalon	26629462	Cert No.25344	2018
13	Mr. Fikirini Katoi Kahindi Jacobs	33271223	Repaying	Repaying
14	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480	Cert No.44862	2013

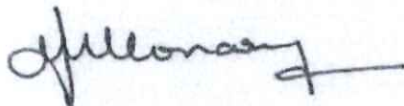


ISO 9001:2015 Certified.



We appreciate the collaborative effort with the National Assembly and remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and confidentiality throughout the background check process. Thank you for entrusting us with this responsibility, and we look forward to contributing to the successful appointments.

Yours *Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Monari", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GEOFFREY MONARI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

INTEGRITY CENTRE (Jakaya Kikwete/Valley Road Junction) P.O. Box 61130 – 00200, NAIROBI, Kenya
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When replying please quote:

Our Ref: EACC.7/10/5 VOL XXXI (63)

4th April 2025

Mr. Samuel Njoroge, CBS

Clerk
National Assembly
Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings
P O Box 41842 – 00100

NAIROBI



Dear *Mr. Njoroge,*

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES

Your letter referenced NA/DDC/005/2025 dated 27th March 2025, on the subject matter refers.

Please note that the Commission has not undertaken any investigations pursuant to its mandate against the under listed nor has it recommended prosecution of any of them.

S/No	Name	ID Number
1.	Abdisalan Ibrahim Ahmed	20865145
2.	Aden Abdi Millah	11692023
3.	Stephen Motari Isaboke	9148176
4.	Prof. Shaukat Ali Abdulrazak	8009288
5.	Cyrell Odede Wagunda	1545354
6.	Dr. Bonface Barasa Makokha	13671582
7.	Dr. Fredrick Ouma Oluga	23797977
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11.	Dr. Caroline Wanjiru Karugu	20584192
12.	Michael Loikianu Lenasalon	26629462
13.	Jacobs Katoi Kahindi Fikirini	33271223
14.	Regina Akoth Ombam	9089480

The information provided herein is based on records available as of 4th April 2025.

Yours *Sincerely*



Abdi A. Mohamud, MBS
SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Annexure 9

Curriculum Vitae, certificates and testimonials of the nominee

CURRICULUM VITAE

Judith Nayiai Ramaita - Pareno

Bio Data

Date of birth : 30.12.1969

Gender : Female

Marital status : Married

Nationality : Kenyan

ID Number : 10883558

Address : P.O Box 5581-0506 Nyayo, Nairobi

Religion : Christian

Languages:

- English
- Kiswahili
- Maasai

Mobile Number : 0722860345

Email : nayiyiarama@nyayo.com

Email : nayiyiarama@gmail.com

Education Qualification

University Education; 1990-1994 University of Nairobi

Degree obtained; Bachelor of Laws (LLB) 2nd Class Honors

Post Graduate Education; Kenya School of Law

Grade obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Law

High School Education: (Form V – VI) 1988-1989

Kipsigis Girls High School P.O Box 194, Kericho

Grade obtained Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (A – levels) – 17 points

Secondary Education 1984-1987: Kipsigis Girls High School P.O Box 194
Kericho

Grade obtained: Kenya Certificate of Education (O)levels – Division II.

Primary Education 1977 -1983: Enooretet Primary School P.O Box 6 Sultan Hamud
Kajiado

Grade obtained: Certificate of Primary School Education

Experience

1995 - Pupillage Attended pupillage with A.N Ngunjiri & Company Advocates

Portal Place Muindi Mbingu Street Nairobi-

Holding over At Messrs. A.N.Ngunjiri & Company Advocates

1996 - Worked as Associate at Gathirwa Company Advocates

1997-2000: Worked as an Associate Kenta Moitalel & Company Advocates,

Bruce Hse, Nairobi

2001- To date: Proprietor J.N. Pareno & Company Advocates Embassy House 5th floor, room 503

P.O Box 5581-00506 Nyayo Nairobi

2012-2017 Member of Parliament East Africa Legislative Assembly

2017-2022 Member of Parliament The Senate of Kenya

2022- May 2024 Director of the Kajiado County Investment Authority

Duties in The Law firms

- Involved in the establishment and administration of the firms business.
- Handling Corporate as well as individual clients in conveyancing, civil and criminal cases

Duties as a Legislator in The East African Legislative Assembly

Member of the following committees

- House Commission
- Legal Rules and Privileges Committee
- Agriculture Tourism and Natural Resources Committee
- Chairperson Adhoc Committee on Genocide and Genocide Ideology

Duties as a Legislator in The Senate of Kenya

Member of the following Committees

- Speakers Panel
- National Security, Defense and Foreign Relations
- National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration
- Delegated Legislation
- Rules and Procedures.

Duties as a Director of the Kajiado County Investment Authority

- Facilitating and improving investment and business environment and undertaking such other activities as may be necessary to promote the County as an attractive base for investments.

Short term courses:

- Certificate in computer studies.
- Training at Kenya Institute of Administration for Chairpersons Board of Governors.
- Training on poverty eradication by the Poverty Eradication Commission.
- Training at the Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology on Education III Program by African Development Bank.
- Training on service delivery and ISO certification-ISO 9001-2001.
- Regional training on leadership and integrity by Women Democracy Network.
- Induction course for Constituency Development fund Managers.
- Training on public procurement procedures by Public Procurement Oversight Authority.
- Training by Esami (Eastern and Southern African Management institute) on Delegated Legislation.
- Training by Esami (Eastern and Southern African Management institute) on Cohesion and Regional Integration.
- Training by Esami (Eastern and Southern African Management institute) on Subsidiary Legislation on Analysis of Regulatory Impact Assessment and Regulatory Governance in Comparative Jurisdictions.
- Training by Esami (Eastern and Southern African Management institute) on Scrutiny of Subsidiary Legislation.
- Training on data analysis and management in elections administrations by United States International Center for Electoral Support.
- Training by the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya on Project Proposal, Writing and Management.
- Training by the Kenya Institute of Management on Leadership, Ethics and Governance.

Appointments

- Member of the Government Task Force on the Implementation of Sexual Offences Act.
- Appointed member and Chairperson to the Orange Democratic Movement Party National Elections Board- 2008-2018.
- Appointed member and thereafter Vice Chairperson of the Legal Committee of the Orange Democratic Movement Party- 2008-2024
- Appointed Deputy Director to the National Yes secretariat for the Constitution of Kenya Referendum- 2010
- Treasurer Kajiado Central Constituency Development Fund- 2008-2012
- Member Kajiado Central Constituency Economic Stimulus Project management committee- 2010
- Former Vice chair/Kajiado Central Constituency Project Tendering Committee (economic stimulus program) -2010
- Chairperson of Kajiado District Poverty Eradication Committee.2011-2013
- Member Kajiado District Education Board-2008-2013
- Member Mashuuru District Education Board-2011
- Former Secretary Kenya Red Cross Society Kajiado Branch.
- Former Chairlady Board of Governors AIC Girls Sajiloni Secondary School Kajiado.
- Member Women Democracy Network Kenyan Chapter
- Former member Board of Governors Mashuuru Secondary School.
- Former member Board of Governor Maasai Technical Training Institute Kajiado
- Former Chairperson Board of Governors MCK Elerai Girls Secondary School Kajiado

Professional Referees

1. **Hon. Moitalel Ole Kenta**
Kenta Moitalel & Company Advocates
Former Member of Parliament Narok North Constituency
Telephone Number: 0728233443
2. **Gideon Solonka**
Solonka & Company Advocates
Nairobi.
Telephone Number: 0722707034

Character Referees

1. **Shumary Malleon Keton**
Principle Civil Registrar
Nairobi.
Telephone Number: 0722238999
2. **Jane Saruni**
Chairperson Maendeleo ya Wanawake
Kajiado.
Telephone Number: 0721565218

JAMHURI YA KENYA  REPUBLIC OF KENYA

SERIAL NUMBER 250273141

ID NUMBER 10883558

FULL NAME
JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA PARENO



DATE OF BIRTH
30. 12. 1969
SEX
FEMALE
DISTRICT OF BIRTH
KAJIADO CENTRAL
PLACE OF ISSUE
MASHURU
DATE OF ISSUE
21. 05. 2019



HOLDER'S SIGN




DISTRICT
MASHURU
DIVISION
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MASHURU
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MASHURU



PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR'S SIGN



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REPUBLIC OF KENYA


HIGH COURT OF KENYA

CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION

This is to certify that JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA


having this day signed the Roll of Advocates of the High Court of Kenya is admitted to practise as an Advocate of the High Court and is entitled to practise in the Courts Subordinate thereto, as from the 11th day of January, 1996.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the High Court of Kenya at Nairobi this eleventh day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six



Chief Justice,
High Court of Kenya

Certified that the name of the said JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA has this day been entered on the Roll of Advocates on payment of the prescribed fee.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1996.


Deputy Registrar

I Certify that this is a true Copy of the Original


C. SANKALE MOSHIRA-ADVOCATE
P. O. Box 65,3 - 00100, NAIROBI

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GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 7571

IMARISHA LAKE NAIVASHA MANAGEMENT BOARD

EXTENSION OF TERM

IT IS notified for the general information of the Public that the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya grants an extension of (1) year to the Imarisha Lake Naivasha Management Board appointed vide Gazette Notice No. 5368 of 2011, with effect from 5th April, 2012.

Further the Prime Minister appoints the following to the Board—

Paul Ruoya, representing Catchment Water User Associations;
Sarah Higgins, representing Lake Naivasha Riparian Association;
Karanja Njoroge (Prof.), representing civil society organizations;

in replacement of—

Mary Njoki;
Lord Andrew Enniskelin;
Anderson Koyo.

Other members of the board remain as previously appointed.

Dated the 23rd May, 2012.

R. A. ODINGA,
Prime Minister.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 7572

THE TEA (AMENDMENT) ACT

(No. 4 of 2011)

APPOINTMENT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 4A of the Tea (Amendment) Act, 2011, the Minister for Agriculture appoints—

SICILY KANINI KARIUKI

to be the Managing Director and Secretary to the board of the Tea Board of Kenya, with effect from 26th May, 2012.

Dated the 23rd May, 2012.

S. J. KOSGEL,
Minister for Agriculture.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 7573

THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ACT

(No. 2 of 2000)

THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY) RULES, 2012

(L.N. 31 of 2012)

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PURSUANT to rule 18 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules, 2012, the Clerk of the National Assembly notifies the election of the persons listed in the Schedule hereto as members of the East African Legislative Assembly.

SCHEDULE

Bonaya Talaso Sarah
Ogle Abubakar D. Abdi
Nkanac Saoli ole
Mathuki Peter Mutuku
Abisai Nancy Kabeyeka Lung'ahi
Abubakar Zein Abubakar
Ng'aru Mumbi Agnes
Ombasa Joseph Kiangoi
Pareno Judith Nayiai R.

Dated the 31st May, 2012

P. G. GICHOHI,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL



This is to certify that the candidate named below sat for the Examination for the Kenya Certificate of Education and qualified for the award of a

KENYA CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

DIVISION II

THE CANDIDATE REACHED THE GRADE SHOWN IN THE SUBJECTS NAMED

JUDITH MAYIAL KAMATA

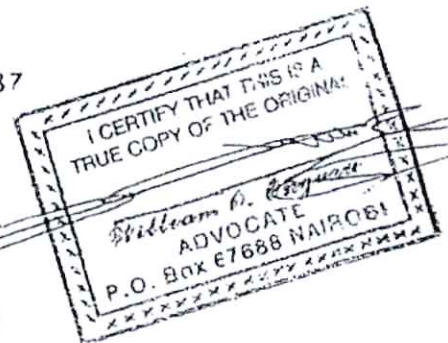
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE	7
CHRISTIAN REL. EDUCATION	5
HISTORY	4
GEOGRAPHY	5
LUGHA YA KISWAHILI	1
MATHEMATICS	6
BIOLOGY	7
ART	7

SUBJECTS NAMED EIGHT SUBJECTS PASSED EIGHT

EXAMINATION OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1987



Secretary
Kenya National Examinations Council

Chairman
Kenya National Examinations Council

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(See overleaf)



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
 MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VISION 2030

Telephone: 0202042601
 When replying, please quote
 Ref. No. KJD/DDO/DPEC/01
 Date 5th October 2009

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
 P.O. Box 357-01100
KAJIADO KENYA

Ms. Judith Akumu Mwangi

Ms. Judith Akumu Mwangi

RE: NOMINATION AS DISTRICT POVERTY ERADICATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

The government established the Poverty Eradication Commission (PEC) in 1999 to implement the National Poverty Eradication Plan (NPEP) and spearhead the fight against poverty in Kenya. The District poverty Eradication Committee is a devolved form of the PEC which is mandated to advocate for best practices in the fight against poverty including Revolving Loan Fund.

You have been identified as a member of that committee for Kajiado Central. The committee will be meeting monthly and you will be entitled to fare refund otherwise the work is voluntary. PEC will embark on training you before you do the assignment.

Please confirm your acceptance to the undersigned by providing us with your willingness to take up the appointment, your Identity number, contact mobile and your full names.

Wish you all the best.

I Certify that this is a true Copy
 of the Original

[Signature]

.....
 C. SANKALE MOSHIRA-ADVOCATE
 P.O. Box 153-00100 NAIROBI

W.A. OMARI
 DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
KAJIADO CENTRAL



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

From the desk of

Hon. Maj Gen (Rtd) J.K. Nkaiserry, CBS, MP

Assistant Minister

Ministry Of State For Defence

Office of the President

22.04.09

Dear .Mrs. Judy Pareno.

Ref: KAJIADO CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND

COMMITTEE.

In exercise of the power conferred to me by section 23 (1) of the Constituency Development Fund act 2003, I am pleased to appoint you as a Member of the above Committee with immediate effect.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment and hope that you will serve in the spirit of fairness and with unreserved dedication and commitment.

I wish you all the best.

Yours Sincerely.

Hon. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) J.K. Nkaiserry CBS, MP

KAJIADO CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY

I Certify that the
of the Original
C. SANKALE MOSHIRA-ADVOCATE
P. O. Box 5533 - 00200, NAIROBI

ODIA
TUKO TAYARI



ORANGE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT

4th August, 2016

Our Ref: ODM/2016/135/008

Hon. Judith Pareno
Member, East Africa Legislative Assembly

Dear Hon. Pareno,

RE: APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF NATIONAL ELECTION BOARD

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting held on 14th July, 2016, the National Executive Council resolved to appoint you as the chairperson of National Election Board.

Your Terms of Reference are spelt out in Article 7:11 of the ODM Constitution, with which you are provided.

On behalf of NEC and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to congratulate and wish you success in your challenging new endeavors.

Yours Sincerely,

Sen. Dr. Agnes Zani

AG. SECRETARY GENERAL



United States International Center for Electoral Support
Certificate of Completion

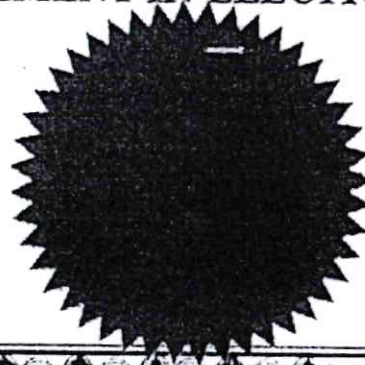
THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

SEN. PARENO JUDITH NAYAIA RAMAITA

IN FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSES IN:

DATA ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

HENRY ATEM OBEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USICES
MA ELECTORAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION
MA DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE



NOVEMBER 9, 2018

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This is to certify that
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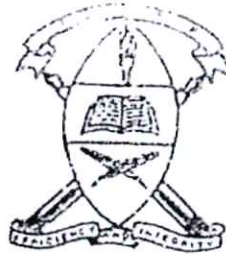
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From **25th November, 2019**

To **29th November, 2019**

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Director - General



The Institute of
Certified Public Secretaries
of Kenya

Certificate of Participation

This is to certify that

Judith Kamaita

*participated in and successfully completed
the*

Seminar on Project Proposal Writing & Management

*developed and conducted by the Institute
on*

March 16, 2006

[Signature]
Secretary

I Certify this to be
true Copy of the Original
MUNGU MICHAEL MUTURU-APRIL
P. O. Box 54556-00200

Sign
Date

11/05/06



[Signature]
Council Member



KENYA REVENUE
AUTHORITY

Tax Compliance Certificate

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Contact KRA Call Centre
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www.kra.go.ke

Taxpayer PIN : A002765024T

Certificate Date: 30/01/2025

Name and Address :

JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA PARENO

N/A, NAIROBI, Starehe District,

PO Box:2518,

Postal Code:00100

Certificate Number:

KRAWON1452007625



**This is to confirm that JUDITH NAYIAI RAMAITA
PARENO,
Personal Identification Number A002765024T
has filed relevant tax returns and
paid taxes due as provided by Law.**

**This Certificate will be valid for
twelve (12) months up to 29/01/2026.**

Caveat: This certificate is issued on the basis of information available with the authority as at the certificate date mentioned above. The Authority reserves the right to withdraw the certificate if new evidence materially alters the tax compliance status of the recipient.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE SENATE

ASIAN AND AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS' MEETING

Accra, Ghana

8th – 10th AUGUST, 2018

Parliamentarians as the Fourth Pillar for Achieving the 2030 Agenda: Population, Food
Security and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

Parliamentarians' roles in ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance

Introduction

Accountability is a process whereby public sector organizations and the individuals among them are responsible for their decisions and actions and submit themselves to appropriate external scrutiny. Transparency on the other hand is required to ensure that stakeholders and citizens can have confidence in the decision-making processes and actions of public sector organizations; in the management of their activities; and in the individuals within them.

Accountability and transparency in governance are therefore essential pre-requisites in a democracy based on the rule of law as it enables countries to enhance their credibility. When consistently applied, these principles form a powerful force that could help fight corruption and enhance good governance. They are paramount to building healthy democracies, responsible leaders and a successful achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Institutional Accountability and Transparency Framework in Kenya

The legal and institutional framework for accountability and good governance in Kenya consists of the Constitution, laws, policies and attendant guidelines with regard to the conduct of public business. The general aim of this framework is to cushion the public against malpractices especially by public officials and with individuals and institutions in the private sector.

The Constitution of Kenya transformed the governance system and provided a roadmap to democracy. Article 10 of the Constitution provides for entrenchment of national values and principles of governance in the country which binds all State organs, State officers, public officers and all persons.

It further creates many institutions for enforcing transparency and accountability in the country. Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity obligates public officers to make objective and impartial decisions with unqualified integrity and honesty in order to bring honor and pride in the offices held. The Constitution also creates commissions and Independent Bodies among them the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (EACC), the Office of the Auditor General and the office of the Controller of Budget to ensure high standards of professional ethics and the prudent use of public resources.

The Role of Parliament

Parliaments have the key function of providing oversight over the policies and actions of the executive on behalf of the public as it ensures that there is transparency and accountability by checking the excesses of the executive¹.

The Kenyan Parliament is delineated by the Constitution as the principal agent to hold government officials to account. Article 93 establishes the Parliament consisting of both the Senate and the National Assembly. Article 94 provides for the role of the National Assembly while Article 96 provides for the mandate of the Senate.

Members of Parliament exercises oversight through scrutiny of financial, administrative and management practices of public officers. The oversight role of the Senate in Kenya for instance, is spelt out in Article 96(3) and (4) which state that, the Senate, “...*determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the county governments*” and “...*participates in the oversight of State officers by considering and determining any resolution to remove the President or Deputy President from office in accordance with Article 145*”

The Parliament considers the budget estimates of revenue and expenditure of the national government. Through the relevant Committees of Parliament which are mandated to discuss and review these estimates. The Parliamentary budget committees is also involved at various stages of the budget making process and regularly reports to the House. Parliament may also amend the budget estimates of the national government.

MPs are able to ask all the budget, transparency and accountability questions and consult with non-state actors to see the extent to which community needs are addressed in the budget. Parliament adopts reports on government expenditure from independent offices such as the Auditor General and the Controller of Budget. It then uses the reports as a basis to summon government officials to provide answers on government expenditure and to provide recommendations to address the issues identified during oversight.

¹ IPU, Tools for parliamentary oversight A comparative study of 88 national parliaments, Switzerland, 2007

The Public Accounts Committees (PACs) and Public Investment Committees (PICs) are central to ensuring efficiency, transparency and accountability of executive institutions in the use of public funds. Essentially, the work of the committees is to systematically sustain scrutiny of the executive and other arms of government, ensuring government accountability and transparency. MPs in these Committees are expected to examine whether appropriations requested by these governments have been prepared based on reasonable economic estimates and whether they are in conformity with existing laws and legislation.

MPs through parliamentary committees are also expected to exercise oversight mandate on various public institutions pursuant to Article 125 of the Constitution which empowers Parliament to "*summon any person to appear for the purposes of giving evidence or providing information*". Parliamentary Committees also receive audited annual reports from government agencies which provide information about the agencies' operations and general conditions in the public sector.

Parliament can also secure information from sources outside the Government through public hearings, creation of investigative parliamentary committees and field visits. These committees are central in ensuring efficiency, transparency and accountability of the National and County Governments and other state institutions.

Parliamentary Standing Orders allows MPs to pose questions to the Executive arm relating to government policies, and hold the government accountable for its actions. Parliamentarians can ask the government to provide information through written and oral parliamentary questions. Parliamentarians also use the parliamentary questions to elicit responses on how policies and programs are being implemented and how administrative powers have been used. Further during the debates and motions MPs are able to initiate discussions and seek clarifications on government policies.

Parliament reviews the conduct of state and public officers to ensure that they operate within the law and do not infringe on the independence of the other organs, including performing functions that belong to another organs. Parliament may initiate the process of discharging them from the office if it considers that they are not implementing their duties and mandate accordingly.

Outside Parliament, MPs can use their stature as public figures to condemn corrupt activities and practices in order to ensure accountability in their constituencies. They should build alliances with Civil Society Organizations, Faith Based Groups and independent media to pressure the government to be accountable.

Conclusion

Parliaments have the responsibility to ensure that accountability and openness of government through oversight of activities of the executive and its auxiliary bodies, in order to curb misuse of public funds, corruption and effect good practices. Parliaments also have the power of the purse and the mandate to scrutinize the utilization of public finances and ensure financial accountability.

The mandate for oversight is set out in the constitution and law in nearly all countries. There is broad consensus that oversight is the responsibility of all MPs. Effective oversight brings more people into decision-making so that decisions better reflect the interests of the society as a whole; it improves accountability & transparency & reduces corruption and enhances parliament's legitimacy as a responsive, inclusive & representative institution.

Parliament therefore has a number of important roles to play with regard to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They can drive significant change toward sustainable development by: translating the SDGs into enforceable national laws that respond to, and fit into existing, country-specific development priorities; monitoring implementation of these laws; and ensuring government is accountable to the people for national progress on the SDGs.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



PARLIAMENT

THE SENATE

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE SENATE DELEGATION TO UGANDA

15th – 21st AUGUST, 2021

INFORMATION BRIEF

Clerks Chambers
Parliament Buildings
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AUGUST, 2021

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Senate is in receipt of an invitation from the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) and the Secretariat of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) who have been working on enhancing the capacity of parliamentarians in their efforts to address population and development issues with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Japan Trust Fund (JTF).

APDA with host, the Ugandan Parliamentarians Forum of Food Security, Population and Development (UPFFSP&D), have organized a meeting on African and Asian Parliamentarians' Follow -Up on ICPD25 Commitments. The meeting will be held in Kampala, Uganda on 17th to 19th August, 2021, supported by the JTF and UNFPA.

1.1 DELEGATION

The delegation will comprise of:

1. Sen. Fredrick Otieno Outa, MP – Leader of Delegation;
2. Sen. Judith Nayjai Pareno – Member; and
3. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka Makori, MP – Member

1.2 PROGRAMME

The delegation is expected to **depart Nairobi on Sunday, 15th August, 2021** to arrive in **Kampala, Uganda** the same day. The delegation will spend six days before departing for **Nairobi, Kenya on Saturday, 21st August 2021**.

Meetings have been scheduled to be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th. A study visit has been scheduled for Thursday 19th.

The **event programme** is herewith attached, while activities and events outside the organizers programme will continuously be updated in the Delegation WhatsApp group.

1.3 TICKETS & IMPREST

Members are kindly requested to instruct their personal assistants to follow up on their imprest from the imprest section in Protection House, 7th Floor. Kindly ensure that you have surrendered any pending imprest that you may have, to enable issue of imprest for this trip.

Tickets were issued by the organizers, the same has been sent to you and copied to your PA.

1.4 PASSPORTS & VISAS

Kenyans do not require visas to travel to Uganda but are required to have 1 free blank page in the passport for entry and exit stamps. A Yellow Fever certificate is required for all arriving passengers

1.5 ACCOMMODATION IN KAMPALA

The host organizers are providing Senators with a single room at Kampala Serena Hotel for 4 nights (Check-in 16 August & Check-out on 20 August) during the Meeting and the Study Visit. Senators are advised to make hotel reservations for the two nights ie Sunday 15th and Friday 20th through their PAs.

1.6 PICK UP FROM THE AIRPORT & CONTACT PERSON

There will be a vehicle at the Airports to pick the delegation at the arrival times indicated in the ticket.

1.7 TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance for each member of the delegation will be sent on email before the date of departure.

2 ABOUT UGANDA

Location of Country

Located on the edge of the Equator, Uganda is positioned in south-central Africa, and bordered to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the south-west by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region.

Population, Religion and Language spoken

Uganda has a population of 44,269,594. According to the 2014 census, 96 percent declared themselves Christians with Muslims representing 13.7 percent of the population. The remainder of the population followed traditional religions 0.1 percent, other religions 1.4 percent, or had no religious affiliation 0.2 percent.

The official languages are English and Swahili, although *"any other language" may be used as a medium of instruction in schools or other educational institutions or for legislative, administrative or judicial purposes as may be prescribed by law.*

Leadership/political structure eg president/ prime minister etc

The President of Uganda is both head of state and head of government. The president appoints a vice-president and a prime minister to aid him in governing.

Main political parties

Prior to the July 2005 Constitutional referendum, only one political organization, the Movement (also called the National Resistance Movement) was allowed to operate in Uganda. As at September 2020, 26 registered political parties had been listed on the Uganda Electoral Commission website.

Parliamentary system: eg unicameral/bicameral and names of houses.

The parliament of Uganda is unicameral, comprising of a National Assembly. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah is the current Speaker for the period 2021-2026, defeating former Speaker Hon. Rebecca Kadaga who had been at the helm of Parliament leadership for 20 years, 10 of which she was the deputy speaker.

Electoral representation eg mps in constituencies/ senators from counties etc

The assembly has a total of 529 seats, including 353 representatives elected using first-past-the-post voting in single winner constituencies. Using the same method, 146 seats reserved for women are filled, with one seat per district. Finally, 30 seats are indirectly filled via special electoral colleges: 10 by the army, 5 by youths, 5 by elders, 5 by unions, and 5 by people with

disabilities. In each of these groups, at least one woman must be elected (at least two for the army group).

Current social issue

Uganda has so far administered 1,157,226 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with just 4,129 people fully vaccinated

Weather

At time of travel

Temperatures Highs of 27°C/ Lows of 17°C; cloud cover 85%; Humidity 94%, partly cloudy with chances of rain.

Over the week (16th to 21st)

Partly cloudy with chances of rain, average temperatures at 20°C. Carry warm and light clothing.

Name of currency.

Uganda Shillings

Exchange rate; 1UGShs = Kshs 32.4557

Time Difference

There is no time difference between Kampala, Uganda and Nairobi, Kenya as Kenya is in the same time zone as Kampala, Uganda.

State of Security and means of transport

Kampala is relatively safe, apart from the usual pickpockets, therefore members are advised to be cautious. The Country has a working public transportation system, though due to Covid-19 restrictions public transport operate at 50% capacity, while private transport moves across districts with a maximum of 3 occupants, including the driver. Uber, Bolt online taxi services are available and affordable within Kampala and its outskirts.

Advisory on Covid-19

- 1) Kenyans arriving in Uganda are required to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft leaving country of origin. This excludes transit time within the terminal building. Travelers who have had COVID-19 vaccination and hold a vaccination certificate must still present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate;

- 2) Kenyans **arriving** in Uganda will be subjected to a COVID -19 PCR test on arrival in Uganda in addition to the negative test undertaken from the country of origin. However, individuals who have received full COVID-19 vaccination and have no signs of COVID-19 will be exempted from the arrival PCR tests. The cost of a PCR test undertaken on arrival is 65 US Dollars or equivalent;
- 3) Kenyans **departing** Uganda must have an authentic negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft;
- 4) The Government of Uganda requires everyone to wear a **face mask** in all public venues and adhere to the strict protocols in place;
- 5) The Country has enforced a 7:00 pm-5:30am curfew, however passengers traveling on flights will be allowed to travel to the airport upon presentation of a valid ticket;
- 6) Places of worship, gyms, saunas, indoor sports, pool halls, casinos, bars, discos, sports betting, and cinemas remain closed. Outdoor sports are allowed under Strict operating procedures and without spectators;
- 7) Salons, restaurants, malls, and arcades are open though under strict operating procedures
- 8) Uganda has an Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health that is managing the COVID-19 response and can be reached through their hotline: (+256) 0800 203 033, 0800-100-066, or 0800-303-033;
- 9) For the most recent statistics on the surge in COVID-19 cases in Uganda, please visit the Government of Uganda, Ministry of Health's webpage.

**AFRICAN AND ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS'
MEETING: FOLLOW UP ON ICPD 25
COMMITMENTS**

**ADDRESSING NAIROBI SUMMIT COMMITMENTS
IN THE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION,
SHARING THE KENYAN EXPERIENCE**

1^{7th}-1^{9th} August, 2021, Kampala, Uganda

Presentation by the Hon. Judith Pareno

INTRODUCTION

❖The Nairobi Summit on ICPD 25 was held from 12th to 14th November 2019 at the KICC, Nairobi with an objective of getting the United Nations member states to recommit themselves to the programs of Action agreed during the landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in 1994 in Cairo, Egypt.

❖Kenya presented seventeen points commitment to the international community gathered at the summit.

The Seventeen point commitments

1. Employ innovation and technology to ensure adolescents and youth attain the highest possible standard of health;
2. Eliminate preventable maternal and newborn, mother to child transmission of HIV and severe morbidity such as obstetric fistula among women by 2030;
3. Progressively increase health sector financing to 15 percent of total budget as per the Abuja Declaration by 2030;
4. Improve support to older persons, PWDs, orphans and vulnerable children;
5. Enhance integration of population, health and development programs and projects into Medium Term plans (MTPs) and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)

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6. Enhance the capacity of relevant Government institutions to increase availability and accessibility to high-quality, timely and reliable population are related data;
7. Integrate population issues into formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programs relating to sustainable development;
8. Harness the demographic dividend through investment in health and citizens' wellbeing, education and skills training, employment creation and entrepreneurship; and rights, governance and empowerment of young people;

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9. Eliminate legal, policy and programmatic barriers that impede youth participation in decision making, planning and implementation of development activities;
10. Attain universal basic education by ensuring 100 percent transition of pupils, including those with special needs and disabilities, from early learning to secondary Education;
11. Improve the employability and life skills of youths by enhancing quality and relevance of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in partnership with industries and private sector;

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12. Fully implement the Competency Based Curriculum(CBC) so that learners are equipped with relevant competencies and skills from an early stage for sustainable development;

13. End Female Genital Mutilation by strengthening coordination in the area of legislation and policy framework, communication and advocacy, evidence generation and support cross boarder collaboration on elimination of FGM by 2022;

14. Eliminate by 2030, all forms of Gender Based Violence, including child and forced marriages, by addressing social, cultural norms that propagate the practice while providing support to women and girls affected by the vice;

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15. End gender and other forms of discrimination by 2030 through enforcing the antidiscrimination laws and providing adequate budgetary allocations to institutions mandated to promote gender equity, and empowerment of women and girls;
16. Ensure universal access to quality reproductive health services, including prevention and management of GBV, humanitarian and fragile contexts by 2030; and
17. Track and monitor implementation of the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit commitments through the National Council for Population and Development in the State Department of Planning.

Implementation status of Commitments covering period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020

❖ A National ICPD25 Action plan was developed in March 2020 to provide a roadmap for actualizing the Country's Seventeen Commitments.

❖ The Country's first year report covering the period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 on the implementation status of the commitments was launched in November 2020, detailing the implementation status of the seventeen point commitments.

Progress Status

Commitment 1: Improve the health of adolescents and youth to the highest possible standard and eliminate teenage pregnancies by 2030.

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- Establishment of a multiagency taskforce at the national level and in each of the 47 Counties to end teenage pregnancies in the Country;
- Development of an advocacy plan on the elimination of teenage pregnancies;
- Development of the Reproductive Health Policy 2020-2030 and the finalization of the Kenya AIDS Strategic Framework II (2020/2021-2024/2025), awaiting dissemination;
- More than 300,000 young people reached through online platforms with integrated HIV/SRH services; and
- Inclusion of life skills in the Country's education curricula.

Commitment 2: Eliminate preventable maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality, mother to child transmission of HIV and severe morbidity such as fistula by 2030

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ Increased skilled birth attendance from 62% (899,182 deliveries) in 2017 to 75% (1,155,266 deliveries) in 2019;
- ❖ Increased access to modern methods of family planning from 53% to 62%;
- ❖ Introduction of new reproductive maternal health commodities and devices since 2016 to reduce child birth related deaths and severe complications;
- ❖ Introduction of the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine against cervical cancer;
- ❖ Budgetary allocation for family planning commodities increased over 10% from the 2018/2019 financial period.

Commitment 3: Increase health sector financing to 15 percent of total budget as per the Abuja Declaration by 2030

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ Annual forecasting and quantification for Family planning and HIV commodities and completion of the National Supply Chain strategy as well as the allocation of Kshs 4billion to NHIF for the *Linda Mama* program which provides health insurance to pregnant women and postnatal mothers; and
- ❖ Production and the use of the reproductive and maternal health dashboard, which tracks commodity use, service delivery and training activities.

Commitment 4: Improve support to older persons, persons with disabilities, orphans and vulnerable children

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

❖ Support through cash transfers was given to 766,424 older persons, 37,104 persons with severe disabilities and 295,316 orphans and vulnerable children; Education scholarships were provided to 22,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and 1,030 street persons were rehabilitated and reintegrated back to their families and communities; and

❖ Towards enhancement of social security coverage in the country, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) registered 311,478 new members raising membership base to 2.7million active members; 43,993 new employers were registered and collection of members' contributions amounted to Kshs 14.8 billion with Fund value growing to Kshs 249billion.

Commitment 5: Enhance integration of population, health and development programmes and projects into Medium Term Plans (MTPs) and the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) to ensure budgetary allocations and efficient implementation of programmes and projects by 2030.

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ 33 advocacy forums were held at both national and county levels to advocate for the integration of population dynamics in planning and budgeting; and
- ❖ The Country's population programmes was allocated Kshs 589.16million for the implementation of various population activities, the completion rate for these activities was 92 percent.

Commitment 6: Enhance the capacity of relevant Government institutions to increase availability and accessibility to high quality, timely and reliable population and related data.

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

❖ Implementation of the Kenya Population and Housing Census in AUGUST 2019, covering 12 million households in over 129,000 enumeration areas. Results on the size, composition, distribution of the population was compiled and launched through 5 basic reports, the production of the 2019 Annual Economic Survey report and the 2019 statistical abstract;

❖ Celebration of the African Statistics Day (ASD) on November 18th at both national and county levels; and

❖ With the advent of the COVID-19, the Country conducted a rapid assessment of the impact of the disease in Kenya, and documented it in the COVID-19 Impact Survey.

Commitment No 7: Integrate population issues into formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes relating to sustainable development

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

❖ Review of one population and development policy was undertaken to identify gaps that need to be addressed through policy development and/or programme planning and implementation.

Commitment 8: Seeks to harness the demographic dividend through investments in health and citizens wellbeing, education and skills training, employment creation and entrepreneurship and rights, governance and empowerment of young people

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ The development of the demographic dividend scorecard which is used to measure country's effort and progress to achieve a demographic dividend commenced;
- ❖ Development of skills required in the job market was undertaken for over 30,000 youths. An additional 38,384 workers in the industry received training to upgrade their industrial skills;
- ❖ Credit to the tune of Kshs 473.3m was disbursed to youth and youth enterprises during the reporting period. This benefited about 94,680 youth from various parts of the country; and
- ❖ Through the State Department for Labour, about 57,528 jobseekers were placed in employment locally and abroad

Commitment 9: Eliminate legal, policy and programmatic barriers that impede youth participation in decision making, planning and implementation of development activities.

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

❖ The National Youth Policy 2007 was reviewed and approved in 2019. The policy is now aligned to international youth frameworks such as Africa Youth Charter, Sustainable Development Goals, Africa Union Agenda for 2063. The Kenya Vision 2030 and responds to ICPD POA; and

❖ The National Youth Council Bill which seeks to champion youth voice, was submitted to Parliament during the period under review.

Commitment 10: Achieve 100 percent transition rate from primary to secondary.

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ The transition rate from primary to secondary was at 98 percent, slightly below the target of 100 percent.
- ❖ 9000 learners were awarded scholarships under the *Elimu Scholarship Programme* and over 3 million secondary students were enrolled on health insurance cover under the *EduAfya Programme* in partnership with National Hospital Insurance Fund;
- ❖ 900,000 girls benefited from the *Sanitary Towels Programme* while 1.6 million learners benefited from the *School Meals programme*;
- ❖ 476 additional low cost boarding primary schools in ASAL and marginalized communities were established; and
- ❖ Mapping of learning centres in urban informal settlements and 269 alternative Basic Education and Training (APBET) Centres was carried out.

Commitment 11: Improve employability and life skills of youths

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ Construction works for new TVET institutions in Constituencies continued throughout the country;
- ❖ Overall enrolment in Public Technical Institutions increased from 175,278 in 2018/2019 to 219,589 in 2019/2020. This increase is attributed to the establishment of new TVCs in the Country, expansion on existing TVET institutions, increased funding of special needs TVET institutions, the introduction of annual capitation to each trainee in the TVET institutions and enhancement of higher Educations Loans Board trainees' loan allocation.

Commitment 12: Seeks to implement the Competency-based Curriculum of education (CBC)

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ A taskforce was appointed to develop a road map for full implementation of CBC, with a focus on enhancing access, relevance, transition, equity and quality.
- ❖ A framework for teacher education aligned to CBC was developed and education qualifications for teachers was upgraded from a minimum of certificate to diploma;
- ❖ Curriculum designs for basic education were designed and adapted curriculum and curriculum support materials to suit the needs of learners with disabilities.
- ❖ CBC textbooks were distributed to learning institutions to achieve a pupil to textbook ration of 1:1; and
- ❖ Capacity building of over 100,000 curriculum implementers was conducted to support effective implementation of CBC.

Commitment 13: End FGM by 2022

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- Heightened activities aimed at sensitizing the public on FGM and preventing the practice was undertaken, as well as the development and distribution of IEC materials with anti FGM messages;
- Capacity building of 4,123 duty bearers and community members on the provisions of the prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act (2011) was built;
- 159 girls and women at risk of FGM were identified and linked to social and legal services, 36 FGM perpetrators were convicted and 2 rescue/child protection units were established in Samburu and Marsabit Counties;
- The Prohibition of FGM policy 2019 and the 2019-2023 strategic plan were finalized
- Development and validation of a costed acceleration plan to end FGM by 2022; and
- County forums with national government administrative officials was convened in the 22 FGM high prevalence Counties to secure their commitment on implementation.

Commitment 14: Eliminate all forms of gender-based violence

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ Capacity building on standard operating procedures for gender-based violence recovery centre committees in the Counties was done; and
- ❖ Awareness on women's and human rights through various platforms was undertaken, which led to the establishment of a special unit at the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to handle FGM and other gender-based violence related cases.

Commitment 15: Seeks to end gender and other forms of discrimination by 2030

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

❖ A total of 13 activities were planned and spread across all the 5 objectives, of the 13, at least 10 were fully or partially implemented while the remaining 3 were not undertaken due to budget constraints and COVID-19 restrictions.

Commitment 16: Seeks to improve the management of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and access to reproductive health services in humanitarian settings

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖The minimum standards for prevention and response to gender-based violence in emergencies was disseminated in 21 Counties; and
- ❖Reproductive health kits to support response efforts were procured and distributed, reaching 99,701 in humanitarian settings.

Commitment 17: Constitution of the National Technical Working Group on ICPD25 Kenya Country Commitment

Achievements during the 2019/2020 period:-

- ❖ Report on the Nairobi Summit and the Action Plan for the implementation of the Seventeen Kenya Country Commitments were developed;
- ❖ A total of 15 forums were held to disseminate the Country Commitments; and
- ❖ The Technical Working Group was constituted and is responsible for tracking and reporting on the implementation of the Country Commitments.

THE END

CROWN TRUST Community Advocacy and Awareness Trust

MASHUURU STAKEHOLDERS MEETING FOR MENTORSHIP OF THE GIRL
CHILD

DATE: 23-8-18

VENUE: MIRIAMS INN SULTAN HAMUD



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Background

Community Advocacy and Awareness (CRAWN) Trust is a Non-partisan Non- Profit Organization registered as a trust. CRAWNs' principal aim is to secure the space of women in leadership and build their capacity to participate in decision-making at all levels, to influence policies from a gender perspective and to address inequalities and injustices in social relations. CRAWN coordinates the National Women Steering committee which is a network of organizations addressing issues of concern to women and girls. The NWSC has established networks which have played a catalytic role using her experience in fostering effective partnerships, networking relations and collaborative alliances with National and grassroots women's organizations, networks and other civil society organizations to advance its cause. The organization achieves this through policy making, advocacy, training, research, policy analysis, institutional development and networking.

Introduction

In Mashuuru Sub County in Kajiado, there has been high school dropout rates between lower to upper primary school and between primary school to secondary school. Crawn Trust in partnership with Honorable Judy Pareno (Senator) convened a stakeholders meeting to forge a way forward for the mentorship programme in Mashuru Sub County.

Opening of forum

Hon Judy Pareno opened the forum by welcoming the participants and leading the introductions of the participants. She urged them to participate actively in proposing solutions to the school dropout crisis.

Most of the participants were school head teachers, chiefs, social workers and officers from various Government Education departments.

Also present was a lady MCA from the Kajiado County Assembly, Hon Mary Seneta (Senator) and Hon Judy Pareno (Senator).

Hon Judy Pareno took the participants through the workshop program and the participants endorsed it.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAM

CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON GIRL CHILD MENTORSHIP

VENUE: MIRRIAMS INN SULTAN HAMUD

DATE: 23rd August 2018

Time	Activity	Responsible
9:00 am- 10:00am	Arrival and Registration of Participants	Winfred Kimeu-CRAWN
10:00 am-10:30 am	Welcome Remarks & Introduction Opening of the Workshop & Workshop Agenda Workshop Norms and participants expectations.	Ms Daisy Amdany – CRAWN Trust Hon Judy Pareno
10:30am – 11:00 am	Identification of causes of high dropout rates among school going girls in Kajiado County	Hon Judy Pareno
11:30 am -12:30 pm	The place of Sexuality Education in school retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role of parents in Sexuality Education ▪ The role of teachers in Sexuality Education Crisis Pregnancy Prevention and Interventions	Noel Khasandi-Pearls & Treasures Trust
12:30 pm -1:00 pm	Mashuuru Stakeholders Engagement/Interventions in ensuring retention of girls in school	Hon Judy Pareno
1:00 pm -1:30 pm	Action Plan and Way Forward	Hon Judy Pareno Ms Daisy Amdany

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DATA ON MASHUURU EDUCATION

Hon Judy shared that a research done on barriers to girl child education in pastoral communities in general show that culture is the main barrier. The Mashuuru community is mainly of the Maasai ethnicity.

FGM which is propagated by the culture is the start of the drop in Education since a girl who has undergone the procedure is viewed as a woman who can be married. Once a girl starts getting her menses, it is the last indication that she is a woman who can be married off. Parents also view her as a source of property since the dowry that will be paid will make them rich. The dowry paid is livestock which is highly valued among the Maasai.

Hon Judy shared that only one student from Mashuuru got a grade that meets the university cut off points..

The DCC shared that there are 20 ECDE centers and 30 primary schools in the sub county. There are slightly above 14000 pupils in primary school and 1400 students in the 7 public schools.

The drop between primary and secondary school is very evident. In primary school the dropout is mainly between class 6 to class 7 when girls are seen to have matured since they have by now being circumcised and several are receiving their menses.

Hon Judy also shared that the boy child is also facing hindrances to education due to increased engagement in fending for themselves by engaging in activities such as sand harvesting in early mornings which makes them late for school and tired hence lowering their concentration in class.

Participants intimated that what the pupils and students in this area lack is role models and mentorship. A participant shared that children ape what they see among those close to them so there is need for mentorship programmes.

Those in social work and child protection and Education offices shared that Mashuuru is vast hence movement to monitor the progress of pupils and students is hard.

SPEECHES

Ms Daisy Amdany, ED CRAWN Trust opened this session by stating that it is important to mentor the girl child since they are tomorrow's women and mothers. As such the values we instill in them will be passed on to future generations. Their life outcomes will also affect the lives of their future generations hence for a good future we have to invest in them since women are the backbone of every nation. She reiterated that we need locally thought solutions to this challenge to ensure ownership and sustainability.

Hon Mary Seneta urged the participants, who are leaders at different capacities to help in creating awareness to their communities. She urged them to help the communities view their girls not as burdens but as valuable beings. She challenged them that it is mainly girls who have brought change in their homes hence they should view them as investments and invest in their education.

On the issue of providing role models to pupils and students, Hon Mary challenged the stakeholders to start programmes with leaders who have made it in life to mentor school going girls and boys. She also challenged leaders to visit their old schools in the spirit of giving back to society and help make them model schools. She asked them to ask themselves if their history is being captured and the schools they were in are highlighted, would they be proud of them or be ashamed.

Hon Mary shared how she worked with others to re build her old primary school. It was dilapidated and was performing poorly academically. Its teachers were also demoralized. They began mentorship programmes and helped rebuild school and now it is among the top three schools in the area.

Hon Mary also challenged male leaders to mentor boy child and not just complain that the boy child has been left out.

She also asked stakeholders not to leave teenage mothers out and take them back to school and not subject them to forced marriages to the father of the child. She gave the story of one former women representative who is currently a senior Government official to challenge them. She got a baby in upper primary school and in secondary school. But her parents did not give up on her and took her back to school. Had they not done that, her life would be very different.

Hon Mary expressed her readiness to support any initiatives aimed at improving schools and mentorship. She also stated that she is in the Senate Education Committee. As such she promised to lobby for a vehicle for education officers to help in monitoring schools.

In another issues she acknowledged local issues such as high unemployment, theft of livestock and mining. She challenged the community to lobby for more support from companies getting

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resources from them by giving jobs to the locals and improving on Corporate Social Responsibility.

She also asked the community to diversify income generation avenues to reduce pressure on natural resources like sand and rocks.

Hon Judy Pareno also reiterated the importance of one going back to their schools and supporting them. She shared how she mobilized the alumni of her former high school, Kipsigis Girls High School and other leaders to successfully raise over 3m to modernize the school. She challenged all participants to support their schools and engage communities to own the schools and their progress

Hon Susan Malit, a nominated MCA from Mashuuru also reiterated on the role of parents and teachers in empowering the girl child and also boy child.

ISSUES CONTRIBUTING TO HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT IN MASHUURU SUB COUNTY

Participants identified the following issues as the causes of high school dropout rates in Mashuuru:

Culture: FGM is preparation of girls to become women so once girls go through it they are eligible for marriage. Many are married off and drop out of school.

Early pregnancies: There are increased levels in early sexual activity in teenage girls, leading to pregnancies. Most do this because of poverty as they need to purchase things like sanitary towels.

Poverty: Many parents cannot afford school fees throughout the full term hence most of the girls drop out of school to get married or seek employment. Due to poverty many girls are also lured into relationships by men who will provide for them basic needs. These men exploit them sexually leading to early pregnancies.

Lack of mentorship: Many parents have for long taken a less active role in advising their children. Teachers have also taken the approach of "teach and go home" and no further engagement in the personal lives of the learners for fear of being attacked for disciplining pupils and students.

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THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN SEXUALITY EDUCATION- BY NOEL KHASANDI, PEARLS AND TREASURES TRUST

Noel started by calling upon parents, teachers and other stakeholders to introduce Sexuality Education. She challenged the participants that if they do not provide sexuality education to these girls, they will get information on sex from the wrong sources, often from persons who want to exploit them or the over sexualized media which does not show them the consequences of sex but just glamourizes it. She also reiterated the fact that sexuality education should be done early since children as young as 8 and 9 years are now becoming sexually active.

She urged parents and teachers to be approachable to the youngsters so that they can feel free to ask them questions on this or share experiences and challenges on sexuality. Being close to your children also helps because in case of sexual abuse they will approach you and you will be able to get them help in good time.

The next highlight was abortion. Noel reiterated that there is no safe abortion. This is because even though the abortion may be considered safe, it has many physical and emotional implications hence ones mental health may be affected leading to trauma. In many instances, the abortion is unsafe since it is done by quacks. This leads to complications and in many instances death of the girl or woman.

She challenged the participants that they can exercise "choice" by choosing to abstain and not by ending lives through abortion.

She also urged the community to support teenage mothers go back to school or acquire skills that can help them in earning a living since most end up getting married to men who they do not even love just because they impregnated them. If not empowered they also tolerate mistreatment from these men because they depend on them for their needs.

In closing she stated that her organization is ready to partner with any stakeholders in providing sexuality education to girls based on Christian values on sexuality.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The participants felt the solutions below could work:

Set up a model school for Maasai Girls in Mashuuru

However this was challenged because there has been a model school in the community and it has not been functional hence most participants felt that they should first focus on this instead of using more resources putting up another one.

Schools to set up a kitty to sponsor girls

Participants shared that this has worked in another sub county in the county where school heads set up a kitty to finance the education of girls who perform well. They agreed to borrow this concept and apply it here to ensure that girls are motivated to learn knowing there is support to the next level.

Start Mentorship Programmes

The participants proposed that mentorship programmes will help in mentoring the girls by showing them that education is vital for a good life in future. The participants called on the women leaders in the forum especially those from the MAA community to participate in these programmes to show the girls that there are Maasai girls who have made it into big positions in society on top of being wives and mothers.

PLENARY

Some participants challenged the others not to hide their head in the sand and acknowledge that culture is the greatest impediment to girl child education. One of the men attending the forum challenged them that most men have reformed and are anti-FGM. Ironically, older women are the ones who push for their girls to undergo the cut so that they can be like them. This includes mothers and other older relatives like grandmothers. He also challenged the participants that those who perform FGM are an open secret in the community and if the stakeholders were serious they would report these persons or help them reform and leave this trade. He asked stakeholders to intensify the fight against FGM because it is the genesis of many girls child issues since it is the one practice where a girl starts being viewed as a woman, who can be married off for a good sum of cattle, which are valued in the Maa community.

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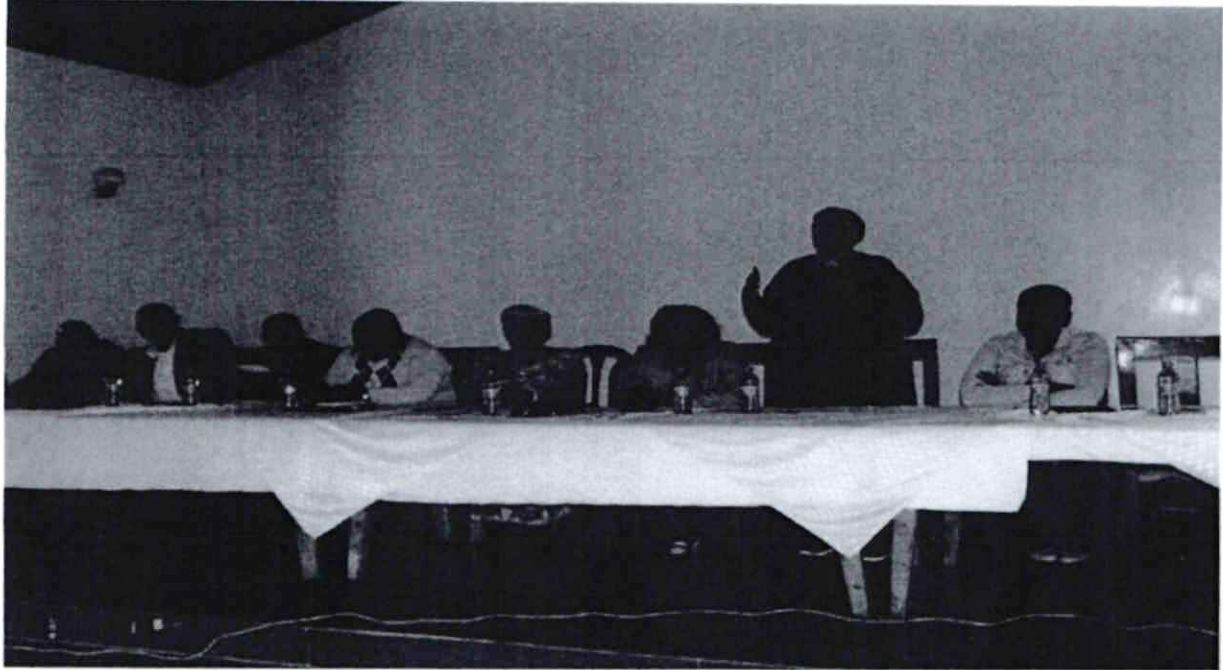
CONCLUSION

Hon Judy Pareno closed the meeting and promised to follow up on his work. She promised to fundraise to facilitate stakeholders' engagement on these issues to chart a way forward for the mentorship of the girl child.

Hon Judy Pareno also called on the Government and development partners to support these initiatives since there are gaps in funding and curriculum on sexuality. She stated that girls are the country's future women and we cannot move ahead if on gender is left behind.

In closing she expressed her gratitude to all the participants for availing themselves and to CRAWN Trust for financing and facilitating the forum.

PICTURE STORY



The CRAWN Trust ED states the importance of mentoring the girl child to ensure we have good future generations



The area DCC addresses the participants with data on school attendance

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An Education Officer share challenges they face in monitoring Education Institutions especially lack of vehicles to visit schools



A social worker states that constraints of resources limits their work in social protection

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Hon Mary Seneta(Senator) urges participants to give back to society by mentoring their old schools.



A nominated MCA from the area urges parents to take up a more active role in mentoring and disciplining their children

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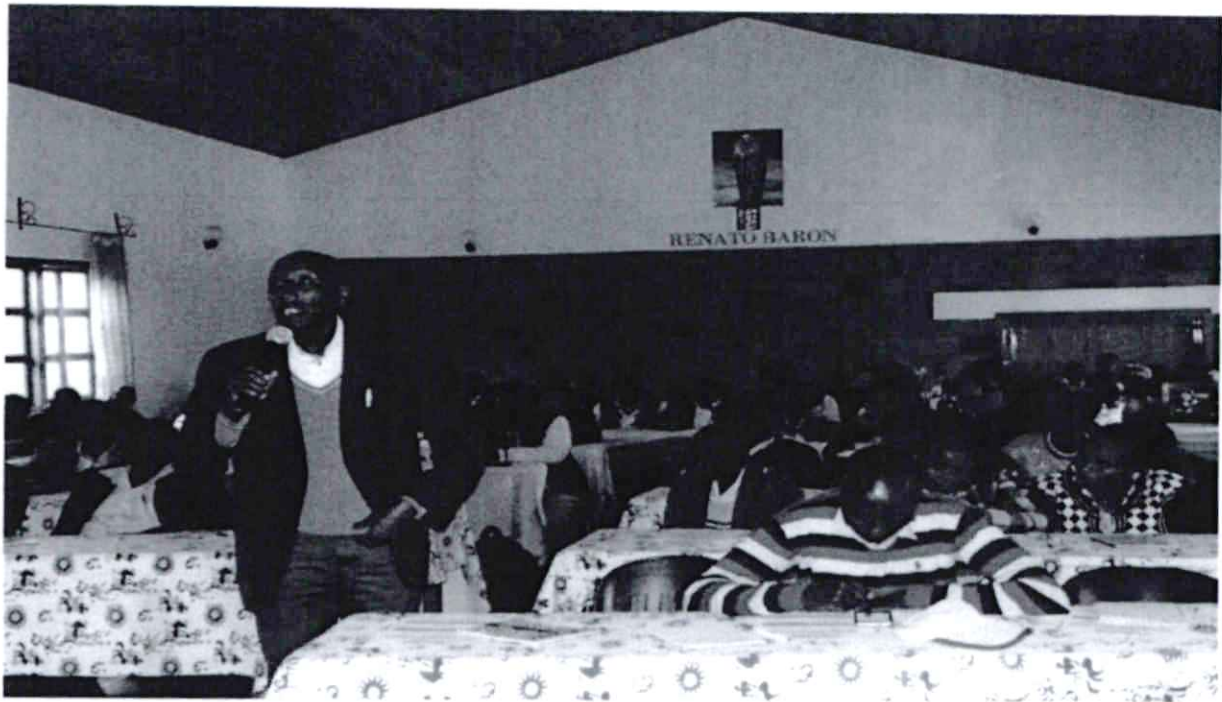
Ms Noel Khasandi presents on the role of parents and teachers in Sexuality Education



A teacher urges participants to individually do something to support girl child education. She shared how she has mentored several persons attending the forum

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A participant urges the community to address the issue of culture as it is the key issues leading to girl child drop out



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Participants contribute to discussions on causes of drop out and possible solutions to the crisis.

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Dear Sir,

**RE: INVITATION TO THE MULTISECTORAL WORKSHOP TO BUILD CONSENSUS ON
THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCING LAWS ON 11TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER 2024.**

Greetings from Electoral Law and Governance for Africa (ELGIA).

Election Campaign Financing regulation has been a source of controversy since its introduction and subsequent attempts to enforce it under the 2010 Constitution. Although the Constitution explicitly assigns the responsibility of regulating campaign expenditures for candidates and political parties to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), election campaign financing remains one of the most significant election laws that has yet to be fully implemented in Kenya due to persistent challenges.

Parliament, with the support of various stakeholders, enacted the Election Campaign Financing Act in 2013. The Act elaborated on the IEBC's authority to set spending limits, verify the sources of campaign contributions, and establish a framework for reporting campaign expenses. However, the Election Campaign Financing Act, 2013 is yet to be operationalized. This is because it was adopted after the 2013 elections and its implementation was suspended by Parliament prior to the 2017 elections.

In the lead-up to the 2022 General Election, the Election Campaign Financing Act was rendered unenforceable due to the lack of approved regulations, following the National Assembly's annulment of the spending limits set by the IEBC. The High Court also ruled that while the regulations are statutory instruments that do not require parliamentary approval, they must be subjected to public engagement. The High Court directed the IEBC to finalize these regulations without delay. Consequently, Kenya still lacks an effective regulatory framework for election campaign financing.

With the ongoing discussions on electoral reforms, there is a clear need for a resolute and Inclusive forum bringing together key stakeholders with the aim of building consensus on Election Campaign Financing regulatory framework ahead of the next general elections.

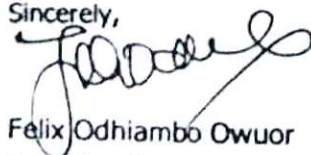
In light of this, and in alignment with ELGIA's mandate to promote democratic governance through dialogue and advocacy, ELGIA has organized a two-day multisectoral workshop to build consensus on this topical issue. The workshop will take place from 11th to 14th of November 2024 at Sarova Woodlands Hotel, Nakuru, and will be providing accommodation. Bearing in mind the significance of your office role in the Kenya's electoral reform journey, we are honoured to invite you to you to the workshop or to appoint a competent person to participate on behalf of the party in this important workshop. The participants in the conference will include the IEBC, ORPP, the Financial Reporting Centre, EACC, DCI, KRA, CBK, academia, key civil society organizations, and other leaders of key sectors of the society.

The key objectives of the workshop include:

- i. To evaluate the implementation status of Election Campaign Financing legislation.
- ii. Conduct a comparative analysis of international best practices.
- iii. Contextualise the constitutional, legislative, and policy framework on election campaign financing in Kenya.
- iv. To develop consensus on election campaign financing reforms.
- v. To present comparative perspectives from other jurisdictions.
- vi. To strengthen stakeholder collaboration for effective reform.

Kindly accept our invitation and confirm your presence through info@elgia.org or jamilahosmani@gmail.com/+254 757478568. Enclosed herewith is the copy of the workshop draft program for your reference and records.

Sincerely,



Felix Odhiambo Owuor
Executive Director

Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA)

Brief report and Resolutions reached at the Multisectoral Workshop on Election Campaign Financing Laws.

Background

The Electoral Law and Governance Institution for Africa (ELGIA) in collaboration with other stake holders including IEBC, Parliament, Judiciary and ORPP organised a two (2) days multisectoral consultative workshop on Election Campaign Financing Laws in Kenya from 11th to 14th November, 2024 in Sarova Woodlands Hotel Nakuru. The main focus and objective of the workshop was to harness Civil Societies Organizations position and views and to engage other stakeholders including IEBC, Political Parties and Parliament through shared practical experiences and provide a way forward. This workshop was informed by lack of political goodwill from parliament and political parties to enact a law to regulate election financing, and in view of the reluctance to implement the Election Campaign Financing Law 2013 Comprehensive review on the constitutional, legal and institutional framework for ECF in Kenya.

Attendance

The following stakeholders were present in the conference among others:

- Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
- Kenya Law Reforms Commission
- Political Parties Leaders (UDA, ODM, WIPER NARC – Kenya)
- Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- Academia (University lecturers from Moi University and Kabarak University)
- Civil Society Organizations (Mzalendo Trust, ELOG, NCCK, CMD, CROWN TRUST, CRECO, Education for Africa, CEMERIDE, SIASA PLACE and many others).
- Religious Groups (NCCK, SUPKEM)
- Members of Parliament (National Assembly & Senate JLAC members)
- Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC)
- University Representatives – Moi University, Kabarak University
- African Parliamentarian Network Against Corruption (APNAC)

Issues and Questions Raised during the deliberations

- Based on the comparative perspectives analysis from other jurisdictions like Latin America, what can we learn that is relevant.
- The constant necessary WHY Question: Why does Kenya need an Election Campaign Financing law?
- The What Question: What should ECF Law regulate. The Source of Funds or the utilisation of fund and the spending limits
- Can election campaign financing law operate in a context of impunity and political bad manners?
- Can the Election campaign laws effectively operate within the vulnerabilities within the Kenya Illicit Financial Control systems
- The scope and parameters of an ECF Law that can work in the Kenyan context? Do we need to sequence the law to begin with achievable and realistic goals, and then progressively increase the scope?

The following presentations were made from key stakeholders on the status of electoral reforms in Kenya today:

- i. Elections campaign financing – a comparative perspective: Policy and legal framework, experiences and challenges, rationale and justification.
- ii. Contextualisation of the Constitutional, legislative and policy framework on election campaign financing law in Kenya.
- iii. Illicit financial flows and election campaign financing.
- iv. Overview of the implementation gaps and challenges of election campaign finance legislation. Nexus between election campaign financing and corruption in Kenya.
- v. Implication of the absence of campaign finance legislation on the cost of politics.
- vi. Clause by clause overview: The Election Campaign Financing Act of 2013.
- vii. Perspectives of political parties on election campaign financing laws in Kenya.

Key Resolutions from the Workshop

1. The stakeholders agreed that time is quickly running out for the country to develop a robust Election Campaign Financing laws at least 18 months before the general elections, led by the IEBC and Uchaguzi Platform.
2. To revise the law and adjust it to reflect the realities of Kenya political, economic cultural environment factors and Electoral governance system (The place of presidential system), the history of developing the finance regulation.
3. Develop a strategy to mitigate the current political resistance on the development and implementation of the law.
4. That there is the need to actively involve the political party's main leadership in the development of the ECF laws.
5. In coming up with Election Campaign Financing laws, the advocacy and engagement platform has to be expanded to include other CSOs including African Parliamentarian Network Against Corruption (APNAC)
6. It was agreed that Parliament to hold consultative meetings with IEBC, ORPP on the ECF laws as a matter of agency.
7. The group to Identify the principles of Election Campaign Finance laws in Kenya

Conclusion

As a way forward, the workshop developed the attached draft workshop framework to guide on the revising the Election Campaign Financing law in Kenya which will be populated and shared with other stakeholders.

THE DRAFT FRAME-WORK TOWARD THE REALISATION OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCING LAWS

PART A: ADJUSTING THE LAW TO THE KENYA REALITY

1. The political economy context
 - a. The structure of the economy (How the structure of the economy influences funding)
 - b. The implications of the presidential system (candidate-driven system vs. party-driven system and implications for fundraising and campaign spending)
 - c. The implication of the electoral system and how it shapes how campaign money is raised.
 - d. What is the history of attempting to regulate political funding (Harambee Report and recommendations)

2. Drivers of campaign and political costs
 - a. Itemise the drivers
 - b. Rank the importance of the drivers

3. Current sources of campaign finance money.
 - a. Total cost of political campaigning (Mzalendo study)
 - b. Estimate the amounts that is direct funding (hard cash)
 - c. Estimate the amounts that are indirect funding (soft money)

4. Cultural context of political/campaign financing.
 - a. What are the cultural givens that we won't be able to eliminate?
 - b. How do we minimise the negative effects of those cultural practices that we cannot eliminate?

5. Political goodwill
 - a. Lack of political goodwill is basically resistance
 - b. What is the resistance and what exactly is being resisted?
 - c. Can the resistance be overcome? What are the ways of overcoming the resistance?

PART B: REVISING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCING LAW

The Evaluation of the ECF

1. Summarise the main problems of current campaign financing system that are affecting the integrity of elections in Kenya.
 - a. Rank which of those are killer problems, if they are not addressed, we might as well do without a campaign finance law (Mr. Ongoya binary

regulation: focus on illicit sources and illicit spending and the other things that may flow from that)

- b. Which of the problems identified in 1(a) can realistically be addressed in the context of the realities of Kenya identified in the Part A
2. Given the responses in problem question one, what should be the principles of Campaign Financing framework in Kenya?
 - a. Decrease the effects of illicit monies into the election system?
 - i. Identify types of sources that are illicit (illicit by source; illicit by conditions; illicit by types)
 - ii. Identify types of illicit spending.
 - b. Increase the flow of legitimate money in politics.
 - i. How is this to be done? Possible sources?
 - ii. What additional amendments to other laws might be required to increase the flow of legitimate money in politics?
 - c. What mechanisms can increase incentives for MPs to support campaign finance reforms?

3. PART C: DRAFT-

The drafting and review of the current law to Commence.