



**THE SENATE
DIRECTORATE OF LEGAL SERVICES**

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM



TO: THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

FROM: DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES

DATE: 17TH MARCH, 2016

**RE: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE THIRD ANNUAL
DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE**

The above matter refers.

Attached, please find a draft communication on the above matter for your approval.

Egr
EUNICE GICHANGI

Hon. Speaker
You may approve/read
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE THIRD ANNUAL
DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE

Honourable Senators,

1. As you are aware, the Annual Devolution Conference is an event which brings together all implementers of devolved governance including, representatives from both levels of government, independent commissions, academia, policy practitioners, civil society and the media.
2. The Conference presents an opportunity for the participants to celebrate the gains that have been made in devolution, to deliberate on how to optimize on the emerging opportunities presented by devolution and to identify challenges that can be addressed collaboratively amongst stakeholders for the welfare of our country.
3. The inaugural Devolution Conference was held in Kwale County in April, 2014 and the Second was held in Kisumu County in April, 2015. The Third Annual

Devolution Conference is now set to be hosted in Meru County from 19th to 23rd April, 2016 at the Meru Technical Training Institute.

4. Honourable Senators, the overall theme of this year's Devolution Conference, is '*Celebrating Devolution*' while the guiding theme is '*The Promise of Devolution: Consolidating the Gains after Transition and Looking into the Future*'.

5. A total of ten sub-themes have been selected to guide deliberations over the three day period. These are-
 - (1) strengthening County Governments' competence and capacity for sustainability of devolution;
 - (2) civic education and its role in effective public participation;
 - (3) ICT as an enabler for economic growth and development;
 - (4) localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - (5) regional cooperation for sustained economic development;
 - (6) conflict management and mitigation;
 - (7) electoral integrity in a devolved system;
 - (8) sustainable urbanization for transformative development;
 - (9) unity of objective; diversity of approach; and
 - (10) achievements made by the constitutional commissions and other implementing statutory bodies in realizing the devolution process.

6. In this regard, I request all Senators to attend and participate in this important Conference, which goes to the core of our mandate as the Senate.

7. Additional information on the arrangements for this event will be provided through the Office of the Clerk of the Senate. Senators who intend to participate in the Conference are requested to give their confirmation, in writing, to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for purposes of planning.

I thank you!

HON. SEN. DAVID EKWEE ETHURO, EGH, EBS, MP
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

March 17, 2016