



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT-(FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN KENYA

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, the Devolution Conference has, since 2013, been organized on an annual basis, bringing together all implementers of devolved governance to celebrate the gains that have been made, and identify challenges that can be addressed collaboratively amongst stakeholders, for the welfare of our country.

The participants at the Annual Devolution Conference comprise, but not limited to, representatives from both levels of government, independent commissions, academia, policy practitioners, civil society organizations, the donor community, international organizations and the media. Participants at the conference get an opportunity to deliberate on the successes of the devolved system of governance and how to take advantage of the emerging opportunities presented by devolution.

The First Annual Devolution Conference was held in Kwale County in April 2014, the Second in Kisumu in April 2015, the Third in Meru County in April 2016, and the Fourth, is set to be held in Narok County from 20th to 24th February, 2017.

Honourable Senators,

The proposed theme of the Fourth Devolution Conference will be **'Devolution – Transforming Lives: Tell Your Story!'**