



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS DURING THE GOVERNORS AND DEPUTY GOVERNORS INDUCTION FORUM HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT PRIDE INN HOTEL, MOMBASA COUNTY

Members of the Press,

Fellow Citizens,

The Council of Governors has today, successfully concluded a three-day induction workshop for Governors and Deputy Governors whose core objective was to build capacity of the newly elected county leadership and to provide a reference point for the required systems, processes, and structures for optimal functioning of County Governments. The engagements with various stakeholders including the National Treasury, Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices, Development partners and the Private Sector have been enriching and instrumental in ensuring that County Governments deliver on their mandate sustainably and efficiently.

We take this opportunity to most sincerely thank and recognize the commitment by The President, H.E Dr. William Samoei Ruto to support devolution. We believe that together, we will deliver the devolution dream. In this regard, the Council will prioritize the following:

1. Engagement with the Presidency to define a shared roadmap for actualizing the commitments on devolution;
2. Establish linkage between the Council and Parliament to facilitate review and development of policies and laws that are aligned to the devolved system of Governance; and
3. Support structured capacity strengthening of Counties to ensure compliance with statutory obligations in order to guarantee uninterrupted operations of the County Governments and smooth delivery of services to citizens.
4. Foster engagement with Development Partners and other stakeholders in implementation of Devolution

Members of the Press, Fellow Kenyans,

We are delighted to inform you that in fulfilment of Sections 19(2) and (3) of the Intergovernmental Relations Act 2012, the Council has today convened a full Council Meeting in which elections were held for the Executive and the Council Committee Chairs.

Through consensus we have unanimously agreed on the leadership that will steer the Council for the next one year as follows:

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

1. Chair – **H.E Anne Mumbi Waiguru, EGH, OGW**
2. Vice-Chair – **H.E FCPA Ahmed Abdullahi**
3. Whip – **H.E Stephen Sang**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

1. Finance, Planning and Economic Affairs Committee – **H.E FCPA. Fernandes Barasa**
2. Health Committee – **H.E Hon. Muthomi Njuki**
3. Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives Committee – **H.E Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, EGH**
4. Water, Forestry and Natural Resources Management Committee – **H.E Andrew Mwadime**
5. Land, Housing and Urban Development Committee – **H.E Prof. Anyang' Nyongó, EGH**
6. Legal, Constitutional Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Committee – **H.E Mutula Kilonzo Jr, CBS**
7. Education Committee – **H.E Dr. Erick Mutai**

8. Gender, Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services Committee – **H.E Simon Kachapin, CBS**
9. Trade, Industry, Manufacturing and Enterprise Development Committee – **H.E Wavinya Ndeti**
10. Environment and Climate Change Committee – **H.E Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, CBS**
11. Human Resource, Labour and Social Welfare Committee – **H.E Sakaja Arthur Johnson, CBS**
12. Blue Economy Committee – **H.E Issa Abdalla Timamy**
13. Energy, Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Committee – **H.E Dr. Paul Kimani Wamatangi**
14. Arid, Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) and Disaster Management Committee – **H.E Nathif A. Jama**
15. Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Committee - **H.E Cecily Mbarire, MGH**
16. ICT and Knowledge Management – **H.E Wisley Rotich**
17. Security and Foreign Affairs Committee – **H.E Maj. (Rtd) Dr. Dhadho Gaddae Godhana**
18. Tourism and Wildlife Committee – **H.E Patrick Ole Ntutu**

Finally, the last committee which brings together the Executive and the Chairpersons of all Committees is Liaison, Management and Resource Management Committee which will be chaired by the Vice Chairperson of the Council of Governors.

We are also proud to note that we have launched a five (5) year strategic plan 2022-2027, whose overarching priority is to promote good governance at the county level, strengthen the institutional capacity of County governments to deliver on their mandate, foster robust intergovernmental relations, and improve the policy and legislative environment for devolution.

We are therefore filled with optimism that we will deliver on our mandate in a focused and coordinated manner as we harness potential opportunities for prosperity to ensure citizens access timely and quality services in all the devolved sectors.

H.E Anne Mumbi Waiguru, EGH, OGW
Chair, Council of Governors

