



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

**VOTE OF THANKS
BY THE INCOMING VICE CHAIR OF
THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

***Excellency Governors and Deputy Governors present,
Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Devolution and ASALs,
Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mwilu, Ag. Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court,
Deputy Ambassador of Denmark to Kenya, Mr. Henrik Larsen, representing the Chairperson, Devolution Donor Working Group,
H.E. Simon Mordue, European Union Ambassador to Kenya,
Mr. Walid Badawi, the UNDP Resident Representative,
Chairpersons of Constitutional Commissions and members, led by Mrs Lyn Cherop Mengich, the Chairperson of SRC,
Representatives of Independent Offices,***

***Representatives from the Private Sector,
Other Development Partners present,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

- 1. My work today is very simple. To express the gratitude of the Council of Governors to each and every one of you for honouring us with your presence today. We have had a very productive and fruitful meeting today which would not have been possible without your support.**

- 2. I wish to begin by thanking the Almighty for allowing us to see this day amidst the pandemic and ensuring its success.**
- 3. I am grateful to all Excellency Governors for upholding the rule of law by ensuring a smooth election of the Council of Governors Fifth Executive. We continue to show Kenyans that it is possible for transitions to be efficient.**
- 4. To our Chief Guest the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Devolution and ASAL, Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, you continue to support the Council of Governors in many ways that cannot be enumerated here today. We are grateful that you honoured our invitation and unveiled the new Executive.**

- 5. Ag. Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court, Lady Justice Philomena Mwilu, Asante sana for joining us today. We recognize your unwavering support for devolution.**

- 6. To our Development Partners, led by the Deputy Ambassador of Denmark to Kenya, Mr. Henrik Larsen, representing the Chairperson of the Devolution Donor Working Group, thank you very much for gracing us with your presence.**

- 7. To the Independent Commissions represented here today, we appreciate your presence.**

- 8. Representatives from the Private Sector, asanteni sana for your support and for attending this luncheon.**
- 9. To the representatives of County Governments, both the Executive and the Assembly, thank you very much for your support.**
- 10. Our invited guests, you are all special to the Council in one way or another and we treasure you. I would name each and every one of you but please accept our sincere gratitude. Thank you very much for honouring our invite and gracing us with your presence today.**

11. Finally, to our secretariat, led by our able CEO, thank you for ensuring a successful function. This was a lovely occasion and all Excellency Governors remain grateful for your unwavering support.

12. The Council of Governors is very blessed to have supportive partners in each and every one of you and we say, asanteni sana.