



**STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS DURING THE GOVERNORS AND  
DEPUTY GOVERNORS INDUCTION FORUM, DIANI REEF HOTEL, KWALE  
COUNTY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

***Members of the Press,  
Citizens of Kenya,***

For the last five years, County Governments have been the drivers of economic change in Kenya. County Governments have given the citizens a voice in policy making and delivered services across 47 Counties.

It has been a journey like no other as we have witnessed devolution transforming livelihoods of Kenyan families and as we usher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of Governors, we know that optimism hangs in the air.

Today, Council of Governors conducted elections and elected an Executive team through consensus as is required by law Intergovernmental Relations Act Section 19 that will steer the agenda of Devolution.

We have unanimously agreed that:-

1. H.E Governor, Josphat Nanok of Turkana County will be the Chairperson of the Council of Governors for six months to complete his 1 year term. After which H.E Governor Salim Mvurya of Kwale County will take over.
2. H.E Anne Waiguru of Kirinyaga County will be the Vice-Chairperson
3. H.E Mohamud Mohamed Ali of Marsabit County will be the Chief Whip

Furthermore, pursuant to section 20 (3) of the Intergovernmental Relations Act 2012, the Council of Governors undertakes its mandate through committees and currently, there are 18 committees. To fast track implementation of programs

and activities of the Council of Governors, the following are the various chairs and members as elected;

1. Agriculture  
H.E Okoth Obado – Migori County
  
2. Arid & Semi-Arid Land (ASAL)  
H.E Moses Kasaine - Samburu County
  
3. Cooperatives & Enterprise Development  
H.E Fahim Twaha– Lamu County
  
4. Education, Youth, Gender, Sports, Culture & Social Services  
H.E Prof Paul Chepkwony – Kericho County
  
5. Finance, Commerce & Economic Affairs  
H.E Dr. Joyce Laboso
  
6. Health  
H.E Dr. Mohammed Kuti – Isiolo County
  
7. Human Resources, Labour & Social Welfare  
H.E James Ongwae – Kisii County
  
8. Information Communication Technology (ICT)  
H.E Alex Tolgos – Elgeyo Marakwet
  
9. Infrastructure & Energy  
H.E Francis Kimemia – Nyandarua County
  
10. Intergovernmental Relations  
H.E Stephen Sang – Nandi County
  
11. Legal Affairs & Human Rights  
H.E Prof. Kivutha Kibwana – Makueni County
  
12. Resources Mobilization (Internal Committee)  
H.E Muthomi Njuki – Tharaka Nithi County

13. Rules and Business (Internal Committee)  
All Chairs of the committee

14. Security & Foreign Affairs  
H.E Martin Wambora – Embu County

15. Tourism & Wildlife  
H.E Samuel Ole Tunai – Narok County

16. Trade, Industry & Investment  
H.E Wycliffe Wanagamati – Bungoma County

17. Urban Development, Planning & Lands  
H.E Waititu Baba Yao – Kiambu County

18. Water, Forestry & Mining  
H.E Kiraitu Murungi – Meru County

This team of leaders are coming to office at a critical time that will drive the process of healing and cohesion in the Country. We reaffirm that Devolution is working. The baton has been handed to us by Pioneer Governors. We must now step up to ensure that every County flourishes as envisaged in the Kenyan Constitution 2010.

The Council will continue to conduct its business in non-partisan way and the 10 member Peace Reconciliation Committee will continue its work of healing, reconciliation and cohesion in the Country.

God Bless Kenya and all the Members Elected Today.