



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



## DEVOLUTION SENSITIZATION WEEK

Ugatuji umeleta mazao chungu nzima nchini Kenya. Je, wanainchi wana lipi la kusema kuhusiana na swala hili? Je, wananchi wanafurahia ugatuji ama unawalemaza? Maswali haya hujibiwa na Baraza la Magavana kila nusu mwaka kwa warsha ya wiki nzima ya ugatuji. Awamu ya pili ya warsha hii ilikua nafasi ya Kaunti ya Mombasa kukutana na kuwasikiza wakazi wa Kaunti hiyo.

Under the theme, “Kusherekea Matunda ya Ugatuji”, the Council of Governors in collaboration with Mombasa County and other partners held the 2nd Devolution Sensitization Week on the 25th-27th September 2018 at the Makadara Grounds, Mombasa County. The key objective of the initiative was to provide a platform to the public to learn more about the Council of Governors, to present County best practices.....  
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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE BUDGET CUTS TO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ALLOCATIONS

The Council of Governors on 20th September, 2018 held a consultative meeting to discuss the reduction of Counties’ equitable share allocations by the National Treasury vide a memo dated 11th September, 2018. The Council states the following with respect to the budget cuts:

1. The revenue sharing framework for the 2018/19 Financial Year (FY) was concluded in February 2018 when the equitable share of revenue to County Governments was increased from the KES302 billion in the 2017/18 FY to KES 314 billion. The increment was 4% equivalent to KES 12 billion.
2. This increment of KES 12 billion to Counties was distributed as follows:  
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## UNLOCKING ASAL COUNTIES’ POTENTIAL – A CONCERN FOR ALL

The Ministry of Devolution and ASALs Development, the Council of Governors and other stakeholders organized and held the inaugural Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Conference. Under the theme “Unlocking the Potential of ASALs for Accelerated National Development,” the conference was an opportunity for both levels of Government to come together and face the challenges that ASAL Counties face while seeking solutions on the same. The ASALs make up to 89% of the Country with approximately 38% Kenya’s Population. The region is home to more than 90% of the wildlife game that supports the tourism industry contributing to 12% of Kenya’s GDP;  
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## OFF TO CUBA

On 23rd & 25th September, 2018, 50 Kenyan doctors from 46 Counties departed for Cuba on a 2 year Family Medicine Scholarship. This comes after an agreement signed between the National Government and the Government of Cuba in 2017. The same agreement saw the importation of 100 medical specialists from Cuba to Kenya to fill gaps in the County hospitals.

The doctors derived from both the National and County Governments were nominated by their respective counties and thereafter went through an induction Programme held on 20th and 21st September at the Kenya School of Government. H.E James Ongwae, the Chairman of the Human Resource Committee speaking during the opening ceremony of the induction programme started..... more



## AGRIBUSINESS INCUBATION: TOWARDS INCLUSIVITY OF YOUTH AND WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS

The Council of Governors continues to set the pace among many institutions by taking the initiative to promote devolved functions and especially in agriculture which is a fully devolved function. Through the Agriculture committee, the Council of Governors has developed two proposals for the establishment of agribusiness incubation centres in Counties. Speaking during a stakeholder's consultative meeting on Youth in Agribusiness the Council of Governors CEO Mrs. Jacqueline Mogeni emphasized on the need for collaboration among partners for the establishment of the Agribusiness Incubators across the Counties.

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## WORLD HABITAT DAY

This year's World Habitat day celebrations took place at the United Nations Headquarters in Nairobi, with H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, leading the country in co-hosting with Indonesia.

Among those in attendance at the celebrations were County Governors: H.E Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko – Nairobi City County , Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o – Kisumu County, H.E Governor Francis Kimemia – Nyandarua County, H.E Governor Lee Kinyanjui- Nakuru County and other high ranking National Government and County Government Officials.

Under the theme "Municipal Solid Waste Management", the purpose of marking this day was to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we.... more



## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAITA TAVETA COUNTY.

1. Our Lady of Good Hope church at Bura Mission in Taita Taveta County is the first catholic church in Kenya. Its construction commenced in 1892.

2. At 3 am on 15th August 1914, the dusty Taveta town woke to a resounding gunshot. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> gunshot that triggered the World War 1 East Africa.

3. The first flight in East & Central africa took off on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915 at Maktau airfield to gather intel for the over 20,000 British and commonwealth troops at Maktau base.

4. Taita Highlands is home to indigenous flora and fauna which include some of the rarest bird species like Taita Apalis (Apalis Thoracica Fuscigularis), Taita thrush, (Turdus helleri) and Taita White Eye (Zosterops Silvanus). These birds species that are facing extinction can only be found in Chawia forest, Ngangao forest and Vuria forest making the region ideal for ecotourism.

5. The first ever recorded newspaper in the East African region, the Taveta Chronicle was printed in Taita Taveta County.



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