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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Children's Conference
Dates: 18th-20th February 2019
Venue: Nairobi Primary School, Nairobi City County

6th Annual Devolution Conference
Dates: 4th-7th March 2019
Venue: Kirinyaga University, Kirinyaga County

63rd Commission on the Status of Women
2019
Dates: 11th-22nd March 2019
Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York.

NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

"As I take up the mantle of the Council, I have prioritized a number of sticking issues that in consultation with my colleagues I will spend time, energy and commitment to realize and actualize the purpose for which the Council was formed," - H.E. Wycliffe Oparanya. The law stipulates that the Council of Governors shall hold its executive elections annually. The on 14th January 2019, Excellency Governors held their first Council meeting for the year, where they also had an opportunity of electing new executive committee members.

H.E. Wycliffe Oparanya, Governor, Kakamega County Governor took over from his Turkana Counterpart, H.E. Joshat Nanok as the fourth Chairman of COG, while Murang'a County Governor H.E. Mwangi Wa Iria succeeded Kirinyaga County Governor H.E. Anne Waiguru as Vice Chairman. Makueni Governor H.E. Prof. Kivutha Kibwana took over from Marsabit Governor H.E. Mohamud Mohamed as the chief whip.

In his maiden speech as the Chair, H.E. Oparanya took time to highlight his priority areas during his tenure. Key in his to do list included strengthening of the Devolution and push for timely disbursement of funds to the Counties, an issue that has been sensitive and has strained development in the devolved units.

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HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

As the first order of business, the newly elected executive met with the National Treasury, Controller of Budget and Commission of Revenue Allocation to officially introduce the executive and discuss recurring issues. The Council of Governors being a major player in devolution, there is an urgent need for the National Treasury to present before the Council of Governors the Own Source Revenue Bill and Policy in the next Council meeting for Governors to give their input and seek clarifications. Further, a meeting with the National Assembly to ensure that the Council's issues are considered in the County Government (revenue raising) Bill was recommended. Disbursement to the County Governments is a very sensitive issue.

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11TH INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUDGET AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL (IBEC)

The 11th session of the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council held on 29th January 2019 chaired by the Deputy President H.E. William Ruto gave the opportunity to County Governments to advocate for increased budgetary allocation by the National Government. Further, they deliberated about how to enhance own source revenue generation and the pending bills among other critical issues. The Deputy President while opening the 11th session of IBEC, congratulated the new CoG leadership and called for cordial working relations with National Government to ensure that services are delivered to all Kenyans.

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ANOTHER MILESTONE TOWARDS GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



The Council of Governors and the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs on Monday 28th January signed an Intergovernmental Framework that will provide a mechanism for consultations and cooperation between the National and county government on gender matters. Speaking at the function, HE Prof. Paul Chepkwony said that the joint gender sector framework will fill the gap that has existing since the inception of devolution especially in addressing issues in gender and gender mainstreaming. "The joint gender sector inter-governmental framework under discussions today has been the missing link in coordinating the gender function between the two levels of government, and by extension between our governments and other actors including development partners, private and non-state actors," he said. [.....more](#)

THE WATER SECTOR, AN ENABLER TO THE BIG FOUR AGENDA

The Council of Governors Tourism Water Forestry and Mining committee in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Davis & Shirliff held the second County Executive Committee Members (CECM) Caucus quarterly meeting on 16th-18th January 2019 at Panari Resort, Nyahururu to track the progress of implementation of resolutions from the First CECs Quarterly meeting held April 2018. The theme of the meeting was; Progressive Realisation of Devolved Functions under Water, Environment and Forestry. In his official opening remarks, H.E Ndiritu Muriithi, Governor Laikipia County who was representing the outgoing Committee Chair H.E Kiraitu Murungi stated that the meeting..... [.....more](#)



NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE

The National Anti-Corruption conference held on 24th -25th January 2019 at the Bomas of Kenya convened stakeholders to reflect upon and come up with a strategic and sustainable movement against corruption in Kenya. Speaking at the conference President Uhuru Kenyatta cited that the conference was a very important platform that would allow all involved an opportunity to conduct a full and frank self-examination of the extent to which each and everyone present has either helped or hindered the fight against all forms of corruption in Kenya. "We are gathered here to conduct a peer review of the actions of other stakeholders and players in the anti-corruption war, we are all being held to account for our actions and track-record in this most.... [.....more](#)



5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARSABIT COUNTY.

1. Cradle of Mankind : Marsabit is the Cradle of Mankind, the place where the first stirrings of humanity happened.
2. Largest Desert Lake: 78% of Lake Turkana the largest desert lake in the world is in Marsabit county
3. Largest Elephant: Ahmed of Marsabit was and still is the most famous Elephant ever to have roamed the African continent.
4. Chalbi desert: The only true desert in East and central Africa is in Marsabit county
5. The largest county: Marsabit is the largest county covering 78,000 sq.km

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