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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



UPCOMING MEETINGS

NHIF Reform Task Force Study Tour
4th-8th June 2019

USAID-PEPFAR Meeting with the Health
Committee
10th June 2019

IBEC Meeting
17th June 2019

State of the Devolution Address 2019 the
CoG Council Meeting
21st June 2019

Intergovernmental Forum on Agriculture
26th -27th June 2019

NATIONAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS JOIN HANDS TO DELIVER ON PROJECTS

The Council of Governors held a consultative meeting with Cabinet Secretaries in Nairobi to discuss the Big 4 agenda and the National Government projects in the counties. The meeting which was chaired by Interior CS Fred Matiang'i brought together Excellency Governors led by the Chairman of the Council, H.E Wycliffe Oparanya.

While addressing the press after the meeting, Council of Governors chairman expressed the need to coordinate all projects in the Counties to ensure delivery in all projects. "We have agreed that we need to engage each other more regularly to realize meaningful development," said H.E Wycliffe Oparanya. Poor coordination has so far stalled close to 200 projects in counties thus it's very important that both the County and National Governments work together to ensure their completion. "Projects have stalled and the progress has been affected by matters yet to be ironed out between National and County Governments," said CS Matiang'i.

The Big 4 agenda as endorsed by the President of Kenya and well supported by the Council of Governors is a remarkable concept to ensure sustainable development in four key sectors in Kenya. It will ensure that Kenyans get employment which will in turn improve the dignity of the people. The National Government supported by the 47 County Governments has dedicated time, energy and resources towards the achievement of the five year blueprint.

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CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

The Council of Governors and the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock, Fisheries & Irrigation held a consultative meeting on 8th May 2019 on Agriculture Regulations, Subsidy program and Food & Nutrition Security pillar of the Big 4 Agenda. Others in attendance included Executive Committee Members in charge of Agriculture, MCAs from County assembly Agriculture committees, Food and Agriculture Organization Kenya, University of Nairobi, World Renew and the Joint Agriculture Secretariat.

The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the finalisation of sector regulation, implementation and financing of the Food Security agenda, restructuring the Agriculture Subsidy program.....

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DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

The Council of Governors Chairman, H.E. Hon Wycliffe Oparanya and a delegation of other Governors met with Development partners. The meeting focused on the status of existing projects supported by Development partners, the challenges faced in implementation and ways to counter the challenges to ensure the objectives of the various projects are realized.

Devolution has now taken root in Kenya. The Development partners and the Council of Governors agree that even with the challenges experienced by County Governments and Development partners, devolution is indeed working in Kenya and all stakeholders should continue working together to ensure that it's a success.

A great impediment to the progress of devolution has been.... [.....Read more](#)



1ST UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN- Habitat) held its inaugural Assembly from 27th to 31st May 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya with a delegation from 127 countries, including four Heads of State, Government officials and 49 ministers in attendance.

The Council of Governors was represented by H.E Lee Kinyanjui, Governor Nakuru County Government and Chairperson, Lands, Urban Planning and Development, Energy and Infrastructure Committee. In his remarks at the Global Local and Regional Government's Forum, he highlighted that 25 counties had signed MOU'S with the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development and 6 Counties had already set aside land for development of the Affordable Housing programme. He also noted that Counties had further established urban..... [.....Read more](#)

COMMUNICATION: CRITICAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT

The Council of Governors in partnership with ADA Consortium held a two day Capacity Building workshop on 29th-30th May 2019 with the County Directors of Communication on developing Communication Strategies and Policies in Naivasha.

The workshop comes in the wake of a recent assessment done in the Communication Offices within the Counties revealing that only 4 Counties had put in place a Communication Strategy.

The Counties that include; Mombasa, Nyeri, Kajiado and Machakos seemingly enjoyed consistent, effective and proactive communication, visible through the information channeled to the public through their events and activities, social media platforms among other..... [.....Read more](#)



STUDY MISSION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA OFFICIALS ON MAINSTREAMING AND BUDGETING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The Government of Uganda officials working in the Ministries of Water, Environment, Finance, Planning and Economic Development as well as representatives from GIZ led by Ms. Maris Wanyera-Director Debt and Cash Policy and Mr. Chebet Maikut-Commissioner, Climate change Department held a meeting on 16th May, 2019 with the Council of Governors Tourism and Natural Resource Management Committee where Climate change is domiciled to learn the work that the Council and Counties have done in regards to climate change mainstreaming and budgeting.

The team was in Kenya for a study mission to benchmark on the work that the Government of Kenya has done in climate finance..... [.....Read more](#)

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THARAKA NITHI COUNTY.

1. Tharaka Nithi county hosts the most spectacular seasonal activity of elephants' Maternity, where in-calf elephant flock Gaketha and Gitombani areas within Mt.Kenya forest.

2. Tharaka Nithi county is an ornithological paradise, a rewarding bird watching experience, the home of over 236 birds species, including the amazing hummercope, the only of its kind of its taxonomic family scoperidae and genus scopase.

3. Tharaka Nithi county is the home of the tallest tree in Africa. The Unrecorded mutunguru(84Mtrs) found at Ndagani Chuka, beats the recorded Sydney blue gum (Eucalyptus saligna)(81.5mtrs) in Limpopo, South Africa,

4. Tharaka Nithi county boasts of 27 water falls, including the most scenic Ikwa falls, along Kathita River, and scenic Caves as Inanduru caves hosting millions of bats.

5. Tharaka Nithi county is the quick link to the 2nd tallest mountain in Africa and tallest in Kenya Mt. Kenya, with Chogoria gate as the most scenic route, while syill host the shortest and most adventurous rout to the most spectacular wilderness Park, Meru national Park, just 290 km from Nairobi Via Ishihara to Ura-gate.

