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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Inter-Governmental Forum on
Agriculture
10th - 11th July, 2019
Mombasa County

Governors Conference: The Future
of Devolution
24th - 27th July 2019
Nakuru County

STATE OF DEVOLUTION ADDRESS 2019

Devolution is working. This is the assurance by the Council of Governors Chairman, H.E Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya to the public during the State of Devolution Address 2019 on the 28th of June, at the Movenpick Hotel, Nairobi. The State of Devolution Address is an annual accountability report by the 47 County Governments. It is a channel through which County Governments account their achievements, challenges and mitigation measures and strategies put in place. The State of Devolution Address which happens in the backdrop of the adoption of the devolved system of government this year was delivered by H.E Wycliffe Oparanya, the current chair of the Council of Governors.

Raising the curtains was H.E Mwangi wa Iria, the current vice chair of the council who is also the Governor for Murang'a County. He pointed out that the State of Devolution Address came at a strategic time when the equitable funds for counties is a heated debate. "This has come at a time when there is a tie between the National Government and the senate on the provision of the devolved funds", he pointed out. While addressing the delegation, the Chief Guest, Senate speaker, Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka noted that there have been deliberate hurdles

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72ND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

World Health Assembly is the largest meeting of health policymakers and actors drawn from across the world, where major decisions on health are made and experiences shared with the key objective being to bring together delegations from across the world to discuss key health issues, including (UHC) access to medicines and vaccines, antimicrobial resistance, human resources for health, amongst others.

During this year's World Health Assembly, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Sicily K. Kariuki (EGH) led the Kenyan delegation consisting of the Council of Governors, Ministry of Health and the Senate Health committee..

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REVIEW OF KENYA AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION

On, 21st September 2019 the Council of Governors led by H.E Muthomi Njuki who chairs the Agriculture Committee held a consultative meeting with the Senate standing committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries at the Boma Hotel, Nairobi to establish the challenges faced in implementing the Crops Act and the Agriculture and Food Authority Act (AFA) 2013.

The two legislations created the Agriculture and Food Authority which is mandated to regulate and develop the sector in contravention of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010

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COG UNDYING SUPPORT TO COUNTIES

Council of Governors continues to support Counties in their activities and implementation of functions as mandated by the Constitution. On 17th – 19th June 2019, Council of Governors Trade committee held a meeting with CECs, Directors and Chief Officers in charge of Trade, Investment, Manufacturing and Cooperatives at the Council of Governors offices in Nairobi County, Westlands. This was the last meeting by the sector for the 2018/19 Financial Year. The meeting was purposely to discuss matters and issues surrounding the sector, share good practices in the Counties, challenges faced in the year and agree and identify County needs in the 2019/20

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NETHERLANDS HEALTH TRADE MISSION TO KENYA

“Living long and healthy lives is one of the most important values that people share all over the world,” words spoken by Mr. Eric Gerritsen, Netherlands Vice - Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport during a press briefing meeting on Monday 1st July 2019 at the Serena Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The Vice Minister, who also doubles up as the head of delegation for the Netherlands Health Trade Mission, were in the country for three days, to explore opportunities for partnership with stakeholders from both Private Sector, National and County Governments. They sought to partner in areas of Primary Health Care, E-Health, Human Resource

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ELEPHANT MATERNITY: NYAKWERI FOREST, A UNIQUE SUB-ECOSYSTEM.

Forests regulate ecosystems, protect biodiversity, and play an integral part in the carbon cycle, support livelihoods, and supply goods and services that can drive sustainable growth. Forests’ role in climate change is two-fold. They act as both a cause and a solution for greenhouse gas emissions.

The forest that acted before as their haven has been depleted as a result of increasing human activities.

“This forest was once elephant maternity,” Kenya Forest Service Narok County Ecosystem Conservator Mwai ...

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMBU COUNTY.

1. It is the home of the seven folks dams which produce all hydro-power in Kenya.

2. Embu County has the shortest direct route to Mount Kenya. Mountain climbers can use the Embu route to easily access Mt. Kenya.

3. It is home to Mwea game reserve which hosts the Big 5.

4. Embu County is the largest producer of Macadamia nuts in East and Central Africa

5. Produces high quality tea. It is used to blend other teas to add flavour.



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