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New sherrif in Assembly!

...as MCAs of the Nyeri 3rd Assembly roll-up sleeves

Story & Photos | Governor's Press Unit

The Nyeri County Assembly held its first sitting of the 3rd Assembly with 42 MCAs being sworn in and a new Speaker, Hon. James Gichuhi Mwangi being elected.

42 Members of the County Assembly; 30 elected and 12 nominated were sworn in during the sitting held at the Chambers. The exercise was presided over by the assembly clerk Jenard Mwiggeh.

The members elected former Tetu MP Hon. Gichuhi as the Speaker of the Assembly. Hon. Gichuhi garnered 40 votes out of the 42 votes cast. Patrick Mutahi got 2 votes while Evans Irungu got 0 during the credible and transparent election.

Ruring'u MCA Hon. Samuel Kariuki was elected as the Deputy Speaker unopposed to retain the seat.

The Speaker while thanking the members for electing him in office, promised to work in unity with the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga.

“To the County Government of Nyeri, our roles are complementary and not in conflict with each other. To the staff, thank you for all you have continued to do for the assembly. The Honourable Members hold in high esteem the role you play to facilitate their mission. We will continue working together as a team and as a family,” said the Speaker.

Hon. Gichuhi also promised to provide the leadership needed in order to enable them perform their statutory functions as tasked by the assembly.

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"I will spare no effort to provide the leadership needed to maintain high moral standing for us to confidently exercise oversight to the County Government of Nyeri," remarked the speaker.

He appealed to the members to demonstrate their abilities, willingness and readiness to rise above their partisan interests in order to promote

the county agenda.

"Let us resolve to collectively own our challenges as a county and as an assembly instead of being swayed by situations and retreat into deviated interests. With clarity of purpose, we should always strive to resolve these challenges without losing focus of our common direction. As an assembly, we have a big role to play," he appealed

to the MCAs.

During his acceptance speech, the Speaker pledged, "I accepted this great responsibility with magnanimity. I promise to uphold the dignity of the House at all times by fully submitting self to the will of the house, the supremacy of the rules of the House and laying claim to the privileges of the Assembly and the members. In performing my

duties, I will give the majority their way but respect and protect the rights of the minorities at all times."

He also expressed his gratitude to the former Speaker Hon. John Kaguchia who is currently the MP Mukurwe-ini for the sterling work he did over the past five years in entrenching democracy and uplifting the status of the assembly.



ABOVE: A group photo of the 3rd Nyeri County Assembly members after their swearing in ceremony. Seated from left: Assembly Clerk Jenard Mwiggeh, Mathira Mp Hon. Eric Wamumbi, Deputy Speaker Hon. Samuel Kariuki, Speaker Hon. Gichuhi Mwangi, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri, Former speaker and Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. John Kaguchia and Mahiga MCA Hon. James Kanyugo. **BELOW:** Nyeri DG H.E David Kinaniri, Speaker Hon. James Gichuhi and Mukurwe-ini MP Hon. John Kaguchia.



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Towards a 24-hour economy in light of the new Nyeri Bus Park



Nyeri Town Main Transport Termini whose ground breaking was done by the Governor on 19th June 2019 is now set for launch and business set to begin.

Urban centers have long been considered as centers of innovation, industrialization, commerce, science and technology and culture with urbanization being continuously touted as a positive and necessary force for transformation. The significance of urban areas in the economic growth and social well-being of the population lends them a starring role in the discussion of the new development paradigms across the county and Nyeri is not an exemption.

Nyeri town, being the Nyeri County headquarters and consequently, centre for the county's administrative, economic and political affairs - mirrors characteristics regarded as a developing town. There is a new feeling to be experienced with the operationalisation of a new modern state-of-the-art bus termini that will extend its bloom to neighbouring estates. The collaboration between the County Government of Nyeri and the World Bank through the Kenya Urban Support Program has borne fruits and the park will soon be bustling with activity.

Transport systems consist of three basic elements, travel ways, traffic and terminals. This concept also applies to public transport services including operations and management. For public transport to be operated optimally there should be a proper match between the three elements and integration of operations

and management. This has been integrated in the termini.

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This mega flagship project situated at Asian Quarters, Nyeri town is set to be a new dawn for the surrounding estates of Kangemi, Ruring'u, lower Thunguma areas and for the residents of Asian quarters in matters of growth and new development.

The bus park, set to be one of the largest smart termini hubs in Kenya, will create an affordable and efficient transport mechanism which a truly inclusive society needs access to. Not only will it reduce traffic and human congestion within the Central Business District but it will also create job opportunities to thousands of area residents.

In a close look at Kangemi area, a small center adjacent to now three public amenities, Nyeri County Referral Hospital, KMTC and latest add, bus termini, a stunning change has been noted.

Notably buildings are now 'being erected' transforming a small center to a semi-urban center. Equally the population in the area has increased with most of the buildings being residential.

Pauline Wambui a kiosk vendor at Kangemi nodes to the fact that the nature of business has signaled a perfect

rise. She says "with the coming of bus termini actually the population has increased. We're now selling to more people and it's yet to be operationalised."

Apart from the 1,000 stalls with an average of 2,000 people who will benefit directly from them, once the project is complete, it will create an employment of between 5,000 - 7,000 directly. Wilson Gitonga, a Boda boda operator between Kangemi estate and CBD is optimistic about the termini noting that their businesses will be the most advantaged sector upon kick start of business in the termini.

"Bodaboda will now be a much needed mode of transport as it will be ferrying passengers to and from the bus park to CBD to our taxi colleagues," he added.

There are other benefits that are accrued to this initiative that has seen a new face of these estates. For instance, rehabilitation of access roads in the neighbouring estates has also been done to ease traffic movement and street lighting improved in a move to welcome an enabling 24-hour economy.

Governor Kahiga has termed the multi-million project as transformational noting that it will bring about an economic turn around and progression for the people of Nyeri, taking it back to its lost glory as an ideal place to live and work in for generations to come.

"We are committed to reviving the

town's infrastructure and our plan is to approach the outskirts of Nyeri. With the new bus park, we will have a very robust economy which is the real outcome of devolution," Governor Kahiga said.

This is in line with the dream of making Nyeri town the cleanest and most beautiful city and its effect is already felt. Other amenities will include a fire sub-station, a police post, a power sub-station, a garage, five sanitation blocks, an open air market, shops and block of offices and an ICT hub. All this should give an over view of the hundreds of job opportunities set to be realised.

On a wider scope, the termini has 600 business stalls, six restaurants, 240 matatu stages, taxi bays, 98 booking bays, 51 lorry bays, 94 passenger waiting bays and ticket offices. This means the termini will employ approximately 7,000 people on a daily basis and also have daily movement of over 20,000 passengers once operational.

With its operationalization, Nyeri town is subjected to expansion and growth. Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), Nyeri Chapter Vice-Chairman Ndegwa Mureithi during an interview noted the planning of the terminus was appropriate.

"The planning was done well and relocation of the bus termini from town centre to the Asian centre will give room for expansion," he said.

In a nutshell, whilst the whole of Nyeri county is set to benefit from the business opportunities set to be realised with the coming of the termini, these estates will have the bigger share of the benefits accrued.

The concept of benefit is always followed by potential challenges. In this case yes there are few challenges accrued to operation of this new bus park to these estates. But it cannot be equaled to the benefits attached to this project. Investors are down into these estates to purchase land, establishment of big shops and robust economic growth is felt.

This is a vision well thought from the 4th Governor to not only decongest the CBD but paving way for it to be ready for urbanisation and growth creating an enabling business environment. This is a transformative action towards realisation of the vision of a wealth county with happy healthy and secure people.

Promotion of Tourism through a national tour guides platform



Tourism Director Mary Kimamo (centre) pose for a photo with East Africa Tour Guides and Drivers association CEO, Mr. Kennedy Kaunda cc, and the Patron, Dr. Kefa Bosire.

Story & Photos - Peter Wangari

The Director Tourism and Culture Nyeri County Mary Kimamo hosted the CEO, Mr. Kennedy Kaunda cc, and the Patron, Dr. Kefa Bosire from the East Africa Tour Guides and Drivers Association (EATGDA) on their visiting tour to counties across the country to sensitize them about the formation of a national platform for professional tour guides.

The team has separately met representatives of Tour guides from Kwale, Mombasa, and Kilifi County. Prior to the visit to the Nyeri County office, the team had completed the sensitization with officials of Mt. Kenya guides and Porters club in Naro Moru.

During this visit, the county officers shared

the county's progress in the promotion of culture and heritage which includes training of guides among other initiatives.

The deliberations of the meeting identified the need to further profile guides in Nyeri County, to help get representatives to attend the meeting at TRA related to the National Tour Guides platform, and to collaborate on the development of Tourism in the county.

The county will also take steps to fast-track policies to support and grow the guide's profession. This initiative will create a platform for supporting SMEs based in our county. It will also be an avenue for youth job creation which in the long-term has a ripple effect on the economy.

Promotion of nutrition through kitchen gardens

Story & Photos - Samwel Gitonga

Aquaculture business Development program (ABDP) is a program jointly funded by IFAD and GOK. The program is implemented in 15 counties Nyeri being one of them. The main objective is to increase the incomes, food security and nutritional status of the wider communities of poor rural households involved in aquaculture in the targeted counties. The nutrition aspect of this programme ties with the Nyeri county government Vision of a wealthy county with a healthy happy people.

To promote dietary diversity, ABDP has funded one kitchen garden plot at Wambugu ATC which will be the Centre of training for ABDP beneficiaries and other farmers. The expected outcome is mainstreaming nutrition through nutritional interventions within the overall implementation of

ABDP activities These nutritional interventions include the use of some technologies such as:

1. Conical garden
2. Multi-storey garden
3. Raised bed
4. Sunken bed
5. Container/bucket/terrace garden
6. Tyre garden
7. Hole garden

The theme of the workshop was 'Towards better governance and outcome driven service delivery in the counties'

In line with the theme, the County Government pledges to continue working hand in hand with both the National and other County Governments to enhance good governance and efficient service delivery to the people of Nyeri.



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Governor elected as CEREB Chair



(Above & Below) Newly sworn in Governors and Deputy Governors during the induction workshop organized by the Council of Governors (CoG). The theme for the workshop was Towards better governance and outcome driven service delivery in the counties.

Story & Photos - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has been elected as the new Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB) chairman, during the Governors' forum recently held in Mombasa by the Council of Governors. The 3-day induction workshop themed 'Towards better governance and outcome driven service delivery in the counties' was officially opened by the Deputy President H.E Rigathi Gachagua.

The primary objective of the bloc is to leverage on economies of scale through the implementation of joint projects and activities to supplement what individual counties will do towards improving the livelihoods of the people of these respective 10 member counties, which are Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu,

Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Laikipia, Nyandarua, Murang'a, Kiambu and Nakuru. The CEREB counties have a robust program on how to re-engineer growth in manufacturing by CEREB certificate of origin and eliminating distribution barriers, health and Agriculture.

The bloc constitutes 10% of the Kenyan Population and 28% Kenya GCP worth 2.6 Trillion. The Bloc has superior infrastructure, the biggest water towers and the requisite human resources to support an industrial revolution. Its people are hard working and the Region is christened the cradle of entrepreneurship, the people are ready to live up to their billing.



In support of water & sanitation sector

Story & Photos - Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga met with Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company (NYEWASCO) senior management and Board members led by the chairman Patrick Karinga who had paid a courtesy call to his office, before their familiarisation tour of the company's facilities and infrastructure.

Governor Kahiga commended NYEWASCO for its exemplary work having been recognised in the country and beyond as the best water services provider for the last 14 years in a row according to IMPACT REPORT (Water Services Utility Performance Report). He was also pleased to meet Engineer Hannah Kamau who is a new member of the Board of Directors. The County Government pledges its commitment and continued support for all water service providers in the County.



H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga (second left) and DG H.E David Kinaniri (third left) pose for a group photo with Nyewasco's senior management and Board of Directors after they paid a courtesy call to the Governor's office.

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Pursuant to Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya and Sections 35 and 36 of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012, the Office of the Governor, County Government of Nyeri, wishes to recruit qualified and suitable persons to the positions of County Executive Committee Members for the departments indicated below;

A. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER- (10 POSTS)

1. Education.
2. Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure.
3. Water, Environment and Solid Waste Management.
4. Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
5. Finance, Economic Planning and ICT.
6. Health Services.
7. Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, Urbanization and Energy.
8. Trade, Culture and Tourism.
9. Gender, Youth, Social Services and Sports.
10. County Public Service and Public Administration.

B. COUNTY SECRETARY (1 POST)

N/B:

Applicants are required to indicate their County, Sub County and Ward of residence.

- County Government of Nyeri is an equal opportunity employer; Youth, Women and Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- To meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on Leadership and Integrity, short-listed applicants are required to present clearance certificates from the following institutions during the interview:
 - a) Kenya Revenue Authority.
 - b) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.
 - c) Directorate of Criminal Investigation.
 - d) Higher Education Loans Board.
 - e) Credit Reference Bureau.

How to apply:

Interested and qualified persons should submit their applications together with copies of their detailed Curriculum Vitae, Academic and Professional Certificates, Testimonials and National Identity Card or Passport. The application should be contained in an envelope indicating the position applied for on top and submitted (hand delivery or by post) to the undersigned **on or before 30th September, 2022 at 5:00pm.**

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