

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 04 of 2017)

### ON THE SEVENTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**Honourable Members,** I wish to notify the House that the National Assembly has planned a two-day Retreat for the Leadership of the House, under the theme: *“The Homestretch: Fostering synergy, identifying priorities and improving legislative efficacy.”* The Retreat will be held tomorrow, **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2017** at the Serena Beach Hotel in Mombasa. Participants in the retreat will be the Presidium of the House, Leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties, Members of the House Business Committee, Chairpersons of Committees and Commissioners of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

**Honourable Members,** the retreat, which is convened at a time when the Eleventh Parliament is approaching the sunset of its term, presents a unique opportunity for participants to review the progress made in realizing National Assembly’s constitutional mandate. As part of the National Assembly’s legacy report to be bequeathed to the successive Parliaments, participants will also engage in a candid assessment of the National Assembly’s present legislative business processes. The retreat will also present an opportunity for participants to engage with the Hon. Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President of the Judiciary to on a discourse on areas for synergy with the Judiciary whilst upholding the respective institutional independence of the Legislature and the Judiciary

**Honourable Members,** appreciating that the August 2017 general elections are fast approaching, participants will be apprised by the Independent Electoral & Boundaries

Commission on the state of preparedness for the elections and share insights on election related matters. At the end of the retreat, the Leadership will identify possible areas of National Assembly's legislative processes that require re-engineering for increased efficacy in succeeding Houses and agree on priority business for the remainder of the term of the National Assembly. As a practice, the resolutions of the retreat will be presented to the House soonest thereafter. Finally, Honourable Members, it is my sincere hope that the leadership of the House will find time to attend this important retreat of the National Assembly

I thank you.

**THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017**