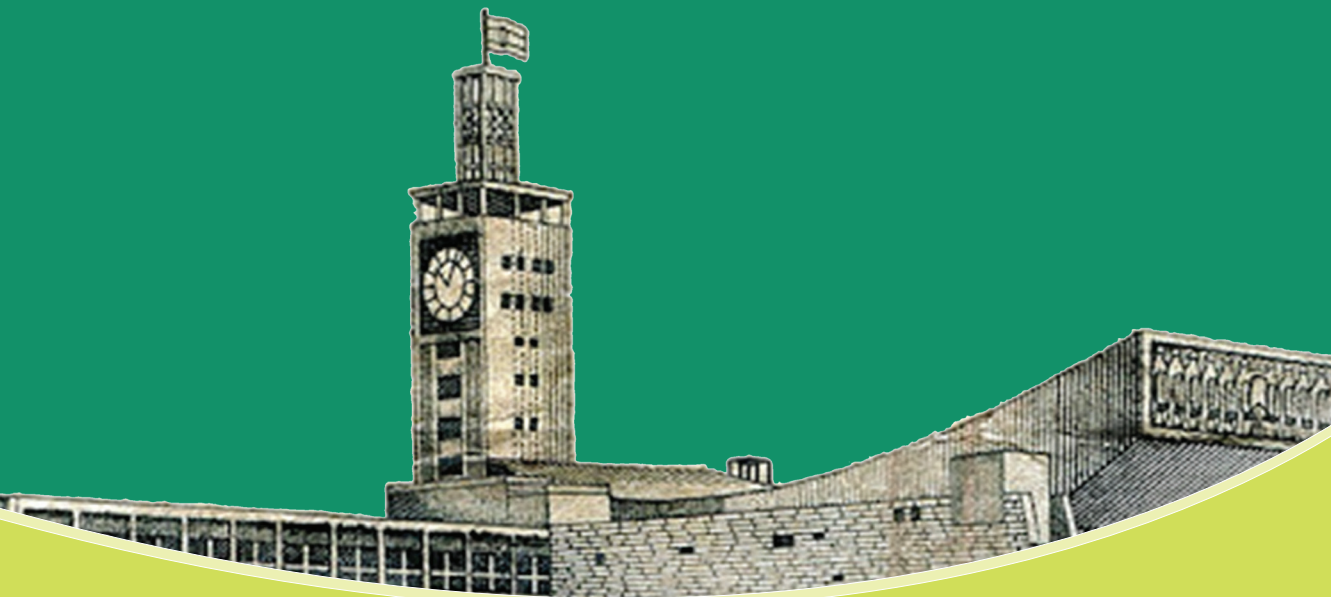




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Article 118 of the Constitution provides for public access and participation in the conduct of business of Parliament.

How to access the National Assembly

The public is allowed to use two entrances to the National Assembly; one along Parliament Road opposite KICC parking and the other along Harambee Avenue opposite County Hall. Visitors are advised to find alternative parking within the precincts of Parliament. Only VVIP visitors will be allowed to park in the basement carpark of Parliament.

Security

Visitors to the National Assembly will pass through a friendly security check at the entrance. Please ensure you carry your National Identity Card or other form of identification.

Visiting offices of the National Assembly

Parliamentary administrative offices are open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday except for public holidays.

Plan Your Visit

We are open for tours all days of the week throughout the year. Some days can be subject to change due to special events so we recommend checking our website for updated details and information.



Schools visiting The National Assembly

Bookings can be made by calling the Office of the Chief Serjeant-at-Arms on +254 (0) 020 2848000. Alternatively, you can approach Security officers at the Gates Receptions for information and booking.

Observing plenary sessions of the House

The House sits on Tuesday (2.30pm – 7.00pm), Wednesday (9.30am – 1.00pm and 2.30pm – 7.00pm) and Thursday (2.30pm – 7.00pm).

Visitors are directed to the Speaker's Row, Speaker's Gallery or the Public Gallery depending on the nature of the invitations.

Visitors to committees

Visitors to the National Assembly can attend committee hearings. Sittings of Committees are open except in exceptional circumstances where sittings are held in camera. The Committee Schedule indicating the relevant Committee, venue and time of sitting is available on the Parliamentary website. Owing to space constraints, visitors are allowed in on first come basis.

School visits to the National Assembly

Children from the age of 6 to 18 are welcome to visit the National Assembly through their respective Members of Parliament, approaching the Office of Chief Serjeant-at-Arms or by writing to the Clerk via email to clerk@parliament.go.ke.

The request should clearly indicate the number of students and staff expected.

Family Visits

Family visits, including by tourists, to the Houses of Parliament may be arranged both on short notice and with prior arrangements with the Office of Chief Serjeant-at-Arms. Our facilities are friendly for people with disability.

Photography and mobile phones in Parliament is limited to certain areas. If you're unsure about where you can take photos, please ask our Visitor Assistants for information and help.

Buildings of the National Assembly

The precincts of Parliament consist of several buildings. They include Main Parliament Buildings, The New Wing, Continental House, Protection House, County Hall, and other leased buildings.

Group tours for Adults

Guided tours of Parliament for organizations, colleges and universities are conducted upon request through writing to the Clerk of the National Assembly.

Events

Other events attracting visits to the National Assembly include:

- a) State Opening of Parliament;
- b) State of the Nation Address by the President;
- c) Pronouncement of Budget highlights by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance;
- d) Parliamentary Open Week;
- e) Joint Sittings of the National Assembly and the Senate;
- f) Sittings of the East African Legislative Assembly in Kenya.;
- g) Vetting of persons nominated for appointment to public office.

Facilities

There are a variety of facilities available for the convenience of visitors to the National Assembly, including the Staff Cafeteria and Members' restaurant (accessed by invitation only). Visitors with prior arrangements may follow House proceedings from the Public or the Speaker's Galleries.

Visitors Rules

All visitors are required to adhere to the Speaker's Rules published by the Speaker from time to time. The rules are displayed within the buildings.

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