



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
(No.065 of 2020)

**ON THE 2020 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS TO
PARLIAMENT BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KENYA**

Honourable Members,

You will recall that on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020, I conveyed a Message from His Excellency the President regarding the 2020 State of the Nation Address to Parliament pursuant to Article 132(1) of the Constitution of Kenya. The Address is scheduled for **Thursday, 12th November, 2020 at 2.30 pm**, in the National Assembly Chamber.

Honourable Members, you will agree that these are difficult times due to the ongoing global pandemic that has necessitated a reconsideration of some of our processes. In this regard, I wish to guide the House as follows –

1. Unlike previous occasions, Members of Parliament will not be allowed to invite guests to this year's event. This is in keeping with the Ministry of Health advisory on the capacity of our Chamber and other holding areas within the precincts.

Additionally, members of the public will also not be invited this time round.

2. The Speakers of the Houses of Parliament have agreed on a sharing formula for the 114 seats available to the National Assembly Chamber. Eighty eight (88) of these will be reserved for use by Members of the National Assembly. In this regard, and through the usual channels, Members wishing to attend the Special Sitting are hereby required to register their intention starting from today, **Tuesday, 10th November, 2020 at 6pm.** The registration will be on a *first-come-first-allocated* basis.
3. Members of Parliament who may have been exposed or had interactions with persons exposed to COVID-19 are best advised to go for check-up, self-isolate, and seek treatment if found unwell. This is in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidelines.
4. There will be no reception after the State of the Nation Address. However, the Main Restaurant will remain open and meals will be served in the usual manner.
5. Having consulted with the relevant State departments, only a limited number of Members will be allowed to receive H.E. the President upon his arrival in Parliament. Specifically, only the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, the Deputy Speakers, and the Leaders of the Majority and Minority Parties and the Clerks of both Houses will form the receiving delegation.
6. All vehicles parked around the Parliament Courtyard should be removed not later than **Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 at noon.**

This is in order to pave way for preparations of the Courtyard for other activities scheduled to take place immediately after the President's Address.

Honourable Members, as we look forward to the Special Sitting, may I reiterate my clarion call to all Members to be extra vigilant and adhere to the existing directives and protocols on COVID-19 control and prevention. We should all take personal responsibility for ourselves and those around us and not drop the guard.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!



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

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

