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**THE SENATE**

**PROGRAMME OF SENATE BUSINESS**

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COMMENCING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2022

TUESDAY                      Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions,  
08/11/2022                      Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills

**A. MOTION - PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES FOR MOTHERS**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

**THAT, AWARE THAT** according to the World Health Organization, globally 10% of pregnant women and 13% of women who have just given birth experience a mental condition, referred to as perinatal depression, which is higher in developing countries with 15.6% during pregnancy, and 19.8% after child birth;

**FURTHER AWARE** that women who go through still birth and those that lose their children during delivery are taken to the general maternity ward where other mothers with healthy babies are recovering, causing them mental anguish and adversely impacting their mental health;

**NOTING THAT** integrating mental health care into primary healthcare settings requires training in psychiatric care and providing consulting support to primary care providers, considering that there are not enough mental health care providers to meet the current and growing need for mental health services;

**APPRECIATING THAT** the Health Act under section 6 (1) (b) provides that every person has a right to reproductive health care which includes the right of access to appropriate health care services that will enable mothers go safely

through pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period which should include the integration of mental health in perinatal care as recommended by the National Mental Health Taskforce in its “Mental Health and Wellbeing towards Happiness and National Prosperity” report;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate urges the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Council of Governors to:

- (i) ensure that all county health facilities with maternity wings, allocate a separate ward for recovery for the mothers who have gone through still birth or those that have lost their babies during delivery;
- (ii) facilitate continuous mental health training and the provision of counselling support in the perinatal wards for all primary care providers in all counties;
- (iii) establish counselling facilities at all county health facilities with maternity wings to provide counselling therapy to mothers who lose their children through a miscarriage, during delivery, or through still birth; and,
- (iv) establish counselling facilities at all county health facilities with maternity wings to provide counselling therapy to mothers who are suffering from perinatal and postpartum depression.

**B. MOTION - EFFECTS OF UPSTREAM ACTIVITIES ON THE RIVER TANA TO THE RESIDENTS OF TANA DELTA**

(Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP)

**THAT, AWARE THAT** water is a fundamental resource to life, livelihood, food security and sustainable development and an economic good, which is critical for the sustainable development of the country;

**FURTHER AWARE THAT** the River Tana plays an important role in the lives of the communities living along its banks including Garissa and Tana River Counties whose main economic activities are livestock keeping, farming and fishing;

**RECOGNIZING THAT** Article 43 (1) (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, provides that every Kenyan has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

**NOTING THAT** the residents of Tana River County have perennially suffered from acute effects of flooding and inadequate supply of water to its residents and their livestock;

**COGNIZANT THAT** the challenge of flooding has predominantly been caused by KenGen's release of huge amounts of water from the seven forks dams which combine with rain water from the highlands;

**FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT** the hoarding of water at the seven forks dams and other significant upstream activities such as irrigation and small scale dams limits the amount of water that flows downstream through River Tana significantly affecting agricultural activities in irrigation schemes such as Bura, Galole and other small scale irrigation schemes in the Tana Delta as a result of inadequate water supply to the canals that channel the water to the irrigation schemes;

**CONCERNED THAT** limited water supply to the hinterland and irrigation schemes cause severe hunger to the residents of Tana River, death of livestock and conflicts between farmers and herders, and that floods cause deaths, displacements and other challenges like waterborne diseases such as cholera downstream at Tana Delta;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate urges the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in conjunction with the Water Resources Authority (WRA) to;

- i) conduct stakeholder participation before undertaking any major upstream activity including construction of dams, before the release of water during rainy season and limiting flow of water to River Tana during the dry season;
- ii) develop a policy in line with the Nile Treaty of 1959 to guarantee average annual flow of the River Tana; and
- iii) come up with mitigation measures to the perennial floods and water scarcity to the residents of Tana Delta.

### **C. Any Other Business**

**WEDNESDAY**      **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.**  
09/11/2022

**A. Any Other Business**

**THURSDAY**      **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.**  
10/11/2022

**A. Any Other Business**

**TUESDAY**      **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.**  
15/11/2022

**A. Any Other Business**

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**KEY**

**\*\*\*\* - Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill**

**\*\*\* - Denotes a National Assembly Bill**

**\*\* - Denotes a Committee Bill**

**\* - Denotes any other Bill**