



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT 9.30 A.M

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:-

a) On the visiting President of the Pan-African Parliament.

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of the Rt. Hon. Chief Fortune Zephania Charumbira, President of the Pan-African Parliament in the Speaker's Gallery. The Rt. Hon Charumbira is in the Country for an official visit to the Parliament of Kenya. He is accompanied by Mr. Daniel Bucuane, an Officer from the Pan-African Parliament.

Honourable Senators,

I have had an opportunity to engage with The Rt. Hon. Chief Charumbira and our discussions centered on Parliamentary diplomacy and climate change. These are pertinent issues affecting African region as a whole with respect to food security, conflict resolution and resource management and are high on the agenda of the Pan African Parliament.

We also had a discussion on the upcoming heads of state summit in the month of May, 2023.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to the Rt. Hon Chief Fortune Zephania Charumbira and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish you a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

b) On Cabinet Secretaries Appearing in the Senate

“Honourable Senators,

Welcome to this historical and momentous occasion when Cabinet Secretaries are appearing to respond to Questions from the representatives of the people for the first time in the Senate.

This is to say the least, history in the making.

As we commence this journey, I would like to remind all Senators of the guidelines that I issued on 28th March and on 25th April, 2023 on this process.

Honourable Senators,

I appeal to you to focus on the bigger picture, which is oversight on behalf of

the people and improved governance for our country.

I thank you.”

5. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTSQUESTIONS

- a) **Question 001** by the Senator for Samburu County (Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP) on the state of security and resettlement of displaced persons in Samburu County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration.
- b) **Question 003** by the Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) on the disparity in compensation to residents of Nuno Modogashe and Isiolo affected by the Africa Gateway Project was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development.
- c) **Question 004** by the Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) on the lifting of the moratorium on the issuance of mineral mining rights was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.
- d) **Question 005** by Nominated Senator (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) on the exploration of offshore gas and oil was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.
- e) **Question 006** by Nominated Senator (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) on the exploration of marine produce and participation of local fishermen in the Marine Exclusive Economic Zone was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(A) the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate at three minutes past One O'clock, without Question put.

6. SENATE ROSE – at three minutes past One O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.*

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