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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
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ON THE YOUTH BUNGE DIALOGUE, 2023

Honourable Members,

1. As you may have noticed, on Monday 7th August 2023, the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYAP), in partnership with *Mzalendo* Trust and other partners held a "*Youth Bunge Dialogue*" for fifty (50) youths drawn from across the forty-seven (47) counties at the County Hall Mini Chamber to launch the weeklong activity.
2. The event was aimed at strengthening dialogue mechanisms between youth leaders and the youth in general. It is worth noting that empowering young people as responsive actors of change in governance and developing practical recommendations for legislative interventions are pivotal aspects that align with the broader goal of building a sustainable world.
3. Consequently, **Honourable Members**, I wish to commend KYPA for organizing such an important gathering. Indeed, such forums provide an invaluable platform for young people to not only engage in critical conversations about inclusive political participation but also to foster discussions on how to equip the youth with skills to take part in nation-building with a touch of parliamentary experience.

I also wish to commend Parliamentary Staff for facilitating the event.

4. **Honourable Members,** I am aware that the youth who participated in the *Youth Bunge Dialogue* developed various practical recommendations for legislative interventions worth the attention of this House. In this regard, I will be allowing the Chairperson of the KYPA to make a Statement on the matter.
5. The Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA) was formed in the year 2004 in the 9th Parliament with the goal of building capacity and enhancing the participation of young leaders in the National Assembly. With the introduction of the Senate in 2013 due to the passing of the new constitution, the Association expanded its scope and incorporated young Senators into its membership.
6. Over the years, the KYPA has immensely contributed to building capacity and enhancing the participation of young leaders in Parliament. Further, the Association has provided platforms and fora that have continued to avail the opportunity for budding young leaders to launch themselves into elective politics.
7. Indeed, several Parliamentarians in the 13th Parliament, including some who served in previous Parliaments since the inception of the KYPA owe their election or nomination to Parliament to the KYPA.
8. **Honourable Members,** the affairs of the KYPA are managed by an Executive Committee that is elected at an Annual General Meeting of Members of the Association.

To this end, I wish to bring to the attention of the House that at its Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd of August 2023 in the Small Dining Room, Parliament Buildings, Members of the KYPA elected the following Members to the Executive Committee –

- (i) The Hon. Gitonga Mukunji, MP - Chairperson;
- (ii) The Hon. Robert Basil, MP - Vice Chairperson;
- (iii) The Hon. Amina Udgoon, MP - Secretary-General;
- (iv) The Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo, MP - Treasurer;
- (v) The Hon. Charles Nguna, MP - Vice Treasurer;
- (vi) Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP - Senate Representative; and
- (vii) The Hon. Maina Karobia, MP - Youth Representative of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA).

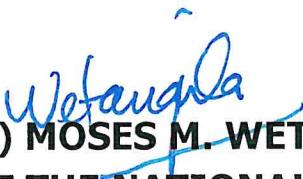
The Members also appointed the Member for Molo Constituency, the Hon. CPA Kuria Kimani, MP, as the Association's Patron.

9. Honourable Members, I congratulate the newly elected Executive Committee Members and wish them the very best in their endeavour to steer the KYPA to greater heights.

It is worth noting that the new Executive Committee comes at a time when the world is observing the International Youth Week that will culminate in the commemoration of the International Youth Day on Saturday, 12th August 2023 under the theme *"Green Skills for Youth: Working towards a Sustainable Global Community."*

Finally, **Honourable Members**, I wish to laud all young Members of this House who already enrolled in the KYPA and encourage those who have not done so to consider joining the Association and be part of the milestones that would be made in the 13th Parliament.

I thank you!


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