



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two 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, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the further ten minutes;

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

4. **PROCEDURAL MOTION – ELECTION OF SENATORS TO PRESIDE OVER THE SITTINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER , DEPUTY SPEAKER AND A MEMBER OF THE SPEAKER'S PANEL**

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Article 107(1)(c) of the Constitution and Standing Order 18, the Senate elects Sen. (Dr.) Danson Mungatana, MP and Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP to preside over the sittings of the Senate for the remainder of the day.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties;

Question put and agreed to.

5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- i) Question No. 026 by the Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP) on behalf of the Senator for the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the rising number of fatal accidents involving long-distance passenger buses serving the western region of Kenya was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

Thereupon, the Cabinet Secretary also presented a written response to the commitments he made during Question Time on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025 (Morning Sitting).

- ii) Question No. 024 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry on National Government support towards sustainable market management in the counties was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 027 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on the National Government initiatives to cushion small-scale traders against eroded profit margins caused by the rising cost of essential commodities was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iv) Question No. 035 by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on the payment of outstanding terminal dues to the staff of the Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU) who were laid-off between 2002 and 2010 was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- v) Question No. 036 by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on the payment of outstanding dues to farmers who sold coffee through the defunct Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU) in the Coffee Pool Year 2008/2009 was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

6. **SUSPENSION OF A SENATOR FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 121 (2)**

Pursuant to Standing Order 121 (2), the Speaker ordered the Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. Nderitu Kinyua, MP), to withdraw from the precincts of the Senate for the remainder of the sitting day for disorderly conduct.

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

7. **MOTION - MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING IN KENYA**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, Article 42 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes access to safe energy options;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, over 900 million Africans, including more than 90% of households in Kenya's rural areas, still rely on traditional biomass (firewood, charcoal, animal waste) for cooking, resulting in high levels of indoor air pollution that cause premature deaths, particularly among women and children;

CONCERNED THAT, in Kenya, indoor air pollution has been linked to over 23,000 annual deaths, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of time spent collecting firewood and cooking, limiting their education and economic opportunities;

NOTING THAT, traditional cooking methods contribute significantly to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate vulnerability at the county level, undermining national commitments under the Energy Act, 2019, the Climate Change Act, 2016, and Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECALLING THAT, the Africa Clean Cooking Summit (Paris, 2023) mobilized USD 2.2 billion in commitments for clean cooking, and the International Energy Agency has recommended urgent financing and policy action to achieve universal access by 2040;

ACKNOWLEDGING, the efforts of some counties, development partners, and private sector actors in piloting clean cooking projects, but recognizing that these remain small-scale and fragmented;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the: -

1. Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;
2. National Treasury and Ministry of Energy prioritize clean cooking in financing frameworks, including results-based financing and blended finance models to de-risk private investment;

3. County Governments incorporate clean cooking targets in their County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and ensure public institutions such as schools, health facilities, and prisons adopt clean cooking solutions;
4. National Treasury and County Governments to fast-track letters of authorization to unlock carbon finance markets (Article 6.2 and CORSIA) for clean cooking projects;
5. County Governments engage the private sector actors, and community organizations to expand clean cooking access, create local jobs, and reduce pressure on forest resources.

Order read;

Order deferred.

8. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE AI HELD FROM 28TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 2025 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**

(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Conference on the role of parliament in shaping the future of responsible AI held from 28th to 30th November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24th February, 2026.

Order read;

Order deferred.

9. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE 3RD COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES (CPwD) AFRICA REGION CONFERENCE HELD IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, FROM 24TH TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the 3rd Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) Africa Region Conference held in Lusaka, Zambia, from 24th to 28th February, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on 7th August, 2025.

(Sen. Julius Murgor, MP on behalf of Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

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