



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 (MORNING SITTING)**

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, 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. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS**

- i) Question No. 009 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports on National Government support towards sports development in Kisumu County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 010 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on the status of blue economy programmes undertaken by the National Government in Kisumu County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **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 -

- i) Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;
- ii) 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;
- iii) 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;
- iv) 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; and

- v) 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.

6. **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 28<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

*(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)*

Debate arising;

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

7. **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 25, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.