



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT 9.30 AM

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Questions and Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
8. **MOTION - PROMOTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION POLICY IN KENYA**
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining economies globally through emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and financial technology (Fintech);

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya has made commendable strides in digital infrastructure and mobile innovation, positioning itself as a potential leader in Africa's tech-driven future;

NOTING THAT in a landmark decision, the African Union Executive Council endorsed the Continental AI Strategy during its 45th Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, on July 18-19, 2024 to underscore Africa's commitment to an Africa-centric, development-focused approach to AI, promoting ethical, responsible, and equitable practices;

COGNIZANT THAT the Continental AI Strategy calls for unified national approaches among AU Member States to navigate the opportunities of AI-driven change, aiming to strengthen regional and global cooperation and position Africa as a leader in inclusive and responsible AI development;

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APPRECIATING THAT the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy recently formulated and launched the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2025-2030;

RECOGNIZING the need to align Kenya's development with global standards in AI adoption while also safeguarding national values, inclusivity, and employment;

CONCERNED THAT the absence of a comprehensive framework may hinder innovation among local start-ups and youth-led tech enterprises and slow down Kenya's ability to harness AI for inclusive growth;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy develops a Policy to promote Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies with particular emphasis on:

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) facilitating ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and beneficial application of AI;
- iii) creating innovation-friendly 'Sandboxes' for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills and innovation ecosystems; and
- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum to prepare the next generation for the digital economy.

9. **MOTION - REPORTS OF THE KENYA PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 151ST AND 152ND ASSEMBLIES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND RELATED MEETINGS HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND AND ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE FROM 19TH TO 23RD OCTOBER, 2025 AND 15TH TO 19TH APRIL, 2026, RESPECTIVELY**
(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Reports of the Kenya Parliamentary Delegation to the 151st and 152nd Assemblies of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland and Istanbul, Türkiye from 19th to 23rd October, 2025 and 15th to 19th April, 2026, respectively, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 8th September, 2026.

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NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 11th February, 2026 as follows: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner: -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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APPENDIX

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

QUESTIONS

Question No. 005 The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development:

- a) What is the prevalence of maize lethal necrosis and other common crop diseases in the various agricultural zones in the country?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide similar data in respect of fall armyworms and other crop pests?
- c) What early detection and rapid response mechanisms has the Ministry put in place to prevent widespread crop losses due to crop pests and diseases, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide details on the compensation or other support mechanisms available to farmers whose crops are adversely affected?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain the Ministry's long-term strategy to strengthen crop resilience to pests and diseases, and outline the measures in place to mitigate the compounding effects of climate variability?

Question No. 062 The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development:

- a) What are the reasons for the longstanding delay to fully constitute the Kenya Sugar Board?
- b) What is the operational status of the Board in light of the vacancies in its membership, and could the Cabinet Secretary disclose who has been discharging the functions of the Board while it is not fully constituted?

Question No. 070 The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the measures and plans the Ministry has put in place to reduce the cost of milk production, particularly the cost of animal feeds, which remains the primary driver of

production expenses; stabilise milk prices; improve the profitability and competitiveness of dairy farming, increase farmers' incomes; and boost national milk production?

- b) Does the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development have any plans to review the price paid per litre of milk to dairy farmers supplying the New Kenya Creameries Corporation and, if so, provide the proposed timeline, criteria for such a review and the expected impact on farmers' earnings and dairy sector?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a comprehensive breakdown of all milk coolers procured and distributed by the Government from 2023 to date, including the total expenditure incurred, the beneficiary counties and the number allocated to each county, as well as the criteria used in their allocation and distribution?
- d) Has the Ministry considered the procurement and distribution of solar-powered milk coolers as an alternative to electricity-powered units and, if so, outline the expected benefits in reducing energy costs and enhancing the affordability, accessibility and sustainability of milk cooling services for dairy farmers?

Question No. 018 The Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, EBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) What are the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Sammy Kyengo, a construction worker who was reported missing on 6th September, 2025 and later found dead at the Talanta Stadium construction site in Nairobi City County on 13th September, 2025?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the current status of investigations into the incident, including any preliminary findings on the cause of death?
- c) Have the police identified and arrested any suspects and, if not, could the Cabinet Secretary outline the steps being taken to speedily identify, apprehend and prosecute the culprits?
- d) What forms of support has the Government provided to the late Mr. Kyengo's family?

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Question No. 020 Nominated Senator (Sen. Shakila Abdalla, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary clarify the basis for deploying Kenya Defence Forces personnel in Kiunga Ward, Lamu East, and outline their scope, mandate and duration?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary clarify the measures in place to prevent human rights violations and enforced disappearances in Kiunga Ward, outline the accountability mechanisms for monitoring the conduct of security personnel, and indicate whether independent investigations will be initiated into reported cases of bombings, abductions, harassment and intimidation by masked officers?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the measures being taken to restore normalcy and rebuild community trust in Kiunga Ward, and detail the immediate and long-term interventions to protect livelihoods, stabilize the area and prevent further displacement?

Question No. 021 The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) What were the reasons for the closure of the Administration Police (AP) Camp at Kurkum in Marsabit County, and could the Cabinet Secretary clarify whether there are plans to re-open the camp and, if so, indicate the number of officers proposed to be deployed to the camp?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary also disclose the criteria the Government uses to allocate infrastructural development funding to police stations and security posts across the country, and indicate whether installations situated in border and conflict-prone areas are accorded priority?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a detailed assessment of the condition of housing, office infrastructure and basic operational resources in police stations and security posts in Marsabit and Turkana counties, and indicate whether there are mechanisms in place to ensure proper and timely maintenance of these facilities?

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- d) How much money has the Government set aside in the 2025/2026 financial year for infrastructural rehabilitation in police stations and security posts in Marsabit and Turkana counties and, specifically, Illeret Police Post in Marsabit County?

Question No. 030 Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary disclose the male to female ratio among individuals serving in each county as village elders, assistant chiefs, chiefs, deputy county commissioners, county commissioners and regional commissioners?
- b) What is the male to female ratio among police officers serving in the various ranks within the National Police Service in each county?
- c) What policies and internal operational frameworks has the Ministry established to integrate gender considerations into its operations, specifically with regard to –
 - (i) ensuring compliance with the two-thirds gender principle in appointive positions across all ranks of the National Police Service; and
 - (ii) protecting government officers from all forms of gender-based violence, while fostering service delivery culture that upholds gender equity?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also provide details on the scope and effectiveness of all Government programmes and initiatives to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and femicide generally, and explain the mechanisms in place for the successful implementation of the programmes and initiatives?

Question No. 046 Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary state what systems the Ministry has put in place to swiftly identify and support vulnerable households during floods, droughts, food shocks and other emergencies?

- b) What measures ensure Kenya's social protection system is shock-responsive, specifically interoperable databases, trigger mechanisms, emergency scale-up protocols and payment continuity during crises?
- c) Has the Ministry assessed the speed, accuracy and adequacy of social protection targeting in recent emergencies and what key findings and lessons have been drawn?
- d) What reforms, informed by comparative lessons from other countries, is the Ministry pursuing to guarantee rapid and fair support to affected households?

Question No. 052 Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a status update on the implementation of the National Disaster Risk Management Strategy 2025–2030?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary state whether the Government has in place approved drainage master plans, flood-risk maps and emergency preparedness plans and, if so, provide details on the institutions and stakeholders involved in their development, as well as dates when such plans were prepared and last reviewed?
- c) What systems and coordination mechanisms exist to ensure the timely translation of adverse weather and flood-risk warnings into actionable measures, including pre-emptive evacuation of at-risk households and closure of flood-prone roads, among other mitigating interventions?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also indicate whether a framework exists to facilitate the relocation of persons from designated flood-risk areas and, if so, clarify whether the framework provides for financial support to the affected population and, where applicable, to the host communities receiving them?

Question No. 056 The Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide statistics on the youths who have been incarcerated from 2022 to date, disaggregated by their counties of birth, age and gender?
- b) How many of the incarcerated youths were imprisoned due to involvement in criminal gang activities, violent extremism, political goonism and related offences, and could the Cabinet Secretary indicate the minimum, average and maximum jail terms imposed by courts for the offences?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the rehabilitation programmes currently being offered to incarcerated youths, and provide details on the specific skills being taught, the type of certification awarded upon completion and the number of youths who have successfully completed the programmes and been reintegrated into society from 2022 to date?
- d) What interventions is the Government implementing to curb involvement of youths in crime?

Question No. 068 The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide statistics on the prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse in Kirinyaga County and outline the actions taken to combat the menace, which has been identified as a major contributor to mental health issues and suicide cases in the county?
- b) Which facilities has the Government established in the county to provide psychological and rehabilitation services to individuals dependent on alcohol and drugs?
- c) Are there plans to establish additional support facilities within the county and, if so, could the Cabinet Secretary provide details on the same?

- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also state the steps taken by the Ministry to secure additional funding for alcohol and drug abuse interventions, and disclose any joint initiatives with development partners and the private sector?

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1))

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting).

A. BILLS AT SECOND READING

- i) *THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2026)
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)
- ii) ***THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- iii) THE KENYA NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 20 OF 2023)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

B. BILLS AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- i) **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2026)-(Consideration of the National Assembly amendments - Division)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)
- ii) ****THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024) - (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- iii) ***THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- iv) *THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)
(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)
- v) *THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)
(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)
- vi) ***THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

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(No. 082) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 (MORNING SITTING) (2063)

- vii) ***THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- viii) *THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)
(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

C. MOTIONS

- i) CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2023)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education)
- ii) REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JLAHR) ON A PETITION BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI AND OTHERS ON THE LIMITATION OF THE TENURE OF NOMINATED MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES (MCAS) TO A SINGLE TERM OF FIVE YEARS
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)
- iii) REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JLAHR) ON A PETITION BY MR. MOHAMED U. ALASOW ON THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 48 OF 2021) TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES' USE OF POPULAR NAMES ON NOMINATION AND ELECTION BALLOT PAPERS
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)
- iv) DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KENYA AS A NATIONAL DISASTER
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)
- v) THE RISING CASES OF STUDENT UNREST, ARSON AND INSECURITY IN SCHOOLS IN KENYA
(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP and Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)
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