



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 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 at 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. 066 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 compensation and support mechanisms for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs), informal traders and other business establishments affected by public demonstrations was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 057 by the Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on maintenance and rehabilitation of the Thika–Kenol Section of the A2 Road was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 061 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of the

construction of the island-side ramp to fully operationalize ferry services at the Mtongwe crossing in Mombasa County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

- iv) Question No. 063 by the Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of road construction projects in Kakamega County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **PROCEDURAL MOTION – ELECTION OF SENATORS TO PRESIDE OVER SITTINGS OF THE SENATE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER, DEPUTY SPEAKER AND MEMBERS 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. Fatuma Dullo, MP; Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, MP and Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP, to preside over the sittings of the Senate for the remainder of the day.

(Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP)

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.

6. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations – 05.08.2026)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover, the Speaker deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

7. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS ON SESSIONAL PAPER NO.1 OF 2025 ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the foreign policy of the Republic of Kenya, laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 31st March, 2026.

Order read;

Order deferred.

8. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON THE CHALLENGES FACING THE SUGAR SECTOR HELD AT MABANGA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COLLEGE IN BUNGOMA COUNTY ON 26TH MAY, 2026**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Stakeholder Forum on the challenges facing the sugar sector held at Mabanga Agricultural Training College in Bungoma County on 26th May, 2026, laid on the Table of the Senate, on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026.

Order read;

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, 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, September 09, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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