

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION

Tuesday, 15th November, 2022

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, please approach the Chair.

(The Speaker consults with the Clerk)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr., Clerk, please take us through the order of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, as I did communicate earlier, that today the Tuesday, the 15th of November, 2022 it shall be the Governor's day to give his address. This is a tradition that transpires in all the legislatures that after the new Assembly comes into place, the Governor has to inaugurate it officially.

Honourable Members, on Tuesday, 11th October, 2022 I did communicate that I had received message from the Office of the Governor, Kisumu County that, due to unavoidable circumstances, he was not able to officially open the Third County Assembly on the aforementioned date. He did

communicate to my office which I conveyed to you. Therefore, as per the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, today will be the Governor's day to give his First State of the County Address to the Third County Assembly. He will enumerate or layout his plans for the next five years and as he gives the address, we shall not allow any comments on his address, neither will we allow any business. Honourable Members, thereafter, the Leader of Majority will have laid the Speech on the table of this House, give a Notice of Motion we shall then accord debate on the Speech with a maximum of four sittings for the House to criticize the Governor's Speech or to make comments on it. We will prepare the Hansard report and communicate to him for his action.

Honourable Members, I equally want to communicate to you that tomorrow, Wednesday, 16th November, 2022 there shall be an activity at the Mama Grace Onyango Social Hall on Greening the City that shall be presided over by the Governor himself. There is a humbly request by the City Manager that if possible all of you attends that meeting. Otherwise, welcome to this session and let the Clerk take us through the next order.

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GOVERNOR'S FIRST ADDRESS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY

BY

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GOVERNOR KISUMU COUNTY

The Governor, Kisumu County (Hon. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o): Speaker of the County Assembly, Hon Elisha Jack Oraro, Honourable Members, the gallery,

I feel honoured to stand before you this afternoon to make my inaugural address to the Third session of the Kisumu County Assembly.

Allow me to congratulate all you for your election to this August House.

You are here because you deserved it. The voters had confidence in you because you presented the best development agenda that resonated with their expectations. You are here because we all worked together to form this government.

My gratitude to the specially elected members who caught the eyes of our party leaders for their outstanding leadership qualities and commitment to our party- the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM). You are indeed a very special group in this House.

Commitment and loyalty to the party is something that should not, in any way whatsoever, be taken for granted. When it is breached, the consequences are clear as stated in the party's constitution.

To all of you, I bring greetings from our Party leader, Rt Hon, Raila Amolo Odinga.

Allow me to convey my special salute to Hon Oraro for your re-election as Speaker of this House.

I also want to thank members of the Second Assembly under the leadership of the Honorable Speaker here –for the cordial working relationship that enabled us to pass various bills that drive development in our county.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon Nereah Okombo, the leader of Majority- Hon Ken Ooko and the Chief Whip- Hon Seth Kanga (Adui Nyang') and all other house leaders also deserve accolades for being elected to help steer this Assembly to the next level.

On my part, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am already settled in office and serving the people of this county with zeal.

I have presented to the Assembly, a list of men and women I want to help me deliver on my promises.

I will appoint them as Members of the County Executive Committee (Cabinet) as soon as you vet and approve their nominations. We are hoping for fairness and professionalism in this exercise.

Hon Speaker, I want to assure this sitting of eminent men and women that just as I did in my first term, I will run an administration that is open and transparent. We will appreciate and support your role as an oversight entity.

Before I brief the Assembly of my development plans, allow me to make a special appeal to members to uphold peace, reconciliation and honest consultation as a culture for development of this great County.

As your Governor, I extended an olive branch to those who campaigned against me and the ODM party in the August polls. I knew they were just expressing their democratic rights.

Let's move forward and deliver services to the people. Let us make our party leader proud. He is keenly watching us.

Let us not disappoint him, the ODM Party and the people of Kisumu County with petty squabbles in this house.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to assure you during this last term that I will continue to manage the county through consultations with the Assembly.

My officers are under instructions to work very closely with you and provide you with information you will need for your oversight assignments in good time.

Mr. Speaker, my main aim of being here today is to speak to this House on the state of Kisumu County in the context of the Manifesto we are to implement. I am here to brief you of where we are in our second term in office.

The journey of developing and building Kisumu to respond to the needs of our people has been both challenging and fulfilling.

At times we have been disappointed by little achievements but have taken pride in the bigger ones. And so, we have to keep pushing on because there is work to be done, and we must do it. TICH TIRE.

We did a good job in our first term- from 2017 to 2022. We are going to do it again in our Second term. WASETIMO WADOK TIMO.

This year, just before the general election, I unveiled my manifesto. It carried an honest story of what we did in the first term and what we intend to do in the coming Five Years.

I wish to confirm that we will implement the Manifesto to the letter. The job is well cut out. We are equal to the task.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the people of Kisumu are looking upon us with anxiety and hope. They know both the Assembly and the Executive have the answers for some of their pressing issues.

To them, there may be no difference between the two arms of the county government. We are like Siamese Twins, tied at the hip and never to separate.

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Speaker Sir, Agricultural transformation is critical to growing our economy, especially in the reduction of the cost of food, alleviating poverty and delivering 100% nutrition and food security.

To drive this transformative agenda, my government focused on interventions in agriculture, livestock and fisheries sub sectors by increasing output and value-addition through agro-processing and boosting household food resilience.

We have focused on irrigation to help improve food production. One big example is the Awach Irrigation scheme in Nyando Sub County, East Kano Wawidhi Ward where four kms of lined canal has been done with a capacity to irrigate 625 acres and benefiting 1,200 households.

Other Irrigation Schemes are in Kadibo Sub County, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward where another four kilometer canal with a capacity to irrigate 180 acres, benefitting 530 households has been done.

Others are: - Gem Rae Irrigation Scheme in Nyakach Sub County with a capacity to irrigate 400 acres benefitting 1360 households and the Chiga Irrigation Scheme in Kisumu East Sub-county, with a capacity to irrigate 200 acres benefitting 700 households.

Honorable members, contrary to some misleading reports given to the media, the County Government of Kisumu has been working with rice farmers to help address challenges facing the rice sub sector.

We have purchased a rice mill worth 30 million Shillings to address rice milling concerns in the region.

The mill is being installed at the National Irrigation Authority site in Nyando sub-county.

In addition, with support with support from Venezuelan government through Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), we received a rice mill with a capacity of 1.5 metric tons per hour to improve on value chain. This Mill was given to COFA- a local CBO in Gem Rae.

Apart from rice irrigation, the department supplied 47 irrigation water pumps to farmer groups in Kisumu West, Muhoroni, Kisumu East and Nyakach to enhance small scale vegetable irrigation.

To build capacity of farmers, the county government initiated the rehabilitation of Maseno Agriculture Training Center at a cost of 10 million Shillings.

We also initiated the construction of Pap Konam Agricultural Training College in Seme Sub County at a cost of 20 million. This project will continue for the next three years until its completion.

3. Rice Value addition (Rice Mill).

Mr. Speaker, other major projects being implemented include-a Ksh 31 billion United Green project on rice, cotton, soybean and other crop value chains, sourcing for investors in various crop value chains and expansion of irrigation schemes together with National Irrigation Authority.

On Livestock Production

Mr. Speaker, we have also been keen in livestock production to help boost milk production and reduce reliance on imports.

In the 2021/22 financial year, 180 households benefited directly from distribution of 152 dairy cows of which 67 calves have been born to date.

The following projects are also lined up for implementation:

1. The operationalization of Kisumu Dairy Enterprise Development Centre (KDDC) at Nyangore, Chemelil/Tamu ward.
2. The promoting of fodder and pasture conservation for increased milk productivity. The two hay barns constructed in 2021/22 financial year to serve Kajulu and Nyabondo Dairy Cooperative societies and the 4 silage chopping machines have led to an impressive uptake of silage production technology in the County.
3. Use of drones being assembled at Chemelil by an American company- Zipline Ltd- to help in the distribution of semen in our Artificial Insemination program in agriculture as well as blood and other health commodities in the health sector.
4. In the fisheries sub sector, the department is set to work with the national government to roll out the Kabonyo fisheries and aquaculture service and training center of excellence estimated at Kshs.1 billion.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, you recently heard about the death of fish in Lake Victoria due to changing ecological conditions of the lake waters, being attributed to the vagaries of Climate Change.

To this end, my government will be spending Ksh 3m to purchase fingerlings and fish feed to help the cage fish farmers who lost fish in the lake to restock their cages.

A rapid response Unit, led by the County Secretary, has been set up in my office to deal with the emergency issues caused by the death of fish in the lake.

To ease pressure on Lake Victoria, my government is investing in aquaculture. Our Aquaculture Business Development Project (ABDP) targets some 432 beneficiaries and construct / rehabilitate 561 fish ponds.

The project will also support infrastructural improvements of 2 fish markets namely Ahero and Uhuru fish markets.

5. On poultry, our partners- the Kitchen Basket Poultry Company is set to receive grant of 19 Million Kenya Shillings to unlock the poultry value chain market to local producers.
6. On revenue, the sub-department of livestock and fisheries commits to raise Ksh 1,549,917.08 through fish business inspections and licensing and Ksh 4,790,030.70 meat inspection levies from the 19 county abattoirs.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Speaker Sir, when I took office in 2017, I found the health sector on its knees. We worked hard to revive the department. The Community health system is now efficiently running.

We have not only built and equipped more health facilities but became the first County to fully digitize the health management system.

- a) 400 CHWs have been formally engaged by the Department of Health in the past 3 years. This enabled the creation of 40 new community health units bringing the coverage to 95 %. We currently have 274 functional community health units.
- b) Kisumu is a trailblazer in the digitalization of community health systems with 2209 (73.7%) community health workers fully digitally enabled. These CHWs serve 223 community health units from across the County.
- c) We have fully digitalized 4 sub counties (NYANDO, MUHORONI, NYAKACH AND KISUMU EAST) and partially digitalized Seme, Kisumu central and Kisumu West.
- d) In the 3 partially digitalized sub counties, the 12-day training of 312 CHWs commenced on 7th November 2022.
- e) We also have a very effective Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at the Kisumu County Hospital.

Facility Improvements:

Besides Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital which has undergone massive renovation and expansion, we have built and equipped 15 other health facilities.

These include maternity wards, theatres at Kombewa, Ahero, Muhoroni, Pap Onditi and Masogo sub county hospitals.

We have, with the help of partners, also upgraded the Lumumba Hospital from a small 18-bed facility to a 150-bed sub county hospital.

The Marwa Kisumu Solidarity Health Insurance cover has been a trail blazer in Kenya. Many counties have been visiting Kisumu to learn about its operations and impact on the poor members of the Society.

Financial access has been enhanced by the payment of premiums for approximately 34, 000 vulnerable households courtesy of the Marwa Social Health Insurance scheme.

These households can access quality health services from 49 government owned health facilities spread across the 7 sub counties.

Marwa offers a platform for digital referral further strengthening the network referral system in primary health care.

- a) Currently, the 101 county owned health facilities have embraced an electronic commodity management system that allows the entry, stock take, dispensing, quantification and forecasting of health commodities.
- b) This digital commodity management system called “Maisha Meds” can tell the near expiry commodities and this informs distribution and redistribution decisions therefore reducing losses through expiries.

What next in the Health Sector?

Mr. Speaker Sir, we are finalizing plans to start using drones to deliver drugs, blood and other medical services to all parts of Kisumu County. Kisumu will be the first County to use this technology that is operational in Rwanda. Our Zipline station in Chemelil is capable of serving all counties within the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB).

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Speaker Sir, improvement of infrastructure in the county, was well captured in my Manifesto.

The Kisumu County Rural Roads Maintenance teams comprising youths and women, though still facing some challenges, has helped us to improve many roads.

The program is labour based road maintenance using simple tools. Phase 1 & 2 of the program started in FY 2021-2022 and was implemented successfully. It is expected to resume in 3rd quarter of FY 2022-2023.

Construction of Namba-Kapiyo road to Ndere Island Bitumen Standard

The county started upgrading of Namba Kapiyo –Bodi-Asat-Bao Beach Road-15.2km to Bitumen standard in the FY 2021-2022. Of these 15.kms, 3.4 kms is already fully tarmacked. Work is underway in the remaining 12kms.

This is the first Bitumen Road to be undertaken by the County Government.

This road will provide access to Ndere Island tourist attraction site hence promoting local tourism. We plan to do many more bitumen roads in the sub counties following the lessons learnt in doing this one.

In other words, lessons learnt from this road will inform what we need to budget for every year to incrementally tarmac our roads in conjunction with KURA/KERA programs.

The Claycrete Roads Technology

The Technology offers new technology in road maintenance which can sustain road condition between 5 to 10 years.

The technology increases stability of the road.

The technology has been implemented in the 8 km Guba-Gita-Namba –Kabong’o filter road in Kajulu Ward Kisumu East Sub-County.

The technology has also been planned to stabilize Lela-Agulu-Mbaka Oromo road 4.2km North West Kisumu Ward, Kisumu West Sub-County this financial year. It is much cheaper than using bitumen.

Machine based Roads Maintenance Program

The machine-based roads maintenance program approach was informed by the need to reduce the cost of roads construction. Under the program, the county constructed and maintained 76 kilometers of roads in Financial Year 2021-2022.

Contracted CRF roads

To further expand and maintain the road network within Kisumu County, we constructed and maintained 1,450 km of roads within the county.

WATER

Mr. Speaker Sir, my government has invested heavily on the provision of water and conservation of the environment.

Available figures show that 72% of the total population (**about 172,800 households**) now have clean water.

The department of water has implemented a total of **243** water projects across all the 7 subcounty as follows:

Nyando (60), Seme (45), Nyakach (42), Kisumu West (40), Muhoroni (22), Kisumu East (23) and Kisumu Central 11.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, because water is life, my government has in line with my Manifesto and the CIDP, made the following plans: -

To improve access to water services from 58% to 68% by the year 2022.

- a) To increase water production from 40,000 cubic meters per day to 100, 000 cubic meters per day.
- b) Reduce Non-Revenue water from 45% to 30 %
- c) Increase storage per capita per day from 8 liters to 25 liters per day. All these are nearly achieved in the latest assessments.

Environment, Waste management and Natural Resources

Mr. Speaker Sir, one of our biggest achievements in this sector is the decommissioning of the Kachok dumpsite, which has been an eyesore and an environmental risk. We have now moved the site to Kasese in Ombeyi, where a waste to Energy plant is being constructed.

In addition, we are determined to achieve the following:

- a) Strengthen solid waste management system in Kisumu County by establishing one new waste management facility by 2022
- b) Improve forest and tree cover, beautification of public spaces in county Rural and Urban spaces, and its water towers by 10%. Three tree nurseries were established with 150,000 tree seedlings in Menara, Ogoro and Pap kadundo tree nurseries.
- c) To conserve 1.5km² of degraded land and lakeshores
- d) To strengthen Environmental management.
- e) To control Noise and air pollution by 95%
- f) To support effective and efficient service delivery for Environment and natural resources sector

- g) To strengthen environmental management enforcement of environmental governance processes

Climate Change

We are is working towards increasing communities' resilience to climate change impacts by 95%.

To Strengthen regulatory and policy frameworks on climate change, the directorate has developed and put in place the following: -

The Kisumu Climate Change Act, 2020, the Climate Change Policy,2019, the County Climate Finance Regulations,2021, and County Climate Change Action Plan 2022-2027 among others. We thank you for passing the Bills in this house.

To confirm our commitment to the Climate Change agenda, Kisumu County government is represented at the on-going COP 27 summit in Egypt. The -outgoing CECM for Water, Environment and Climate Change, Mr Salmon Orimba has presented a paper on Waste Management and Climate Change.

EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

In the last financial year 2020/2021, our Pre-Primary Program focused on delivering our mandate through Access to Free, quality and safe ECDE education in pre-primary and TVET institutions.

In the 2020/2021 financial year, the County government constructed 50 new classrooms in all the 35 wards. In addition to this, there are 72 ECDE classrooms whose construction is ongoing.

Kisumu County has 673 ECD centers of which 660 are anchored in primary schools while 13 are stand-alone public ECD centers. The public ECD centers have a total enrolment of 51,408 children in the Seven Sub-counties. We have also planned to do 85 more ECD classrooms spread across the county in the current financial year.

The department of Education, Vocational Training, Innovation and Social Services has achieved the following:

1. Appointment of 665 ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable terms.
2. Child Care development program.
3. Established the Marine Training program where 70 trainees were fully sponsored by the county government.
4. County government doubled the Scholarship and Bursary fund to Kshs 205 million per financial year.

Going forward, the department intends to make all Resource Centres form management committees and generate revenues.

The department also intends to create ECDE centre of excellence per Sub- county. We have opened 5 new Vocational Training Centers (Kandaria, Kochogo, Withur, Obwolo and Kianja), increasing the number of VTCs from 21 to 26.

Enrollment in the VTCs has increased from 3100 to 4000 Trainees since we took office in 2017.

Enrolment Drive for drop out Teen Mothers also shot up after we established Five Childcare Centres where Teen and Young Mothers who desire to acquire skills through various trades, leave babies to be taken care of within the institutions. These are at Akado, Ahero, Obange, Kitambo and Sabako.

WOMEN AND YOUTH

Mr. Speaker Sir, my government has continued to work on policies that promote the interest of women, youth and People with Disabilities.

In the last financial year, we employed Seven Sign Language interpreters who were posted to various departments of the county, including the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral and Kisumu County Hospitals to assist patients with hearing problems.

This initiative has made Kisumu win several awards for its inclusivity in employment policies.

We also initiated and implemented the Women, Youth and PWD Fund, with first beneficiaries getting a total of Kshs 24,260,000 in the 2021/2022 financial year.

LAND, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Physical and Land Use Planning Act,

Mr Speaker Sir, the County Government in pursuant of the Physical Land use Planning Act, has embarked on an ambitious project to prepare Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans to help guide land use and planning as recommended in the Kisumu Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan.

Dunga Beach Waterfront Project

Hon Members, the Dunga Beach Waterfront project is among the initial investments the City of Kisumu has budgeted for and intends to commence implementation.

The overall objective of the consultancy is the preparation of designs for the regeneration of *Dunga Beach Water Front*, to a world class, well planned and designed, commercially viable area while conserving and celebrating the surrounding environment and culture.

We call for your support in this noble project, whose details we shall soon share with your relevant committees.

Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project (KISIP)

Mr. Speaker, Kisumu County is working closely with the National Government of Kenya to alleviate informal settlement challenges through the KISIP initiatives.

The Phase I of the project known as KISIP 1 was successfully implemented in infrastructure development in Obunga, Nyalenda and Manyatta where roads and were tarmacked and sewer lines improved.

We have just successfully negotiated for the KISIP 2 which will extend to Muhoroni.

Affordable Housing

Hon Members, Kisumu County is collaborating with private sector to improve on housing infrastructure in the fairly dilapidated and derelict estates in the City of Kisumu.

The projects are financed by private developer's equity.

Currently, Lapfund is working at an affordable housing project at Makasembo while LAPTRUST has taken over what used to be Anderson Estate. These projects will provide employment opportunities besides giving our people the chances to own houses at affordable rates.

The City

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Kisumu City Board has been working to improve the status of the city in the past Five years.

Some of the projects include:

-Improvement of quality of education through rehabilitation of learning institutions with the support of partners.

Five model schools have been built within the city. These include Angira, Thim Bonde, Got Nyabondo, Rweya and Rota.

The Kisumu Urban Project (KUP) which was originally a 4 year-urban development project (2012-Sep 2016) funded by the French Agency for Development (AFD) has played a key role in the development of the city. We sincerely thank the French government for the good gesture.

The transformation of Kisumu City has positioned it as a business hub of choice. Further, the consultative framework with the people living and doing business in the city has brought us together in collaborative framework to better the development of the city.

I want to thank the private sector who have joined us in the “City beautification and Urban Aesthetics Enhancement” and the “city greening” projects.

Overall Project Achievement results include:

- a) Enhanced quality of education through modern schools infrastructures, increased enrolment in schools, improved performance in exams and increased admissions in the schools.
- b) Improved access to quality services at the social facility for meetings, nurturing local talent in the arts, sports, arts and Culture, community vitality and improvement and protection of recreational parks.
- c) The introduction of Kisumu sustainable mobility plan, especially pedestrian Pathways known as NON-MOTORISED TRANSPORT-NMT.
- d) Access to enhanced trading environment, improved business and livelihoods of the in the market

These projects have brought life to focal places in the city especially the roundabouts. We shall continue engaging the citizenry and the private sector on how best together we can build a sustainable resilient city.

Through the KUP, we have enhanced quality of education through modern schools infrastructures, increased enrolment in schools, improved performance in exams and increased admissions in the schools.

TOURISM

Hon members, we have in the past five years been positioning Kisumu as a big destination for Tourism and Investments.

We have also developed tourism products to diversify the sector for increased income and wealth creation

We have marketed Kisumu as a Conference tourism capital and this has paid off given the number of international conferences we have been hosting here.

Here are some of the highlights of what we have done: -

Formation of Lake Victoria Tourism Association (LVTA) –A body that helps market and promotes Kisumu as a Tourism Destination.

This body will ensure coordinated marketing of tourism products in the Lake Victoria region

The county has organized a number of trainings for tourism stakeholders over the last few years. The training is geared towards empowering the tourism sector players will ensure improvement in service delivery.

Kisumu is now fully marketed as a world Tourism destination .The Department of Tourism has engaged in an aggressive marketing program through social media platforms to ensure visibility and to increase visitor numbers. This has ensured a leap bed occupancy from 40% to 60% in the last 2 years.

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Sports and Culture

My government continue rebrand Kisumu as a sporting County. In the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Financial years, sports gear has been issued to 90% of the wards in preparation for the Sports Talent Scouting that is scheduled to begin in the 2022/23 Financial year.

Next year, In January, Kisumu will be hosting the Inter-County Sports games that brings together all the 47 counties.

The construction of the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium has helped to raise our profile in sports.

I also wish to report that we have developed the Sports Bill which has been submitted to the Assembly is awaiting final approval for implementation.

Africities and the Aftermath

Mr. Speaker Sir, it pleases me to announce that despite the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic – which are still reverberating across the world economies, this period was marked by tremendous economic growth in Kisumu County.

This resilience was exhibited as Kisumu was being prepared to host the 9th edition of Africities Summit – the very first time in its 23-year history that an intermediary city hosted the event.

Twice postponed due to the pandemic, with the world having gone virtual to respond to WHO instituted measures to combat the spread. But our zeal and resoluteness to host an in-person event triumphed. The event took place in Kisumu from 17th to 21st May 2022.

Records show that the 9th Summit in Kisumu was the best attended since the inception of the UCLGA, more than 20 years ago. 11,000 delegates from 100 countries attended.

Of these 53 were from Africa with all UCLGA member associations from the continent attending. Further, the 164 exhibitions also broke the record while the 180 sessions and 8 special sessions demonstrated the highest interest shown for this Summit in it's the history of Africities.

Marked by the highest political presence under the High patronage of H.E Uhuru Kenyatta; the attendance of His Excellency Danny Faure, former President of Seychelles, His Excellency Joachim Chissano, former president of Mozambique, His Excellency Raila Amolo Odinga, Africa Union High Representative for Infrastructure and addressed virtually by John Kerry, the US Secretary of State and the US President Special Envoy on Climate and Lupita Nyong'o, Kenya's Oscars award winner who hails from this County.

The event was also attended by a very strong delegation of the African Union led by African Union Commission Chairman Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat.

The UN Habitat delegation was led by the Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Shariff and addressed by Mrs. Amin Mohammed, the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker Sir, **on** behalf of the people of Kisumu County, I would like to sincerely thank all those who supported, participated in and organized this historic event. You have all put Kisumu on the world map. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to report that on the sidelines of the Summit, UCLG Africa held its General Assembly where I was elected the Vice President of the organization's 14-member states for East Africa.

I was further elected to the Presidency and the Executive committee – the apex organ at the continental level.

At the just concluded UCLG World 7th Congress held in Daejeon, South Korea, I was also elected to the world organization Executive Committee to represent Africa.

These are milestones that continue to position Kisumu on the world map and we don't take such honours for granted.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Africities for us has not just been about such statistics but a life changing milestone for Kisumu and the region at large.

With it came major infrastructure development and other facilitative support that have positioned Kisumu as the next frontier for investments and trade.

The Summit gave us an opportunity to dare to dream and dream big.

We dreamt of a world class convention centre and we got a Kshs 1.6 billion convention centre. Despite the fact that we could not deliver it in time for the Summit, we are committed to deliver it as a land mark that will define Kisumu's skyline for years to come.

We dared to dream for the expansion of Kisumu International Airport. It was done. The airport capacity has now moved to 1 million passengers per year from the initial 500,000 passengers per year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we mobilized 90 hotels in Kisumu which all got accredited by the Tourism Regulatory Authority and now listed as fit to host international guests further cementing our position as the business hub of choice.

Again, it is my pleasure to inform the honourable house that the inaugural meeting with Afreximbank held in Abuja, Nigeria, I was honored with the nomination to chair the committee that is working to deliver this visionary project for Africa.

Further, that from time to time, I will request the Speaker to nominate some members in relevant committees to accompany me to certain committee meetings of the UCLGA as the need will arise.

As we look forward to handing over the Africities flag to the next host city Cairo, which has just signed the hosting agreement on the sidelines of the ongoing COP 27 Conference in Sharm El-Shekh, Egypt, we take pride in our achievements and that Kisumu has become and remains a household name in the global map, not for the wrong reasons but as the "future"!

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is therefore no doubt that the success of Africities summit in Kisumu has put us on the global map and exposed its potential as one the fastest growing intermediary cities in Africa.

ENERGY, BUSINESS ND COOPERATIVES

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the period under review, the department focused on promotion of rural electrification and universal access under its matching fund programme in collaboration with Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC). Seme, Nyakach, Nyando and Muhoroni benefited from this project.

The department enabled a 24-hour economy by providing sustainable and affordable lighting and security to the residents, traders and public facilities of Kisumu County.

Business, Cooperatives and Marketing

Hon Members, to build a sustainable business economy, my government, in collaboration with partners, established at the Kisumu Business Innovation & Incubation Center (KBIIC) at the Rotary center.

The center houses an entrepreneur's incubation and accelerator lab, SME resource and Technology Centre, co-working and innovation platform.

Key beneficiaries will include emerging entrepreneurs, students and fresh graduates from universities, polytechnic and VTCs, artists, fabricators, makers, agriculturalists, researchers, government, academia, development agencies, and the general public.

Further, Hon Members, the County Government of Kisumu recently signed an MOU with Stanbic Bank Kenya Foundation to support entrepreneurs on digitally enabled jobs, capacity building and offering affordable credit facilities to Micro and Small Enterprises.

This access to Finance Program under the arrangement, is targeting the Micro Enterprises specifically women-led and youth-led enterprises that were affected by Covid-19 enabling them to access credit facility at zero interest rate with no collateral required.

This is to boost businesses through capital enhancement. Already Kshs. 5M had been disbursed benefiting 150 businesses. Additional of Kshs. 2.5M has been released that will benefit active groups.

We are also about to launch with the aim of bridging the skills gap of micro and small entrepreneurs, transition the informal enterprises to formal, provide linkages for MSE products to markets as well as enhance opportunities for MSEs to access affordable credit. Target number for the program is 265 persons.

The government is in the process of allocating traders on the streets spaces within the already constructed markets to provide a decent and dignified business environment.

This process will ensure that our traders are not harassed by the harsh weather conditions and they items are secure while enhancing chances of business survival and growth.

Through private and public engagement, the CGK has provided a public space with a plan and standard structure design to the traders at Lower Ojino Okew. The development is on-going and will benefit about 140 traders who were initially conducting their business on top of drainages and along the streets. These traders will then be issued with allocation documents that can be used as collateral to acquire credit facilities within any commercial.

We have also accomplished the following:-

- a) Murraming of Muhoroni market (Muhoroni/ Koru), Kaeli market (Miwani), and Ratta market (North Seme)
 - b) Completion of market sheds in Riat market (Ahero) and Holo market (West Kisumu)
 - c) Construction of toilet in Riat market (Ahero)
1. Maintenance and Rehabilitation (Repairs, painting and drainage work) of Kombewa modern retail market in Central Seme ward.

The department also implemented the following projects to support value addition, wealth and employment creation and promotion of growth of cooperative societies.

1. Completion of Oyani Nyachoda Rice Value Addition
2. Supported the process of establishing Kisumu Dairy Development Centre in Chemelil Ward.

REVENUE AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, we thank the County Assembly for the expeditious manner in which members passed the Kisumu County Revenue Administration (Amendment) bill, 2022.

We are about to conclude the recruitment of members of the Kisumu County Revenue Board as established under the Act.

Experience from other counties has shown that semi-autonomous revenue agencies, if well-resourced and given clear targets, have contributed to significant increases in counties' own source revenues.

This is the direction we're going as a county. In addition to clear targets, the Board is expected to optimize collections in revenue streams that have remained unexploited over the years despite being listed in the Finance Act annually.

Increased own source revenue will, by extension, deal with the challenge of high wage bill since the wage bill is computed as a percentage of the total budget.

In terms of project implementation and ensuring value-for-money, the county government has acquired a new project Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system with the support of the World Bank through the Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP).

Beginning this financial year, all projects will be uploaded in this system for periodic monitoring.

In this regard, I wish to request this Assembly to uphold the commitment made by the previous Assembly on the prioritization of incomplete projects in the budget process before initiation of new projects.

As members will agree, it is better to have several complete projects in use than many incomplete projects that cannot be used by the communities we serve.

Indeed, incomplete projects represent the worst forms of pending bills, because they are pending bills for which there is no commensurate value in service delivery.

Honourable members, It is my hope that together we will resolve the tensions in project identification and selection during the budget process, between the so-called ‘ward-based projects’ and other sectoral projects.

While projects differ in scale and scope, all county government projects are implemented in one of the thirty-five wards.

How then do we quantify budget allocation to the wards without engaging in a blurred distinction of categories or types of projects as being ‘ward-based’ or otherwise?

With proper public participation and elaborate consultations between the executive and the sectoral committees of the Assembly, I am certain we can identify the right projects in each ward without any forms of disjointed budgeting as it appears currently. As regards the County pending bills, again, let me thank this Assembly for approving the budget estimates of the current financial year in which we provided for KES 1.6 billion for payment of pending bills.

I urge you to retain this provision even in supplementary budgets that may be done this year, so that we slay the dragon of pending bills once and for all.

On our part, we have put in place stringent measures to minimize the creation of pending bills from our business processes.

For example, we will blacklist all contractors with poor performance record in contract execution.

Furthermore, we will no longer accept interim or partial payment certificates for projects below KES 5 million. Such projects will have to be completed and paid for at once.

Honourable members, we are doing a lot to improve in operational efficiency and attain high levels of credit rating, as one of the three counties selected for the credit rating project of the World Bank and the Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA).

I am sure you are aware of the reforms we have undertaken in our supply chain function, especially in improvement of human resource capacity in that area.

In my second term, I would like Kisumu County to explore new ways of resource mobilization in the financial markets to finance mega-projects and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

We have to think outside the box as it were, or better still, without any box.

We worked well during my first term in office, but we identified gaps which we must address.

We need to hold frequent meetings between the Assembly and the Executive, more on the budget making cycle.

This will enable us consult in the budget making process. I have directed my officers – both the CECMs and the Chief Officers to arrange frequent meetings with various Assembly committees to discuss emerging issues that may affect service delivery.

Allow me Hon members to inform this house that a report on the assumption of the office of Governor which is a routine exercise after every five years is ready and will be presented to the Assembly in the course of this week.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to sincerely thank Kenyans in diaspora, especially those from Kisumu for their contribution to the development of this County.

From Monday this week, these daughters and sons of Kisumu who live in Great Britain, have been running a free medical camp at Jaralam Hospital. This was a special way of giving back to the society.

Allow me Mr. Speaker Sir, to also thank colleague governors from the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB). We have had a superb collaboration that has unlocked many development initiatives.

I also wish to express sincere gratitude to the Indian Government through the High Commission in Nairobi.

The High Commissioner is in Kisumu since morning to donate a water hyacinth machine, worth 40 million shillings. I can also not forget to thank the Kenya Shipyard Company Ltd and the Kenya Ports Authority for their commitment as development partners. The Kenya Shiprad company is currently building a giant ship- the MV Uhuru 2, which will help spur the Blue economy in the lake region as an addition to MV Uhuru 1 which is already operational in the lake.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have spoken at length to put before this August House, the plans we have for the future. Let us work together to make these aspirations to be realities for our people. We are here to serve the people because the future is more important than the past. Mr. Speaker, I recall when I was a student at the Alliance Boys High School many years ago, the School moto was “strong and to serve”. I still believe in that moto. Again, when I went to Makerere University, the moto was “Profoturo en eficano” which means, we build for the future!! I still believe in that moto. I hope that you can join me in believing the two motos. To build the great County of Kisumu

As for me and my household, we are only focused on one thing this second term – A legacy of development and prosperity for this County. Together, we can achieve this!!

TICH TIRE. I THANK YOU!!

(Applause)

The Governor, Kisumu County (Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o): Mr. Speaker, let me take the opportunity to handover this speech to the owner for debate in the Assembly.

(The Governor hands over the speech to the Leader of Majority for laying)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, please allow me to recognize a number of visitors in the Speaker's Gallery that will go into my communication.

Honourable Members, I want to recognize the presence of our First Lady Madam Dorothy Nyongó.

(Applause)

Let me equally recognize the present of the County Secretary Mr. John Auma.

(Applause)

Let me equally recognize the present of the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Planning, Mr. George Okong'o.

(Applause)

The County Executive Committee Member for Education Mr. John Awiti.

(Applause)

The County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport and Public Works Madam Farida Salim Ahmed.

(Applause)

The County Executive Committee Member for Health Dr. Gregory Ganda.

(Applause)

The County Attorney Mr. Idris Omondi.

(Applause)

The City Manager, Mr. Abala Wanga.

(Applause)

The Chief Director Protocol Mr. Bob Madanji.

(Applause)

The County Public Service Board Secretary Mr. Hesborn Hongo.

(Applause)

Honourable Members, I have noticed that Hon. Macobewa is here in the House.

(Applause)

Honourable Members, I have noticed Hon. Adul Mang”ang”a is also in the House. “Mach otho e nyoyo”

(Laughters)

(Applause)

Our Communication Director Mr. John Oywa.

(Applause)

The Director of Inspectorate Mr. John Kabong” is also here with us.

(Applause)

Honourable Member, consequently, I want to take this time to recognize the presence of all the Media Houses which is the Fourth Estate. Please feel welcome.

Honourable Members, you can see that on my left we have the Deputy Governor Kisumu County Dr. Mathews Owili.

Honourable Members, that marks the end of the Governor’s Speech and I want to call upon the Clerk to take us to the next order!!

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, next order!!

PAPER LAID

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 22 (4), I wish to table today Tuesday,

15th November, 2022 the Governor's State of the County Address to the Third Assembly. Thank you.

(Leader of Majority lays the Governor's Speech for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the Speech by the Governor Kisumu County, His Excellency Professor Peter Anyang; Nyongó to the Third County Assembly delivered today Tuesday, 15th November, 2022 as laid by the Leader of Majority. I want to direct that the House Business Committee considers this report for purposes of scheduling it for debate for utmost four sittings from the date of adjournment of this sitting.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, next order!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to give a Notice of Motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 22 (5), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor, Kisumu County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday, 15th November, 2022 at 09:00 a.m. Thank you.

(The House rose at 04:25 p.m.)

Addendum

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