



A section of staff pose for a photo with the newly recruited team during their orientation into the Assembly on 2/3/2026.

KEY MILESTONE AS KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Kisumu County Assembly has made a significant milestone in its workforce as it welcomes on board new staff.

The more than 30 new staff have been inducted into service after a competitive recruitment exercise conducted by the County Assembly Service Board. The new team brings on board various skills, experience, and fresh perspectives that will assist the County Assembly to achieve its core mandate of legislation, representation and oversight.

The officers are expected to fill the gaps that existed in various directorates and contribute to the overall success of the County Assembly. Clerk of the Assembly Mr. Owen Ojuok who is also the Secretary of the County Assembly Services Board has welcomed the new staff and urged

them to remain hardworking, innovative and professional.

Below is the message by the Clerk, welcoming the new members of staff to the County Assembly:

"We are delighted to have you join us as part of a dedicated group committed to serving our county with integrity, professionalism, and excellence. We congratulate you on your success during the recruitment exercise and welcome you to the County Assembly of Kisumu.

As you begin this new journey, we encourage you to embrace collaboration, uphold the values of public service, and continuously seek growth and innovation in your work. We are confident that you will play an important role in advancing our shared goals and enable

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the Assembly to achieve its goals.

You have all been taken through a routine orientation and have also been properly inducted into service. I am therefore confident that you are now fit for purpose. Remember, your contributions matter, and together, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of the people we serve.

On behalf of the entire County Assembly Services Board, the County Assembly leadership, Hon. Members and staff, I warmly welcome you on board and wish you success in your new role."



*Owen Ojuok
Clerk of the Assembly*

ASSEMBLY CONDUCTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (FY2026 - 2027)

The County Assembly of Kisumu has conducted public participation to collect views from members of the public and stakeholders on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2026/2027.

The exercise provided stakeholders, residents, development partners, civil society and private sectors with an opportunity to share their views on the county's development priorities and the proposed allocation of resources across key sectors in the next financial year.

The CFSP 2026 outlines the county's broad strategic priorities and policy goals that dictate the budget preparation for the FY 2026/2027.

Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Joachim Oketch highlighted the importance of public participation on the proposed legislative



Pst. David Ochieng (Staff) takes residents of North Nyakach Ward through the CPSP 26/27 during public participation held at Kowire Parish on 24.3.2026

document, noting that as a key part of the budgeting process, it allows residents to contribute to decisions that affect development in the county. He encouraged participants to present constructive views that will help guide the committee in aligning the county's priorities with the needs of the people.

"Public input is a critical component in shaping resource allocation and ensuring transparency in governance. The hearing is part of the Assembly's broader mandate to involve citizens in decision-making processes, particularly on matters that directly affect development planning and service delivery across Kisumu County," he said.

In the CFSP, the projected total budget for the next financial year is Ksh12,408,199,344 comprising of personnel Emoluments, Operations & Maintenance and Development expenditure.

The personnel emoluments proposed budget amounting to Ksh5,548,779,614 represents 45 per cent of the total proposed budget. Accordingly, operations & maintenance and developments budgets are projected at Ksh3,117,361,028 and Ksh3,742,058,903 respectively.

The committee will review all the views and submissions collected during the public participation exercise in all the 35 wards of Kisumu County and incorporate them into its report for consideration by the County Assembly. **(By Macreen Lajah)**

WHY DWINDLING OWN-SOURCE REVENUE IS A GROWING CONCERN TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY



Kisumu Ad Hoc Committee on OSR pose for a photo with senior officials from Kiambu County Government during their benchmarking visit to the County.

The County Assembly of Kisumu has now established an Ad Hoc Committee to look into the dwindling own-source revenue in Kisumu County.

Fearing the significant implications of low revenue collections on the county's development agenda, the Committee is mandated to establish why the County cannot realize its own-source revenue targets and recommend to the House necessary actions to change the state of affairs.

In the FY 2025/ 2026, for instance, Kisumu County collected Ksh2.4 billion against a revenue target of Ksh3.6 billion. In contrast, Kiambu County, for example, collected Ksh5.4 billion in own-source revenue during the same period.

" We have benchmarked with

Kiambu County and our observation is that we need to be deliberate on revenue administration as a County and seal all the leakages," said Hon. James Omollo, who is a member of the Committee.

Deputy Leader of Majority Hon. Lumumba Owade who is the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee says the team is ready to go all lengths to improve the situation.

"If not addressed, this trend may widen development gaps, increase public dissatisfaction, and constrain the County's overall economic potential," he observed.

"It is imperative for the County leadership to strengthen revenue collection systems, seal leakages, broaden the local revenue base, and enhance transparency and accountability to restore financial stability and support sustain-

able development," says Hon. Millicent Omuya who is the Vice Chairperson of the Committee. Failure to meet the on-source revenue targets limits the County's fiscal autonomy, increasing reliance on external transfers that may be delayed, conditional, or insufficient, hence impeding key development initiatives.

Moreover, it undermines the County's capacity to invest in long-term growth, discourage private sector confidence, and weaken service delivery to the residents.

The Ad Hoc Committee has 60 days to report its findings to the House. **(By Dennis Ogola)**



A section of the Ad Hoc Committee members following a presentation by the Kiambu Revenue team during their benchmarking tour.



Hon. Members and Technical staff of the Ad Hoc Committee pose for a photo in front of Kiambu Governor's office

ASSEMBLY ROOTS FOR ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDP DURING COURTESY VISIT

Kisumu County Assembly has rooted for enhanced partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to promote public participation and civic education.

UNDP officials visited the County Assembly early March to pay a courtesy call and to evaluate collaborative engagements between the County Assembly and UNDP's partner Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

The visitors held a discussion with the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro, Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok and a section of Committee Chairpersons on how to enhance the collaborative engagements.

The County Assembly's work is guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and public participation as anchored in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the framework of Devolution in Kenya.

The civil society organizations have played a vital role amplifying the voices of citizens, promoting civic education, and supporting meaningful public participation in the legislative process.

The County Assembly values this partnership because it contributes to better legislation, stronger oversight, and improved service delivery.

The Assembly remains committed to open dialogue, structured engagement, and collaborative initiatives that enhance public participation and accountability. **(By Daizy Atieno)**



Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro (Centre) poses for a photo with UNDP officials and Chairs of Committees benefiting from UNDP partnership.

Working with various House Committees, the CSOs have partnered with the Assembly in the development of Kisumu County Gender & Equity Bill 2023 and to conduct public participation on Kisumu County Gender Mainstreaming Bill.

In addition, they have worked with Gender & Health Committees of the County Assembly on establishment of GBV Centres in sub-county hospitals in all the 7 sub-counties of Kisumu County.



Consultative meeting between County Assembly & UNDP at the Speaker's office.



ODM CONSULTATIVE MEETING



Hon. Members of Kisumu County Assembly led by Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro, Majority Leader Hon. Kennedy Ooko and Majority Whip Hon. Seth Ochieng participate in a recent ODM consultative meeting held at Tom Mboya Labour College.

HOUSE DEMANDS ACTION OVER RIVER POLLUTION BY KEDA CERAMICS



Hon. Fredrick Odari
(Chemelil - Tamu Ward)

Kisumu County Assembly has summoned the management of KEDA Ceramics Ltd over alleged pollution of River Oroba and Nyakoko stream in Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County.

This follows a report by the Committee of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change - adopted by the House on Thursday 19th March, 2026 - which detailed how the company, despite having initial compliance documents, relies on an undersized septic system that frequently overflows, discharging untreated industrial waste into the water bodies.

“Evidence of inadequate wastewater management inspection findings revealed that KEDA relied on a septic tank system

that was undersized and inadequate. The system frequently overflowed, resulting in discharge of untreated or partially treated effluent into River Oroba and Nyakoko Stream. This demonstrates poor infrastructure planning and failure to match waste systems with production capacity,” read the report, which presented by the Committee Chairperson and North Ward MCA Hon. Samuel.

Nominated MCA Hon. Peter Obaso, while seconding the motion on adoption of the report, observed that the company denied entry to Hon. Members of the Committee during an inspection visit on July 23, 2025, pointing to a possible cover-up.

The House resolved to invite the management of Keda Ceramics and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to appear before the General Oversight Committee within 14 days to provide a detailed report on the pollution, outline immediate mitigation measures, and present a clear remediation plan for the river.

The report was a response to a Statement sought by Chemelil/Tamu MCA Hon. Fredrick Odari to the Committee of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change regarding alleged pollution of the two water bodies by the industry’s facility in Miwani, Kisumu

County.

According to Hon. Odari, residents have gathered evidence to prove the allegation.

“Water samples and independent tests conducted by environmental experts have confirmed the presence of contamination originating from the company’s operations,” he observed.

The effluent, he says, poses an immediate and long-term threat to public health, food security, water safety, the livelihood of farmers and fishermen and the community’s cultural and traditional practices linked with the water bodies.

He therefore sought to know whether the company intends to engage with and compensate affected local communities ‘whose water access, economic activities and environmental rights have been compromised by its operations and environmental management measures it has undertaken in response to the challenge. **(By Daisy Atieno)**

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