

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 6th March, 2019

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:30 A.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya) in the chair

PRAYER

NOTICES OF MOTION

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon Ismail ZamZam): Hon Madam Speaker, I beg to give the following notice of motion; Aware that Article 42 of the constitution of Kenya accords every person the right to clean and healthy environment. The Article 69 Clause 1(d), mandates the State to encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment. Further aware that, 75% of land masses in Samburu County is classified as low potential rangeland and only 7% is medium to high potential land that is sustainable for agriculture.

Concerned that deforestation is one of the main contributors to climate change; noting that Kenya and by extension Samburu County has not been spared by the effects of global warming, climate change and as a result of deforestation among others;

Deeply concerned that this has adversely affected the agricultural sector which is considered as the backbone of the county economy and has also led to unreliable and erratic, inadequate rainfalls, re-occurring and more prolonged droughts, increasingly high temperatures and decline in water levels in boreholes, wells and springs across the county;

Cognizant of the fact that continual loss of forest cover is likely to affect the watershed ecosystem that represents one of the most important roles of the forest eco-system because such areas normally act as hydrological powerhouse due to the ability to intercept rainfall and supply of water to urban and rural communities;

Aware that deforestation as a critical watershed eco-system has been attributed to cause insignificant changes in the magnitude of and reasonability of water discharge in springs, streams and rivers; Further aware that the rapid expansion of Maralal town and other urban towns within Samburu County is likely to affect forest cover, especially Kirisia Forest and the forest around Wamba town.

Therefore, this House urges the County Government of Samburu to introduce compulsory tree-planting program in all urban areas and households within and around these towns. There should

be a minimum of four trees in every urban plot and a minimum of twelve trees in every rural homestead, ECDs and health centers to be encouraged to plant a minimum of fifty trees. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon Lanyasunya Stephanie): Thank you hon. ZamZam. Honorable Members, the time being five minutes past ten o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly is now adjourned until Wednesday 6th March, 2019 at 2:30 pm.