

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 13th October, 2022

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 8:00 a.m.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred) in the Chair

PRAYER

(Religious Leaders praying in the order of: Traditional, Christian and Islamic)

CONVOCATION

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees): Hon. Members, Standing Orders No. 20 of the County Assembly requires the Governor to address the opening of each newly elected County Assembly.

Accordingly, Pursuant to County Assembly of Samburu Standing Orders No. 13 (1) a *gazette* notice No. 12430 which was published in a special issue of the Kenya Gazette on 11th October, 2022. I gave notice of this sitting to all Members of the County Assembly, this sitting is therefore properly convened.

Hon. Members, I wish to thank and welcome the Members of the public who are seated with us today. I can see the County Commissioner is here, County Police Commandant, others from the National Government, other dignitaries present, Bishop Pante and other religious leaders.

Hon. Members, it is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency Governor of Samburu County to address the newly Third Elected Assembly, thank you.

(His Excellency the Governor taking the podium)

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR SAMBURU COUNTY.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished members, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen. Today marks my first inaugural address to the Third Assembly of Samburu County.

Let me begin with congratulations to the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker and to all Members for a well-deserved win to this Honourable House.

With a huge task ahead of us, a task to fulfill the varied aspirations and hopes of people, I am confident that this House will remain focused on its Constitutional mandate of legislation, oversight and representation.

Hon. Members, the promise of my leadership to the leadership of this House is to work with all of you and across all party lines. With the political season well behind us, ahead lies a unique opportunity that calls for impeccable leadership to better prosper the lives of our people.

We must rise above the undoing of our predecessors, regrettably while an advisory to all Counties recommended a minimum of 2% Budget to emergency response, the previous administration in its wisdom or lack of it allocated only 0.4% or a mere Kshs. 25 million for emergency response.

Hon. Members, as we are gathered here today, our County is facing an extraordinary drought situation never seen in fifty years. It calls upon all Members seated in this Chamber to approve budgetary provisions geared towards safeguarding our citizens from the ravages of the current drought.

We have a moral duty to re-engineer our budget to accommodate the current drought response measures. In that regard, I have put down draft proposals to reallocate funds from some of our development projects to the very dire needs of the current drought situation. In days ahead, those proposals will be transmitted to this Honourable House for consideration and approval.

To further strengthen our on-going peace efforts in Samburu North, I will submit a budgetary proposal to fund specific programmes and projects that will go a long way to foster lasting peace among communities in the North. Some of those proposals include the construction of Sikira, Marti and Lkotikal Fortified Rangers' camps.

Distinguished Members, we must reclaim the first glory of Samburu National Reserve and we must also take measures to reform health care. As we are all aware, I have recently commissioned three task forces to advice on the ways and means of reviving Samburu National Reserve, streamlining our health care system and auditing our pending bills. Additionally, our health care system must be brought back to its feet as we envisioned to live in a County with a quality standard of life.

In the last few weeks, in line with relevant Constitutional provisions, I have recently nominated a number of highly qualified members of our society as County Executive Members (CECM) in

our various Departments. The nominated Members now await the subsequent vetting by this House and hopeful approval by the County Assembly of Samburu.

Finally, I convey my best wishes as you settle down in service to our people. You have a good day and thank you for listening to me, God bless Samburu County.

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees): Hon. Members, I wish to thank His Excellency the Governor for the address to the County Assembly and the County at large.

It's now my singular honour to invite His Excellency the Governor, all Hon. Members, County Executive Committee Members (CECM) and all invited guests to lunch at Limon Ranch hereafter at one O'clock.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Hon. Members, the time being twenty minutes to ten o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday, 13th October, 2022 at 2:30 pm.