

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th April, 2025

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Papers

PAPERS

Tabling of the reports

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to table the following reports:-

1. Report of the Assembly Procedures and Rules Committee on its consideration of the draft of the amended Standing Orders and Speaker's rules.

Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion

NOTICES OF MOTION

*APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES
AND RULES COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE DRAFT OF THE AMENDED
STANDING ORDERS AND SPEAKER'S RULES/ORDERS*

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, kutoa taarifa ya hoja ifuatayo kwa mujibu wa kanuni ya kudumu ya 57(1):-

KWAMBA, kwa kuzingatia masharti ya Katiba ya Kenya, sheria ya Serikali za Kaunti nambari 17 ya mwaka 2012; na kanuni za kudumu za Bunge la Kaunti nambari 193, Bunge hili lipokee na kuidhinisha ripoti ya kamati teule ya taratibu na kanuni za Bunge la Kaunti kuhusu uchambuzi wa rasimu ya marekebisho ya kanuni za kudumu na kanuni za Spika wa Bunge, iliyowasilishwa mezani mwa Bunge Jumanne tarehe 7 Aprili 2026.

Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS*UTILIZATION OF FUND FOR PURCHASE OF FISHING EQUIPMENT AND EXCLUSION OF
LAKE KENYATTA FISHERMEN*

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the County Government has in each financial year since 2022/23 appropriated funds under the relevant Department for the purchase and distribution of fishing equipment and gear to support and empowered fishermen across the County.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, such interventions are intended to enhance livelihoods, promote sustainable fishing practices and improve the economic well-being of fishing communities and despite these allocations, fishermen from Lake Kenyatta have consistently not benefited from the said program.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the continued exclusion of Lake Kenyatta fishermen undermines equity, fairness and inclusive development as envisaged under Article 10 and Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya.

I therefore seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Fisheries and Blue Economy on the following:-

1. Utilization of Funds:

A detailed report on how funds allocated for the purchase of fishing equipment and gear from the Financial Year 2022/23 to date have been utilized, including budgeted amounts versus actual expenditures.

2. Beneficiaries:

A comprehensive list of all beneficiaries of the fishing equipment and gears program for the above mentioned period, indicating their respective locations.

3. Criteria for Distribution:

The criteria and process used in identifying and selecting beneficiaries across the County.

4. Exclusion of Lake Kenyatta Fishermen:

Reasons why fishermen from Lake Kenyatta have not been included as beneficiaries despite the existence of active fishing activities in the area.

5. Equitable Distribution Measures:

Specific measures the County Executive is putting in place to ensure that fishermen from Lake Kenyatta are included and equitably benefit from future distributions.

6. Future Allocation and Timeline:

A clear plan and timeline for the inclusion of Lake Kenyatta fishermen in the next phase of distribution.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is imperative that public resources should be utilized transparently and equitably to benefit all deserving communities within the County.

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other Member from the relevant Departmental Committee.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdurahman (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, am requesting to be given two weeks.

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Gakonga, are you satisfied with two weeks?

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (*Bahari*): Yes, I am satisfied Mr Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 8th April 2026 at 10:30am.

The Assembly rose at 3:30p.m.