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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU

THIRD ASSEMBLY - (FIFTH SESSION)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

AFTERNOON SITTING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 AT 2:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petition
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion (*See Appendix*)
7. Statements (*See Appendix*)
8. **MOTION:COCONUT VALUE ADDITION IN LAMU COUNTY**

Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT AWARE THAT, agriculture remains a key pillar of Lamu County's economy, with coconut farming being one of the major agricultural activities practiced by residents across various wards in Lamu County;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Lamu County has long been known for its rich coconut heritage, yet this resource has not translated into substantial economic empowerment for our people. Most farmers sell raw coconuts at low prices to middlemen, denying them the benefits that accrue from processed products;

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COGNIZANT THAT, despite Lamu County being richly endowed with coconut plantations and favorable climatic conditions for coconut production, the full economic potential of the coconut sector remains largely underutilized due to limited processing facilities, inadequate value addition mechanisms, poor market linkages, and lack of modern production technologies;

NOTING THAT, value addition through processing of coconuts into products such as coconut oil, virgin oil, coconut flour, coconut milk, desiccated coconut, activated charcoal briquettes, mats, ropes, handicrafts, cosmetics and animal feed would significantly increase farmers' incomes, create employment opportunities for youth and women, enhance local industrialization and expand revenue generation for the County;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, investment in coconut value chains aligns with the County Integrated Development Plan and the national agenda on agricultural transformation and food security.

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive **Coconut Value Addition and Commercialization Policy** for Lamu County;
2. Establish coconut processing and value addition centers strategically across coconut-producing wards in the County;
3. Facilitate training and capacity building for coconut farmers, cooperatives, youth groups and women groups on modern coconut farming, processing and entrepreneurship;
4. Promote formation and strengthening of coconut farmers' cooperatives for collective marketing and access to financing;
5. Partner with relevant national government agencies, private investors and development partners to attract investment in coconut processing industries within Lamu County; and

If properly harnessed, coconut value addition can transform livelihoods, reduce unemployment, empower local communities and position Lamu as a leading coconut processing hub in Kenya.

(Hon Amina Bwanamkuu)

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1. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

SUBJECT: SIMSIM VALUE ADDITION IN LAMU COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion pursuant to Standing order 57 (1):-

THAT AWARE THAT, agriculture remains a key pillar of Lamu County's economy with simsim (sesame) farming which is increasingly becoming an important cash crop among farmers in **Lamu County**.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, simsim has high nutritional and economic value, and can be processed into products such as sesame oil, tahini, simsim paste, confectioneries, and animal feed;

CONCERNED THAT, farmers in the County predominantly sell raw simsim at low prices due to lack of local processing facilities, inadequate technical knowledge on value addition, limited market linkages, and insufficient financial support;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, value addition enhances product quality, increases market competitiveness, creates employment opportunities, improves farmers' incomes, and promotes agro-industrial development;

Now therefore, this Assembly resolves that the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security:

1. Establish simsim processing and value addition centers in key agricultural zones within **Lamu County**;
2. Develop and implement a County Simsim Development Strategy to support production, processing, value addition and marketing;
3. Facilitate capacity-building programs for farmers, cooperatives, youth and women groups on simsim processing, quality control, packaging and branding;
4. Provide financial and technical support, including access to affordable credit and modern processing equipment;
5. Promote partnerships with private sector players, cooperatives, and development partners to invest in simsim value addition and market expansion locally and internationally;
6. Support the formation and strengthening of farmers cooperatives to enhance collective marketing and bargaining power.

Mr. Speaker Sir, investing in simsim value addition will significantly uplift the livelihoods of our farmers, create jobs for our youth, and enhance revenue generation within **Lamu County**.

(Hon. Aisha Ali Abdulrahan)

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STATEMENTS

STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED

1. The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing will respond to a statement raised by Member for Faza Ward MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar on matters pertaining Kizingitini Landing Site.
2. The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing will respond to a statement raised by Nominated Member MCA Fahd Dini Adnan regarding stalled 'Mai Mekoni' project.

Denotes of the day

ADJOURNMENT NOTICE

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, THERE BEING NO ANY OTHER BUSINESS,
THIS HOUSE STANDS ADJOURNED UTILL WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY 2026 AT
10.30AM.