

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday 1st July, 2026

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

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

PRAYERS

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN LAMU
COUNTY

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

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

AWARE THAT Article 55 of the Constitution requires the State to take measures to ensure that the youth access relevant trainings, employment opportunities and are encouraged to participate in social, economic, and political life;

COGNIZANT THAT Lamu County is home to a vibrant and diverse population of young people with demonstrated talent in music, dance, drama, visual arts, sports, fashion and creative crafts rooted in the rich heritage of the region;

NOTING WITH CONCERN that despite this abundance of talent, the County lacks dedicated, well-equipped facilities where young people can train, rehearse, showcase, and refine their skills, forcing many to either abandon their pursuits or seek opportunities outside the County;

FURTHER NOTING that unemployment and idleness among the youth in Lamu County have contributed to negative social outcomes, including substance abuse, radicalization, and early school dropout, and that structured talent development offers a constructive alternative that builds confidence, discipline, and livelihoods;

NOW THEREFORE, this House resolves that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services:

1. Develops a comprehensive policy and implementation framework for the establishment of at least one talent centre in each of the County's sub-counties (Lamu East, Lamu West, and Lamu Central clusters as appropriate), to be scaled up progressively to ward level;
2. Ensures that each talent centre is equipped with appropriate infrastructure for music and recording, dance and drama rehearsal space, sports training, visual and creative arts, and exhibition or showcase areas;
3. Develops a sustainable staffing and mentorship model, partnering with established artists, coaches, and cultural practitioners within Lamu County to train and mentor young talents;
4. Establishes linkages between the talent centres and existing national bodies such as the Kenya National Sports Fund, Kenya Cultural Centre, Huduma Kenya talent programmes and relevant creative economy initiatives to facilitate funding, exposure and market access for County talents.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir just as the motion has said, Lamu County has a lot of young people whom are very talented. And from where I come from in Bahari Ward we also have talented youths whom have their own Organization called "Spread of Lamu". In that Organization they normally do drama, perform skills and some of them run tiktok episodes. If we could have a "Talent Development Centre in our County which will help them to develop their talents and also create job opportunities for themselves.

According to our Constitution Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is the mandate of the County Government to take care of the youths in our County. so I urge all Honorable Members whom are present today to support this motion in order to protect the lives of young people in our society.

Secunder

MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa fursa ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. kusema kweli vijana wenzangu wako na talanta tofauti, kwa hivyo kuweko kwa vituo hivi Bwana Naibu Spika kutawawezesha vijana hawa kupata ajira kwa urahisi na hata kujiepusha na utumizi mbaya wa mihadharati.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii ili niweze kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. Hoja hii italeta manufaa kwa vijana wenzangu walioko Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu kama tujuavyo vijana wengi wana vipaji vya kutosha lakini hawana vituo maalum vya kufanyia mazoezi talanta zao. Jambo lengine umaskini utaweza kupunguwa kwa kiasi kikubwa iwapo kutafunguliwa vituo hivyo ambavyo vijana wengi wataweza kupata ajira. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar (Faza): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, pia mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja ilioko mbele yetu kwa sababu ni wazo zuri sana. Ni kweli iwapo tutakuwa na sehemu ambazo vijana wetu wataweza kwenda kufanya mazoezi ya zile talanta walizonazo. Kwa hivyo ningependa kuwahimiza Waheshimiwa wenzangu wauunge mkono mswada huu ili waweze kusonga mbele kiuchumi na kimaendeleo.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika, pili ningependa kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku kwa kuileta hoja hii hapa Bungeni. Kusema kweli hili ni wazo zuri sana kwa sababu vipaji vinatoka kwa Mwenyezi Mungu na tukiangalia katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu vijana wengi wana vipaji vingi sana lakini hawana watu wa kuwaendeleza vipaji vyao. Kwa hivyo iwapo Serikali ya Kaunti itaweza kujitolea kuwajengea vijana hao sehemu maalum ya kujiendeleza talanta zao basi wataweza kujikimu kimaisha na hata kujiepusha na utumizi mbaya wa mihadharati. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Mercy Wangeci (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to support the motion, with the establishment of talent development centres it will help our youths to get professional coaching. And they will also have opportunities to participate in National and Inter-national competitions which will be a good opportunity for them and it will also reduce unemployment, crime and drug abuse.

Mover's Response

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa waliochangia hoja niliyoleta mbele ya Bunge hili. Kiukweli wamesema mengi na yote ambayo wameyasema ni ya ukweli na nimeona wanaijali sana Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu na wanavijali vizazi vya saa hii na vitakavyokuja. Pia namalizia kwa kuishukuru Ofisi yako kwa kuikubali hoja yangu kuingia ndani ya Bunge hili.

(Question put and agreed upon)

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 2nd July 2026 at 2:30pm

The Assembly rose at 3:30 p.m.

