

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third Assembly - First Session

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Tuesday, 27th September, 2022

OPENING OF A NEW SESSION

*The County Assembly met at forty five minutes past Two o'clock
at County Assembly Building on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022*

ARRIVAL OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

*[Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti) escorted by the
Senator of Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu) and the
Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kisuya) and accompanied by the Mace of the County Assembly
entered the Chamber at forty five minutes past Two o'clock]*

[Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti) took the Chair]

(The Mace of the County Assembly was placed on the Table)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Your Excellency Hon. Wavinya Ndeti, the Governor of Machakos County, Hon. Senator Agnes Kavindu, The Hon Deputy Governor, Hon. Francis Mwangangi, Hon Members of this Assembly, Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. Welcome all to the official opening of the Third Assembly. I have the following communication to make.

CONVOCATION AND GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon Members, Standing Order 13(1) provides that immediately after taking and subscribing to the Oath or Affirmation of Office under Standing Order 12 (Swearing in of the Speaker), the Speaker shall notify the Members of the place, date and time of the opening of the Assembly.

Further, Standing Order 13(3) provides that the business to be transacted in the next sitting shall be the address of the Assembly by the Governor, Senator and other visiting dignitaries. Pursuant to these Standing Orders, Hon Members, you do recall that on 20th September, 2022, I adjourned the House to reconvene today on 27th September, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

Accordingly and pursuant to Standing Order 17(1), Her Excellency Hon. Wavinya Ndeti, the Governor of Machakos County is here with us this afternoon to address the opening of the new Assembly. Hon Members, Standing Order 20(3) provides that when delivering an address to the

Assembly, the Governor shall be heard in silence and the address shall not be followed by any comments or question. Hon. Members, before I invite Her Excellency, the Governor to address the Assembly, I have a further communication to make regarding Assembly leadership.

THIRD ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 15(8), the Speaker has received communication from the Wiper Democratic Party dated 26th September, 2022 on the Leadership of the Majority Party. The Communication and the minutes of the Majority Party resolutions meet the threshold set out in our Standing Orders.

Hon. Members, the Leadership of the Majority Party is as follows:

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| (i) | Hon. Nicholas Kitavi Nzioka | - Majority Leader |
| (ii) | Hon. Lucky Raphael Nzau | - Majority Whip |
| (iii) | Hon. Jackson Wambua Ndaka | - Deputy Majority Leader |
| (iv) | Hon. Dee Mutisya Kivuva | - Deputy Majority Whip |

Further pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 16(8), the Speaker has received communication from the Maendeleo Chap Chap Party dated 26th September, 2022 on the leadership of the Minority Party. The communication and the minutes of the Minority Party resolutions meet the threshold set out in our Standing Orders.

Hon. Members, the Leadership of the Minority Party is as follows;

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| (i) | Hon. Judas Mbili Ndawa | - Minority Leader |
| (ii) | Hon. Everlyne Ndunge Nzeki | - Minority Whip |
| (iii) | Hon. Francis Kavyu | - Deputy Minority Leader |
| (iv) | Hon. Gideon Saul Kavuu | - Deputy Minority Whip |

Further, Section 12(3) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides for the membership of the County Assembly Service Board to include:

- (a) The Speaker of the County Assembly, as the Chairperson;
- (b) A Vice-Chairperson elected by the Board from the members appointed under paragraph (c);
- (c) Two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly; and
- (d) One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not members of the County Assembly.

Hon. Members, the Speaker has also received communication from the Majority and Minority Parties nominating the following Hon. Members to the County Assembly Service Board pursuant to Section 12(3) (c) of the County Governments Act:

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| (i) | Hon. Felix Mutunga Ngui | - Majority Party representative. |
| (ii) | Hon. Johana Munyao | - Minority Party representative. |

I take this opportunity to wish all the above leaders the best as they serve in the various positions that they have been elected to.

Hon Members, I now invite Her Excellency the Governor to address the Assembly. Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Applause)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti): Madam Speaker, Hon. Members of the County Assembly, Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to address the County Assembly during its inaugural sitting following the general elections held on 9th August, 2022. I would like to start by thanking the Almighty God for the gift of life and for giving us this chance to serve His people in the great County of Machakos. After the swearing in and induction of the Members of County Assembly, this Hon. Assembly therefore officially commences its business today in its historic role as the Third Assembly of Machakos County.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, I once again wish to congratulate the honourable members of this House for their successful campaigns.

(Applause)

Some were re-elected while others were elected or nominated for the first time. Your election as members of the County Assembly reflects the huge trust the people of Machakos County have in your leadership.

Similarly, it is my great pleasure to convey my congratulations to Hon. Ann Kiusya on her well-deserved election as Speaker of Machakos County Assembly. I am confident that you, together with members of this County Assembly, will remain focused on promoting the development agenda that the people of Machakos so desperately need.

(Applause)

The people of this great County also deserve commendation for effectively exercising their constitutional obligation through the electoral process, to have their voices heard loud and clear. In my inauguration speech as the new Governor of Machakos County, I emphasized the need for leaders to put aside differences that are based on party affiliations and unite for the sake of developing our great County.

Madam Speaker, I made several promises, just like the Members of County Assembly did during the campaign period. It is time to actualize what we promised in order to achieve the Machakos we envisioned. I will endeavour to work with all of you honourable members irrespective of your political party affiliations. We have a chance to audit and streamline all our manifestos to develop a solid County Integrated Development Plan for 2022-2027.

Madam Speaker, further to establishing the County assemblies, the Constitution vests the legislative authority of the County on the County Assembly. I count on you Honourable members to make laws that will enable the County Government of Machakos to perform effectively in its service to the people of Machakos County.

This House is expected to work with the Executive Arm of the County Government that comprises my office, that of my Deputy and the County Executive Committee (CEC). I shall shortly be forwarding to this Assembly the names of men and women that I have nominated as County Executive Committee Members for your approval. I request this honourable Assembly members to fast track your legislative role of approving the names to enable the government to be fully constituted for effective delivery of services to the people of Machakos County.

The advertisement for the positions of County Chief Officers has already been put out in the dailies. I shall be forwarding to this Honourable Assembly the names of the successful persons as shall be forwarded to me by the County Public Service Board. In that regard, I shall also be requesting this Honourable Assembly in exercising their legislative authority, to hasten their approvals when the names will be presented.

I have also formed the following taskforces to undertake various tasks:

- (a) The pending bills verification and audit taskforce;
- (b) The County Government land and Houses Verification Taskforce; and
- (c) The County Vehicle Inspection and Audit Taskforce.

Each of the above has been given firm and specific terms of reference. They each have one month within which to deliver on their respective assignments. We need to know where we are in terms of pending bills, government land, houses and County vehicles and also our human resource.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, my vision for the people of Machakos is anchored on a Three-Pillar Promise:

- Food Security;
- Socio-Economic Empowerment; and
- Infrastructure Development.

Each of us here represents wananchi from different wards in Machakos County. Although some of the challenges and needs could be unique and specific to these specific regions, our united resolve to develop Machakos should guide us in formulating policies that reflect that deep understanding of the needs of our people and our determination to solve them.

Failing to plan is planning to fail, Madam Speaker. Even as I gear up to forming my County Executive Committee (CEC) in the coming days, I have been laying a strong foundation for the Executive. Since my inauguration, I have engaged with all the Departments and done an analysis on where we are as a County. The feedback received has enabled me reinforce the Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) that I am working towards achieving within my first 100 days in office. I must commend the great team of County employees and supervisors whom I have personally met directly and through the various teams I have initiated in the evaluation process.

Madam Speaker, it gives me pleasure to report that I have already identified some priority areas and projects that have immediate relevance and impact on the lives of the ordinary citizen in our County. I have already started executing that Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI) and I must appreciate the support I have received from the Honorable members of this assembly when I meet them their areas of jurisdiction during my tours.

(Applause)

Although I cannot mention them all, allow me Madam Speaker to mention some of the plans I have for the County as well my RRI that I would like to have actualized by the end of this year.

Water

Madam Speaker, one of the key areas my administration will focus on is the issue of water scarcity. I have already met various players in the water sector in the County, Nationally and Globally and will soon be sharing a comprehensive plan on how together with the members of this Assembly we will deal with perennial water challenges in the County once and for all.

(Applause)

On the issue of water, my administration intends to achieve the following in the next 100 days:

- We are already on the process of de-silting 60 dams across all the wards in Machakos County. For example, we are currently doing Silanga Dam at Kyumbi Market in Kinanie Ward, Mavoko Sub County; Miumbuni Dam in Mitaboni Ward, Kathiani Sub County; Kwa Kyeti Dam in Kangundo West, Kangundo Sub County and Kwa Mutaki Dam in Mutituni Ward, Machakos Town Constituency.
- We will procure services for rehabilitation and completion of all the non-working and stalled boreholes.
- This week, we will commission Muumandu Borehole in Kola Ward in collaboration with Isuzu, Kijito Borehole in Tala Ward and Kisesini Borehole in Katangi Ward in conjunction with Anglican Development Services Eastern (ADSE) and Water is Life.
- In the next three weeks we will commission Kisovo borehole in Lower Kaewa Ward.
- We will also commission Imba and Kithayoni Dams in Kalama and Wamunyu Wards respectively.
- We are working on surveying and mapping of our major rivers and streams to construct weirs and sand dams across the County. We want to ensure Machakos has adequate supply of water.
- We will also procure services for water treatment and distribution from major water reservoirs across Machakos County.
- We will streamline and operationalize the existing water and sewerage boards to provide access to clean water, sewerage services and sanitation.
- We will initiate tree planting exercise in an effort to encourage environmental conservation.
- We will endeavor to incorporate Public participation for all our projects.

Health

As I have stated time and again, health is a key area of concern to my administration. During my inauguration I promised to ensure adequate supply and stocking in our public Hospitals within my first 100 days. Madam Speaker, it delights me to inform you that since the beginning of this month, my team has been receiving numerous calls from wananchi appreciating the fact that they can now access most of the essential drugs from their community dispensaries.

(Applause)

That means they don't have to come to Machakos Level 5 for those drugs as they used to. That is just part of the success story following the journey I have embarked on in equipping medical supplies to hospitals, health centres and dispensaries in Machakos County.

The managers receiving the supplies are under strict instructions to remain accountable during the receiving, utilization and reporting on the supplies. And you as the MCAs must do your oversight job.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, it will not be business as usual until we ensure the supplies get to their intended destinations in every village of Machakos no matter how remote. We are going to do this with you following to ensure that is done.

(Applause)

We have already supplied drugs and non-pharmaceuticals from KEMSA worth Ksh. 50 million to several health facilities. This Friday we will be flagging off another Ksh. 30 million worth of medical supplies for distribution. The consignment has already been paid for and is only awaiting dispatch.

(Applause)

We have also commissioned a 64 slice CT scan Machine at Machakos Level 5; we have received quotations to revamp our Machakos Level 5 mortuary and are currently working on upgrading the hospital patient management system and integrated revenue system. This will help in monitoring and controlling stock levels among other important records and especially our finances.

We are targeting to have at least a dispensary in every sub location, a Level 3 hospital in every ward and a Level 4 hospital in every sub-county where there is none and where there are some, we upgrade them. For the already existing ones, they will be fully equipped and funded to function optimally. This will enable us reduce congestion at Machakos Level 5 so that we can upgrade it to a teaching and referral hospital with a private wing as a means to improve own source revenue.

(Applause)

The Kangundo Liquid Oxygen Tank that was installed last week at Kangundo Level 4 Hospital is an example of a project that seeks to decongest Machakos Level 5 Hospital now that the new born units and Isolation wards that often require oxygen are fully supplied.

Once more, I will be counting on this County Assembly to pass policies and prompt approval of budgets for health-related programs. This will help in equipping the health centres and dispensaries and reduce congestion at the level 4 and level 5 hospitals.

We also intend to work on:

- Putting in place new hospital boards for Level 4 and Level 5 and community management committees for level 3 and 2s. I will endeavor to work with Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to improve health service delivery at the community level.
- Renovating quarters of medical interns before their intake in October.
- Commission new theaters in Matuu and Machakos Level 5.

(Applause)

- Commission a new ICU in Kangundo Level 4.
- Accelerate NHIF registration by working with MCAs to encourage members of public to register.

Roads and Infrastructure

Madam Speaker, last week in partnership with National Youth Service, I commissioned the 'Barabara Mashinani' program that targets the rehabilitation and repair of 3,000 kilometers of road across all the 40 wards in Machakos County.

I personally launched the grading of Yathui-Itunduimuni road in Wamunyu ward, Mwala sub-county. Simultaneously my Deputy Governor was launching grading of Mikuini-Tana River road in Upper Kaewa Ward, Kathiani sub-county.

The objective of the 'Barabara Mashinani' program is to improve access roads for efficient mobility before the onset of the rains expected next month. I look forward to working and partnering with the Kenya National Highway Authority (KeNHA), the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) to construct and renovate roads that fall under their mandate in Machakos County. This program will spur trade and commerce in our rural areas and put 'Pesa Mfukoni for our local traders in line with our promise of "CHAKULA MEZANI, PESA MFUKONI."

(Applause)

That launch came after a detailed audit, inspection and repair of the transport sector equipment. I am glad to inform the Assembly that over 20 equipment that had been grounded after breaking down are now fully operational. Hon. Members, you can confirm that the equipment is already on site and working for our people.

(Applause)

Agriculture and Food Security

Madam Speaker, food security is a key pillar in my manifesto and in the development of our County. As the song goes, 'a hungry man is an angry man' we should not let our people go hungry. Agriculture has been key in responding to issues of food security although unreliable rains continue to plague individual efforts to ensure families have enough food for themselves.

That is why I have already started focusing on alternative types of farming to rescue the declining agricultural sector. Part of my RRI is to ensure the veterinary and other agricultural extension workers are fully operationalized within the next 100 days. Those experts offer invaluable advice to our farmers to enable them improve on their food production both for domestic and commercial use.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that our County is a largely agricultural economy. We are committed to enhancing food security by executing the following in the first 100 days in office:

- Handover of SIVAP community structures to contractors for implementation.
- Providing Certified Seeds Distribution (Procurement ongoing) to 1,500 farmers in every ward before the onset of the short rains.
- Carry out tractor ploughing targeting 760 farmers starting with Ekalakala ward in Masinga sub-county. We will start with the 6 available tractors as we repair the remaining 34 and the repairs are ongoing.
- Carry out dog vaccination for rabies in three remaining sub-counties of Machakos Town, Mavoko and Kathiani.
- Launch the mango-processing plant in Matuu, Yatta sub-county.
- Make operational the livestock sale yard in Matuu, Yatta sub-county.
- Operationalize the Green Grams value addition equipment.
- Provide incubators to 200 households.
- Invest in revival of coffee co-operatives in Kangundo, Matungulu and Kathiani.

(Applause)

Socio-Economic Pillar

Madam Speaker, key to our economic empowerment model will be the establishment of Ward Development Fund and Wikwatyo Revolving Fund which I will be counting on this Assembly to

actualize. I am committed to actualizing the Ward Development Fund which will be domiciled in the parent departments.

(Applause)

The project identification and prioritization will be championed by the Members of this House in collaboration with wananchi through public participation programs. Wikwatyo Revolving Fund will have Ksh. 1 million which we shall give every ward for table banking and then we look for Ksh. 100 million where they can borrow and they play slowly and our aim is to go up to Ksh. 500 million.

Education

On education, Madam Speaker, we will improve the standards of education by providing the necessary tools, facilities and sort out staffing issues especially for the Vocational Training and Early Childhood Education (ECDE) which are devolved functions of education.

I am also delighted to inform this Assembly that my administration desires to provide bursaries to the tune of Ksh. 5M per ward annually to ensure the needy pupils get the education they desire.

(Applause)

I will be counting on the Members of this Assembly to realize that. We will have proper mechanisms to ensure only the most-needy pupils benefit from the bursaries. We also have to work with the Members of Parliament to ensure that a child is not given bursary twice.

I have also proposed a feeding program for early childhood learners in ECDE centers as a way of ensuring their early childhood development is taken care of.

(Applause)

We will support working mothers through the establishment of Day-Care Centers 'Wavinya Baby Care' attended to by county nurses and nutritionists. This will enable working mothers to attend to other productive aspects of their lives without worrying about the safety of their young ones.

(Applause)

Youth and Sports

Madam Speaker, we have incorporated Youth under the Education and Sports department so that we can empower and help them to get the skills they require. The Digital innovation hubs we will establish will enable our Youth to develop their talent, skills and Innovations towards facilitating entrepreneurship and employability. Will establish Machakos Youth Service where we will be training and funding them to start their own businesses.

This population, Madam Speaker, forms a great force in driving the economy through innovation. We will enable our youth to develop their talent and skills towards facilitating entrepreneurship and employability. We will endeavour to provide linkages to Industry and liaise with partners to get them opportunities nationally and internationally. In addition to that, we will:

- Activate the Machakos county sports tournament.
- Renovate and upgrade our stadia.

Gender and Social Welfare

On gender and social welfare, Madam Speaker, we will:

- Establish Wikwatyo Fund which is a revolving social empowerment fund that will be anchored in law to benefit farmers, SMEs and organized groups (Ikundi and Myethya) starting with Ksh. 100 million on incremental basis up to Ksh. 500 million.
- Allocate Ksh. 1 million per ward for supporting our women in table banking activities within their groups.
- Provide assistive devices to people living with disabilities like wheelchairs, elbow crutches and white canes to at least 100 beneficiaries per sub-county.
- Sensitize and create awareness during the 16 days of Gender-Based Violence Activism in November and December. I would urge the men and women of this County Assembly to get involved.
- Participate in International Day for Persons Living with Disabilities. We must embrace our differently-abled people to work with us and also giving them jobs in Machakos County.

Trade

It is not a coincidence that I was elected the Chair for the Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development Committee at the Council of Governors during our induction. Through the various initiatives that I will be launching, our County will improve its productivity and grow its income while at the same time creating more job opportunities for our population.

Challenges associated with Business Licensing have been a great stumbling block to those engaging in different levels of businesses. My administration is currently reviewing business licensing to harmonize and create an enabling environment for the business community.

(Applause)

My administration is committed to forming an enabling environment for businesses and investments. To achieve this, I will be looking to smoothen business in order to ensure ease of doing business. Specifically, I will create a one-stop-shop model to eliminate bureaucracies that businesses and investors suffer while meeting their statutory obligations.

I hereby direct the incoming County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for finance in conjunction with the County Assembly finance committee to deliberate and recommend possible waivers for retailers and to allow *mama mboga*, Jua Kali traders and hawkers to continue operating without paying the daily market fees to cushion them from the hard-economic times.

(Applause)

In my manifesto I committed to invest in skill and capacity development of our entrepreneurs. Our people need to be trained on entrepreneurship skills to supplement and expand their domestic income. I will be focussed on providing business mentorship for start-ups through developing and empowering business incubation programs.

I look forward to the day when we will be able to provide low cost financing to our entrepreneurs who do not qualify for funding from mainstream financial institutions.

Madam speaker, one of the great causes of food insecurity has been massive post-harvest losses and the lack of direct market for agro-products. Our farmers need to see the fruits of their labour. My government will be aggressively pursuing local and international market linkages for our products. Specifically, I will develop our capacity to grow and access the export market as this will guarantee premium returns to our farmers.

(Applause)

In the medium term, I will engage in infrastructural projects and programs that encourage value addition, innovation, manufacturing and industrial processing. I will be focussed on providing subsidized working spaces in the form of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Industrial Parks where our people can do business.

Tourism

In the next 60 days, we will upgrade our existing public parks and recreational areas. Some of these parks include Machakos People's Park, Mulu Mutisya Gardens, Ngei statue at Kyumbi Junction Park and the Muindi Mbingu statue.

Culture

We will initiate an annual cultural day to showcase our rich Kamba Culture and Heritage.

(Applause)

We will also have a prayer breakfast meeting once a year for Machakos County.

Liquor Control

On liquor control, we will carry out a survey on all existing liquor selling outlets to enhance regulation and control of the manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of alcohol in the County as we improve revenue collection.

Revenue

I am also reviewing the collection of revenue criteria to ensure we seal all loopholes that have been initially used by rogue employees of the County and their accomplices to steal from the people through dubious deals. I am working with law enforcement agencies to ensure all who will be found culpable will face the full force of the law.

Lands and Housing

In conjunction with the National Government, we have fast tracked the processing of title deeds. We currently have 50,421 title deeds ready for issuance. I will soon share a streamlined schedule for issuance of the said title deeds.

My government is already finalizing plans for securing all public land by fencing. This will help in dealing with the land grabbing and land encroachment menace. I have also established a taskforce to verify all government land and properties. I will ensure any grabbed County land or property reverts back to the government and those found culpable are legally punished.

(Applause)

Urban Development

Madam Speaker, you may have noticed most of the drainages in urban municipalities are clogged. For instance, the 1 kilometre EPZ drainage channel at Mavoko municipality is completely clogged. Several other urban development projects are ongoing. For instance, the construction of the Kawethei Bridge and cabroworks at Tala market.

Energy

We found a dark County where it was almost impossible to do business past 6 p.m. We did not have functional street lights, market floodlights Mulika Mwizi and most of the government buildings

did not have power because of disconnection owing to outstanding bills amounting to over Ksh. 80 million. My government has entered into a settlement agreement with Kenya Power and now power has been reconnected and restored to all government offices.

My energy department is working to restore the street lights and floodlights that were vandalized and non-operational at a cost of Ksh. 5 million in the next 60 days. Among other alternatives, we are exploring the use of solar energy to avoid huge bills and to comply with green energy initiatives.

ICT and Public Service

Last but not least, Madam Speaker, the impact of Information, Communications and Technologies (ICT) diffusion in government operations and service delivery cannot be overstated. As I have clearly outlined, we will continue working towards the automation and digitization of County operations in all our departments in order to provide enhanced operational efficiency and effectiveness in our service delivery.

Among other long-term benefits, the ongoing process will enable us to update our staff data and accelerate our resolve to weed out ghost workers. As Machakos County, we have the highest wage bill in the country so we will carry out human resource audit and appropriately fill in the gaps in health and other critical areas.

Climate Change

Madam Speaker, as I pointed out, I cannot exhaust the list of my priority areas in one sitting but I must point out that issues of Climate Change are crucial to me as well as issues of sanitation and proper solid waste disposal where a review is ongoing to streamline the sector.

Madam Speaker, as I conclude, we have all been given a five-year mandate to improve the livelihoods of Machakos County residents. History will judge us harshly if we betray the trust the people have bestowed on us. Our legacy will also suffer irreparable damage if we squander the people's trust on selfish short-term gains.

I re-affirm the commitment I made during my swearing in that I will ensure the true spirit of devolution is realized particularly by giving the people power to identify local priorities and invest in projects that will transform their lives. In a nutshell, I am committed to the spirit of public participation as provided for in the Constitution.

I promise to assemble a competent County Executive Committee to help accomplish my administration's vision of ensuring 'LIU MESANI, MBESA MUVUKO' (Food on the table, money in the pocket).

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, Sir.

(Laughter)

It is now my honour to declare the Third Machakos County Assembly officially open. I thank you all for your time.

(Applause)

I thank you all for your time. Asanteni Sana. God Bless you all, God Bless our County of Machakos and God Bless Kenya. Madam Speaker, I want to thank you so much for inviting us here today to open the Third Assembly of Machakos County. In parliament, are you allowed to address in Kikamba?

Hon. Members: Yes with the leave of the House.

Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti): With what?

Hon. Members: With the leave of the House.

Hon. Speaker: Permission granted.

Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti): Thank you.

(Applause)

(H.E. Wavinya Ndeti addressed the House in Kikamba)

Her Excellency the Governor (Hon. Wavinya Ndeti): Madam Speaker, I now table my Speech.

(Applause)

(The Governor's speech was laid at the Table)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: I want to remind you that we will have a photo session after adjournment of this sitting outside the office block. The House adjourns to Wednesday, 28th day of September, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. in the morning.

DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! It is now the pleasure of Her Excellency the Governor to take her leave.

(Hon. Members rose in their places while Her Excellency the Governor left the Chamber)

The House rose at 3.51 p.m.