

# MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

The House met at 2.32 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]*

### PRAYER

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Let us proceed.

### PAPER LAID

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5), I wish to lay the following paper on the table of the House today, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2016: the report of Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization committee on project implementation of department of Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The paper is laid. Proceed.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5), I wish to give notice of the following motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Trade, Economic planning, Investment and Industrialization committee on project Trade, Economic planning, Investment and Industrialization. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

### MOTION

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that one of the objectives of the department of Trade, Planning and Industrialization is to enhance product diversification and industrialization through creating a conducive and enabling environment; aware that the department, in its development plan for the financial year 2015/2016 had a programme to construct 40 market sheds within the County and that budget for their construction was set aside; cognizant of the fact that the committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization retreated to Sai

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Rock Hotel in Mombasa on 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016 to analyze the report on implementation of projects for the three quarters of 2015/2016 financial year and further aware that the committee conducted site visits in all the wards on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 to investigate the status of the market sheds; aware that the committee compiled a report on these two exercises, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I call Hon. Kamitu to second the motion.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on project implementation by Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization department for the first three quarters of 2015/2016.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The report can be circulated. Proceed, Hon. Ndumi.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, report of Trade, Planning and Industrialization Committee on implementation of development projects for the department of Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization for the first three quarters of 2015/2016 financial year.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Article 183 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires that the County Executive Committee provides the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the county. The Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization committee requested the Department of Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization to submit a status report on the implementation of projects in the department for the third quarter of financial year 2015/2016 pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5). The Department submitted the said report to the Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization is established pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders with specific mandate on all matters related to trade development and regulation including markets; trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions); fair trading practices and statistics.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has thirteen (13) members as follows:

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| 1.  | Hon. Sammy Nduva          | - Chairman         |
| 2.  | Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi     | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3.  | Hon. Joshua Mwonga        | - Member           |
| 4.  | Hon. Cornelius Kitheka    | ”                  |
| 5.  | Hon. Stephen Muthuka      | ”                  |
| 6.  | Hon. Francis Matheka      | ”                  |
| 7.  | Hon. Phillip Ndolo        | ”                  |
| 8.  | Hon. Collins Mbithi       | ”                  |
| 9.  | Hon. (Ms.) Phoebe Koki    | ”                  |
| 10. | Hon. Gideon Kavuu         | ”                  |
| 11. | Hon. (Ms.) Cecilia Sereka | ”                  |
| 12. | Hon. Alex Kamitu          | ”                  |

13. Hon. (MS.) Nina Mbithe ”

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee retreated to Sai Rock Hotel in Mombasa on 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 to analyze the report as presented by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization in line with its mandate and to Burch's Resort in Naivasha on 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 to compile the report.

The committee considered the development budget allocated to the committee in 2015/2016 financial year, project implementation status as at the end of second quarter on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 and compared the performance with project implementation status as at the end of third quarter on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The committee further visited all the market sheds from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 to verify the facts about the report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the analysis of the report as presented by the Department reveals that the Department implemented 42 projects in the first three quarters of 2015/2016 financial year, that is construction of 39 market sheds, purchase of two jaw crushers, construction of Mavoko trade offices and purchase of a motor vehicle. Out of these 42 projects, 19 have been completed which include 18 market sheds and purchase of one vehicle. This clearly shows that less than half of the total number of wards in the County has market sheds. The department has been implementing the same projects since inception of the devolved governments.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, six of the incomplete markets had their contracts terminated for various reasons. These markets are Ikalaasa, Kikambuani, Tala, Kinyui and Muumandu market sheds which did not start at all while Mlolongo and Mutituni market sheds were terminated because contractors had done shoddy work. The department was preparing schedules of Bill of Quantities in conjunction with public works department so as to have the construction of the five out of the six market sheds whose contracts were terminated, done in-house.

The department was also trying to acquire a title deed for the Tala Market shed so that the World Bank can start the project. The department has shown that Tala market will cost Kshs. 10,453,909 yet it had handed over the market to the World Bank for construction and failed to factor a market shed for Machakos Central ward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the approved budget for the Department in the financial year 2015/16 was Kshs. 393,739,617 out of which Kshs. 56,776,291 (14.42 per cent) was recurrent expenditure and Kshs. 336,963,326 (85.58 per cent) was development expenditure. The total amount committed to the projects was Kshs. 243,051,337.72 and Kshs. 82,868,992.40 (34 per cent) of this amount was spent as at end of March, 2016. The department was accounting for Kshs. 243,051,337.72 (72.13 per cent) through the projects highlighted above, leaving Kshs. 93,911,988.28 (27.87 per cent) of the development vote unaccounted for.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there was a low absorption rate of the budgeted amount from the Department standing at Kshs. 82,868,992.40 or just 24.59 per cent of the total development budget. This was just a quarter of the budget of the department and the financial year of 2015/2016 was three quarters done. In addition, there are 19 complete projects with total expenditure of Kshs. 87,462,284.64 and the department was able to pay Kshs. 46,479,652.48 or 53.14 per cent of the total amount owing to the projects.

Ordinarily, since the department has got a lot of money unspent, these projects should have been paid in full as at when they were completed. Some of this amount has been outstanding or pending since December, 2015 and the department should have paid the contractors.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there were a number of markets that have stagnated at the same point for over three months now and the department should solve issues with contractors so that the markets can be completed before the end of the financial year to pave way for new projects. Most of these projects were to be completed and handed over by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 but the report shows that the contractors were on site with no definite work given. These markets include: Athi River, Kaveani, Mitaboni, Mwala, Wamunyu, Muthetheni, Kangundo, Kivani, Matuu ma Mwiitu, Ol-donyo Sabuk, Kithimani and Masinga.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, procurement and advertisement of the Ikombe jaw crusher was yet to be done despite the Chief Officer promising to have the advertisement done immediately or the procurement process for Katangi ward to be stopped. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the table below shows analysis of the report presented by the Department. Projects that were completed are marked by this symbol (1).

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members observed that the information reported by the department was not accurate and were concerned why the department was not providing accurate information to the Assembly. The committee was informed that Milaani and Kiatineni market sheds in Muthesya and Ndithini wards were handed over to the community even though they were not fully complete. Gutters had not been installed in the two markets and the water tank for Muthesya market shed was just lying in the market. The toilets for the two markets were not complete despite the projects being reported as complete and handed over.

Tanks in Kisiiki market shed in Ndalani Ward were yet to be installed and the market shed had no plaster. In addition, the report showed that Joska market shed was complete and handed over to the public but the committee which went on site noted that toilet construction was yet to start. The committee observed that the contractor of Kangundo market shed was not on site as reported. The committee agreed to make site visits to the wards to verify what was reported.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, from the market sheds visitation report, it can be observed that contractors were not on site despite the report from the department indicating that they were on site to complete work. Markets where the contractors were reported to be on site but were not there included Mitaboni, Kaveani, Muthetheni and Kangundo.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed poor workmanship on the projects whereby plaster was peeling off, some roofs were too high thus letting in rain and sun and also gutters in some of the sheds had fallen off. Kiatuni market shed was cited as an example where gutters kept on falling off and where the shed was too high thus letting in rain. In Kawethei market shed, it was reported that gutters kept on falling after being repaired. Matuu market shed was given as an example where the iron sheets were blown off by the wind and the sheets have been lying at the site for over six months. The iron sheets risked being stolen.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members observed that occupancy in most of the market sheds was below average. They noted that traders had refused to use Kathome market shed leaving it to a handful of miraa traders to do their business in the shed. Katangi market shed was also cited as

an example where there was low occupancy level. Others markets have been turned to be places of relieving oneself and Kisiiki and Tumba market sheds were cited as examples.

In addition, the committee noted that most of the toilets constructed did not have water and it was challenging to use them. It was also noted that most of them had sitting basins and this kind of facility was not suitable for many users as in the case of a market. Kyumbi market shed was given as an example of a toilet of this nature which did not have water. Members felt that there was need to change this type of toilets.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed that the department was informed of scarcity of land at Kikambuani market when it was initiating the projects in 2013/2014 financial year. The department went ahead to tender and award a contract for Kikambuani market only to own up later that there was scarcity of land in the market. This has led to delay of the construction of a market shed for Kangundo North Ward thus denying residents in the ward services.

Members further observed that preparation of schedules and bills of quantities for in-house construction was taking too long and residents of the affected wards were being denied services. They further observed that the arrangement of in-house construction was likely to be abused, prone to corruption and no one was likely to take responsibility in case of poor workmanship.

The committee noted that the masons and engineers who were to be involved in the construction were recruited illegally as there was no budget approved to employ them and that the Assembly had stopped further employment of staff in the county government. In addition, it was noted that the cost of in-house construction and supervision was equal or more than the cost of giving the work to contractors. It was prudent that the government performed supervision role instead of undertaking the projects.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee further observed that some contracts were terminated yet the contractors were paid a substantial amount of money. The committee observed an irregularity in paying these contractors. A case in point was cited for Mlolongo market shed which was costing Kshs. 8,955,936.50 and Kshs. 4,158,617.40 (46.4 per cent) was paid to the contractor yet work done was up to the foundation level.

In addition, members noted that Mavoko trade offices were done by former local authorities and the project should have been completed long time ago. Members noted that the Executive Committee Member and the Chief Officer of the department were dragging their feet.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed that Jua Kali sheds, fruit-processing plant at Masii, jaw crusher for Ikombe ward, Machakos New City and investment board projects were not reported by the Department yet they were budgeted for in the 2013/14, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 financial years. In addition, market sheds have been budgeted for in 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 budgets but the achievements so far were below par.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The department should consult local leaders and conduct public participation on the type of project, site or location of the project and design for a given ward to ensure that the public own the projects and use them to avoid wastage of resources.
2. The officer who recommended construction of a market shed at Kikambuani market despite advice by the area Member of County Assembly that the market has no land

should be held responsible for the delay of construction of the market shed for Kangundo North Ward and disciplinary action taken against him.

3. That the Executive and local leaders including MCAs should have dialogue with traders on the usage of market sheds to increase their occupancy.
4. The officer who authorized payment of up to 46 per cent of Mlolongo market shed yet the work done was up to foundation level should be held accountable and pay back the funds lost in the project.
5. The Department should finalize on the projects of the market sheds by the end of financial year 2015/2016 and embark on new projects in the next financial year.
6. The Chief Officer should account for Kshs. 93,911,988.28 that was not reported in this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, market sheds are crucial in trade development in our areas. The delay in completing the sheds has denied citizens better services in business. The committee calls upon the department to work hard and ensure that facilities like market sheds, jaw crushers and fruit factories that increase the ability of wealth creation are completed on time.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Trade, Planning and Industrialization committee, to table the report on implementation of projects for the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization to this Hon. House for approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the report has been laid before the House. I noted that the Hon. Member did not take us through the chart that is contained in pages 5, 6 and 7. She has also not taken us through the annexure and I am sure her intention was to give us time to go through them. Maybe in view of that, can perhaps Hon. Muli tell us what we should do?

**Hon. Muli:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for catching my attention that I was very much attentive on realizing that the Hon. Member who has taken us through this voluminous document had left some of the figures which have already been indicated in this report and according to the report, Mr. Speaker, the committee has done a very wonderful job and the report which has been indicated here, according to my feeling, needs enough and conducive time so that we can get to go through the document because it has very sensitive issues.

Mr. Speaker, we need to debate on realities; what is on the ground so that we can respond to what has been written here and Mr. Speaker, through your guidance, I will request you, if it could be possible, give us time we go through this document which is very crucial so that we can deliberate and have a healthy debate in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us hear the mover.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support what Hon. Muli has said because you saw me read it because we cannot go through it now, so Mr. Speaker, I stand to support that you give the Hon. Members time so that they can read and know what the report says and then we can deliberate on it later. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** I think, Hon. Members, it is only fair that we have time to go through the document so that we can deliberate on the matter from a point of knowledge. Let me hear Hon. Mutuku. Hon. Mutuku, what is the matter?

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Mr. Speaker, I have a feeling the annexure, the report on visitation of market sheds, is very important for the Hon. Member to take members through it so that next time, as we come, we can be in a position---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mutuku is out of order. The duty of the member has been concluded in the report. That is an annexure Hon. Mutuku that you can read by yourself. Yes, let us hear Hon. Kathinzi.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Mr. Speaker, this report is extremely important and not even adjourning the House for the purpose of Members to go through, I think it is also important for the Members to have a *Kamukunji* on a special session so that we can give our input because I think when this report was done, I think there are some issues which have been happening on the ground and we want to get the correct position of these issues, Mr. Speaker.

As I support that we maybe have another day to pass through it, it is also important to remind members to go through it keenly and when we have the discussion at the plenary, remind Members also to come with your document. This document is highlighting the reality on issues on the ground. For instance, when you go to the issue of Mlolongo, Mr. Speaker, you find that something to do with corruption is very well highlighted and we also need to get the contractor who did this so that when we come on the floor of the House, the Member of that particular ward can give us the document maybe supporting that this particular contractor was on site and was paid. We also need to get some extra documents from finance to establish whether this particular contractor was paid this particular amount of money because huge amounts of money have been mentioned.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, is for the chairperson to establish whether this document reflects the budget of financial year 2015/2016 because I understand these are the first projects we earmarked and gave a budget in the financial year 2013/2014 so there are things which before even we go into discussion, there are things which we need to clarify before we proceed with the debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I think, basically, the House is in agreement that the matter be taken off the days' agenda and referred back to the House Business committee.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The matter will be referred back to the House Business Committee for further balloting.

**MOTION**  
BENCHMARKING VISIT TO KILIFI COUNTY

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the report on benchmarking with Kilifi County on behalf of the chairperson of the committee with your permission, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Article 11 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, recognizes culture as the foundation of the nation and as the cumulative civilization of the Kenyan people and further, in Article 11 (2) (a), the state shall promote all forms of national and cultural expression through literature, arts, traditional celebrations, science, communication, information, mass media publications, libraries and other cultural heritage.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a motion on the establishment of Machakos Cultural week was moved in this Hon. House by Hon. Veronica Mbithe and adopted by the House on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The motion was then forwarded to the committee on Culture and Tourism for discussion on the best ways of effectively establishing a cultural week within the county with an objective of preservation and appreciation of our culture and heritage.

The committee visited Kilifi County for benchmarking on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 and members had an opportunity to meet their counterparts in Kilifi County Assembly, the Director, ICT Culture and Social Services and the Chief Officer for Culture, Kilifi County. They discussed widely on the best practices of establishing a cultural week among other practices.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee as constituted by this Hon. Assembly comprises of the following members;

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| 1. Hon. Winston Kanui          | - Chairman         |
| 2. Hon. (Ms.) Bernadette Mueni | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. John Sila              | -Member            |
| 4. Hon. Peter Nzioki           | ”                  |
| 5. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo        | ”                  |
| 6. Hon. Justus Kyalo Kimata    | ”                  |
| 7. Hon. Leonard Wambua Katela  | ”                  |
| 8. Hon. Alex Kathinzi          | ”                  |
| 9. Hon. (Ms.) Veronica Mbithe  | ”                  |
| 10. Hon. Collins Mbithi        | ”                  |
| 11. Hon. (Ms.) Brigid Kitili   | ”                  |
| 12. Hon. Dominic Maitha        | ”                  |
| 13. Hon. Joseph Kalunde        | ”                  |

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee on Culture and Tourism as established, is required under Standing Order 190 (5) (a) to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned



department, and Standing Order 190 (5) (d) mandates the committee to study, assess and analyze the relative success of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared with the stated objectives.

Further, the Second Schedule gives the committee specific mandate to all matters related to cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities including betting, lotteries, casinos and other forms of gambling, racing, liquor licensing, cinemas, video shows and hiring, libraries, national heritage, museums and cultural activities and facilities and county parks, beaches and recreation facilities and local tourism, culture, control of drugs and pornography and annual animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was informed that the County Government of Kilifi organizes several cultural and tourist activities yearly. The main ones include recognition of heroes and heroines in the county which usually takes place in the month of August, preservation of shrines, development of tourism sites and a multi-cultural festival known as “Malindi Multicultural Festival” which is held annually during the Easter Holidays. The festival, organized this year by the department on ICT, Culture and Social Services was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was further informed that the County Assembly of Kilifi Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services committee has focused on the importance of culture in Kilifi County by way of legislation. The committee of Culture, in its recommendations in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, specified broad priority goals on culture to be factored in the proposed Kilifi County Budget estimates in the financial year 2016/17 and in the medium term of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2016, the committee recommended that the department sets aside funds for maintenance of KAYAs (these are the elderly men and women who fought for independence) since majority of them were needy and vulnerable so as to boost cultural tourism and enhance economic growth and the construction of a multi-cultural hall which would boost cultural tourism and also serve as a centre of knowledge and information on cultural issues.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Malindi Multi-cultural Festival is one of the major cultural events held every year during Easter holidays by the County Government of Kilifi and other stakeholders to rejuvenate and celebrate cultural diversity in the county while promoting both domestic and international tourism by showcasing different cultural norms and values.

In 2016, the festival was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March and the County Government of Kilifi was the main sponsor of the event, while Mseto Africa was the event organizer. Other sponsors were Coca Cola Company, National Oil, the Kenya Airports Authority, Safaricom, National Museums of Kenya and Kenya Maritime Authority.

The events which took place during the Malindi Multi-cultural Festival week include the following:-

1. Entertainment with Kilifi local artists and bands.
2. Road shows.
3. Art and craft exhibitions- cultural artifacts are displayed.
4. *Ajua* and Draughts game contests.
5. Food exhibition.

6. Swimming competition.
7. Dhow race competition.
8. Beach soccer matches.
9. *Ache Magoma Khanga* contest- this is a contest held by the elderly women to showcase their traditional attire.
10. Princess Hando Contest- this is a contest whereby a local lady displays a traditional attire.
11. Acrobats.
12. Display of traditional dances.
13. Tug of war and wrestling.
14. Cultural wedding - Mijikenda wedding.
15. Miss and Mr. Culture- this is usually a lady or man who is from the locality and who deeply understands the roots, traditions and culture of Malindi people. Mr. Speaker, the committee members had the opportunity to meet Miss Culture, Kilifi County who is a lady from the Mijikenda tribe.
16. Miss Tourism- this is a contest for all the ethnic tribes in Kilifi County.
17. Miss and Mr. Environment contest- a contest for all the ethnic tribes in Kilifi County.

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Culture and Tourism in Kilifi County worked closely with the different departments to make sure that the festival was a success. These departments included ICT, Culture and Social Services, Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Development, Tourism and Wildlife, Office of the Governor, Education, Youth and Sports Affairs, Health Services Water, Environment, Forestry and Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following were the tasks given to each department:

#### **ICT, Culture and Social Services**

- Arena and stage setting.
- Entertainment.
- Princes Hando Contest.

#### **Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Development, Tourism and Wildlife**

- Carnivore team/De'apple beauties, that is description, dressing and accessories, allowances, transport refund for street carnivore girls, refreshment and dresser/coordinator.

#### **Office of the Governor**

- Advertisement.
- Traditional/ cultural wedding.
- Traditional food exhibition.
- *Ache Magoma* contest.
- Facilitation of National and County security officers. Malindi Sub- County Administrator.

**Education, Youth and Sports Affairs,**

Sporting activities like beach soccer, dhow racing, *ajua*, wrestling (traditional version), tug of war, bicycle racing and swimming competition.

**Health Services**

- Provision of portable toilets and hand washing facilities.
- First aid kit.

**Water, Environment, Forestry and Natural Resources**

- Cleaning and preparation of the venues.
- Provision of water during the festival.
- Maintenance of the portable toilets provided by the department of health services during the festivals.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was informed that the event was successful but not without some challenges, which included the following:

1. Security alerts received over Al-Shabaab attacks in Malindi affected the night events and the programme could not run past midnight.
2. The recent Malindi constituency by-elections partly interfered with the planning meetings since most of the senior officers in the Governor's office together with some of the entertainment teams were part of the campaigns.
3. Delayed funding from the County Government which led to delay in facilitating the different entertainment groups among other items.
4. Lack of enough transport to ferry officers and other participants to and from the venues of the event.
5. Poor event publicity and advertisement.
6. There was lack of additional financial and technical support from the departments that had been involved in organizing of the festival and other sponsors.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members were informed that their counterparts in Kilifi County Assembly, with the help of the department on ICT, Culture and Social Services and the department on Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Development, Tourism and Wildlife, were in the process of touring all the tourist sites within Kilifi County and coming up with different ways of upgrading them with a view of improving domestic and international tourism. This would in turn improve the rate of revenue collection hence improving the economic growth in Kilifi County.

However, the committee was facing a financial challenge because of the controls done by the National Government. The ceilings set in 2015/2016 financial year were inadequate for the committee to visit all the sites within the planned timeframe forcing the committee to visit just a few. Members were informed that the task will continue in the next financial year after a fresh allocation of funds is done.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee also had a tour to Malindi tourist market whereby cultural artifacts and basketry were displayed and sold. They included traditional shoes, ornaments, paintings, carvings, baskets, traditional attire, among others. The committee observed that the County Government of Kilifi had set a place for the local businesspeople to exhibit and sell their traditional or cultural products, by the name 'Malindi Tourist Market'.

The business community said that the market was open for everyone, whether foreigners or local tourists and it had helped them to earn daily bread and also boost the economy of Kilifi County. They also informed members that they were also allowed to market their products by exhibiting and selling their products during the Multi-cultural festivals.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee recommends the following:

1. That the Machakos County Government, through the department of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports should set up a cultural week annually with a view of achieving the following objectives:-
  - a. To showcase the vibrant cultural norms and values through skills such as artwork, cookery, fashion shows, traditional dances and sporting activities.
  - b. To promote traditional cultures for socio-economic development of the various communities within Machakos County.
  - c. To strengthen traditional cultural cohesion and strong links amongst communities.
  - d. To conserve cultural heritage for sustainability of the current and future generations.
  - e. To create job opportunities and increase revenue.
  - f. To promote domestic and international tourism.
2. The committee proposes that extensive campaigns should be done to sensitize people, especially the youth in the whole county, on the importance of cultural preservation and encourage them to come up with activities for the cultural week to help them have a sense of belonging and appreciate their cultural roots.
3. The County Government establishes a Machakos multi-cultural market where people will be allowed to exhibit, sell and buy cultural and traditional products. This will encourage creativity and innovation especially among our youth who are jobless and need to be self-reliant. Further, the County government should allow the different ethnic groups living in Machakos County to exhibit and sell their cultural products in the market once it is established to improve the economy of the County and entrench cohesion.
4. The committee further recommends that all the 53 cultural and tourists sites within Machakos County be enhanced and rehabilitated to act as a source of income for the County through tourism. (Attached is a list of the 53 tourist sites within Machakos County)
5. The committee also recommends that the County Government should come up with ways of appreciating the Kamba heroes, heroines and elders in our County. A day should also be set to celebrate them and the youth should be involved in this activity as this would be a way of sustaining the Kamba culture from one generation to another so as to enhance its preservation and sustainability.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in this society, culture is a cumulative of the main activities and experiences shared amongst the society that bring about harmony and mutual understanding throughout generations and therefore it should be appreciated and preserved. On the other hand, domestic and international tourism should be enhanced since through it, the economy of our County will be improved through revenue collection.

The Committee on Culture and Tourism is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded in preparation of this report. I also wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members who selflessly participated in the preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege on behalf of the committee on Culture and Tourism, to table this report and recommend it to this Hon. House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much. The report is here with us. Any contributions on the report? Yes. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second the report but Mr. Speaker, when we went there, we had a very warm welcome from the Kilifi people even the Executive office but here, Mr. Speaker, Sir, you can see even the members are not interested with the report. The chamber is empty and I think that is why we are not respected by Executive people. You can go outside, you will find the members are standing there. They are not even doing anything. Some even don't respect you and you are there. What about when you just appoint somebody to come there, will there be anybody?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think you have to look at a way, although we are going home since even some will not come here in this House Mr. Speaker, you know this report has a lot of things of our culture and some do not want to listen. So you can ask why and some do not know their culture. That is why we were brought a Kikuyu lady to be our first our '*nini hii*.'

*(Laughter)*

So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think our members have no respect for their culture and you have to tell them as I tell you, you are not all that stupid. You are clever. You have to bring these people to a *Kamkunji* and educate them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mueni but you can help me understand, what you meant by '*nini hii*' at least for the HANSARD, for the record. Let us understand what is '*our nini hii*'

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, some things are not easy to translate but our Kamba people understand. Even the HANSARD staff will know what I mean.

*(Laughter)*

It is what some prove to be stupid more than what you can call a stupid person. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us hear Hon. Kamitu

**Hon. Kamitu:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, going through this report, this is a report whereby the committee did a well done benchmarking in Kilifi trip and as you know Mr. Speaker, the Kilifi or Coast people are similarly related to Kambas and in that regard, most of their cultural traditions are also entwined or related to the Kambas, so in regard to this report Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would highly recommend that this report should be adopted and then during our festivals or our days, like a good example we are having Mashujaa day, it is already in record that Mashujaa day will be held in Machakos so in that regard Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would request this and through your guidance, we adopt this report even without much ado because it is a well laid down report, well comprehended and should go down in record that if we will follow the benchmarking that was done in Kilifi, it will be of great benefit to our people in Machakos County.

I once again applaud and recommend that we adopt and go ahead with this report. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Then we can move and have it adopted. Any member with anything more before we pose the question? Let us hear Hon. Nzoka.

**Hon. Nzoka:** Mr. Speaker, I say thanks to the committee which did this one. I can see they have quoted my area. They have quoted Fourteen Falls and I have been talking of Fourteen Falls for long. Fourteen Falls is shared by Machakos County and Kiambu County and on our side, we have done nothing. All the resources are being paid to Kiambu County so it is time we open our site on our side and then we start getting some resources.

Also, we have the mountain there Mt. Kilimambogo. It is within Machakos County, within my ward and also Macmillan Castle is also a very attractive area whereby Canadians moved from Canada and came to Macmillan because Macmillan was a Canadian. It has sourced so many tourists as you can see the attached. They are 53 tourist sites so they need to be established so we can be getting some resources.

Again they have talked of having the young included in this cultural festival so as to inherit and pass on the Kamba culture to the younger ones and I think I do support Hon. Mueni. Those who have moved out are the young ones and they are the ones we are targeting now so there is a problem. We need a *Kamukuji* to enlighten them because you can see Hon. Kamitu, Mzee is here. I am here. Only Hon. Kalunde who is not feeling well has moved out. We need those young ones to understand our culture, so I support the report. Thank you so much.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Without any other matter, the House adjourns.

The House rose at 3.31 p.m.