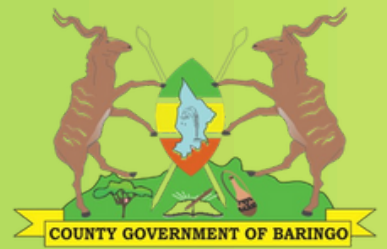


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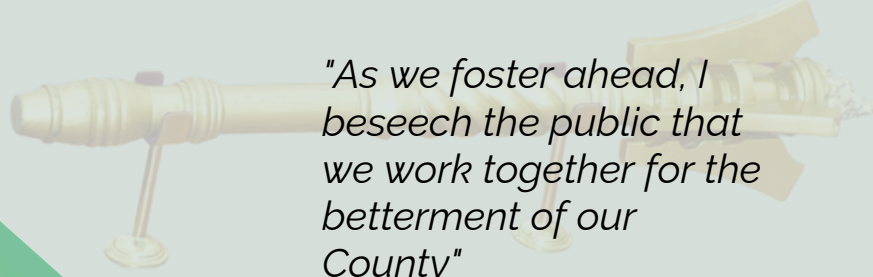
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WORD *from* THE SPEAKER



"As we foster ahead, I beseech the public that we work together for the betterment of our County"



It gives me a sense of pride, singular honour and privilege to welcome you to the inaugural edition of our County Assembly of Baringo Newsletter. May I take this opportunity to thank the County Assembly Service Board most sincerely for their role in approving the production of the journal; this being the information age.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Assembly leadership for their able stewardship as we roll out this journal which is yet another milestone in the transformational journey in our county assembly. This new platform is not only going to be an information channel, it will also be instrumental in showcasing work done by the assembly over time.

The first assembly laid the original foundations and set many precedents in the modus operandi of the county assembly. It will also juxtapose our achievements vis-à-vis those of our peers in the county in order to provide our stakeholders with a clear picture on where we stand in the community of county assemblies in Kenya and other similar jurisdictions within the commonwealth.

Our second assembly became famous across the country when it led other county assemblies and indeed the entire nation in opposing the hideous Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) that could have potentially led the country down the wrong path had it succeeded because of the many inherent claw backs it could have had on the nation's constitutional order.

The Third Assembly has been keen to follow through on the plans, programmes and projects earlier initiated by the first and second assembly and we can now proudly report key achievements in our assembly's infrastructural developments including completion of the expanded assembly parking facilities, adoption of many legislations, the public gallery, the speakers residence and installation of the ultra modern paperless handsard system complete with real time live broadcasting capability; all in spite of the unpredictable and fluid nature of politics.

Through Gods amazing grace, we have been able to navigate through various challenges including the COVID 19 pandemic, adverse effects of climate change and intermittent insecurity incidences and other challenges yet we have soldiered on and continued to fulfill our *Legislative, Oversight and Representation* mandate through sheer grit, selfless commitment and relentless dedication of our honourable members and staff who have been remarkably focused on their calling and duty.

We urge the County Executive to implement the adopted legislations to improve service delivery in the County. Enjoy your read!

God Bless Baringo, the County of Great diversity!

Hon. Vincent Kemboi
SPEAKER, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BARINGO

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK



Ms. Winnie Chemase

CLERK, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BARINGO

Countynewsletter is a periodical or news journal that is published quarterly to inform the public about the activities, events and key happenings of the assembly. It endeavors to inform our stakeholders and raise civic awareness on the roles of citizens and duty bearers in county governance while fostering a sense of ownership for the plans, projects and programmes being rolled out by the county government in efforts to advance the transformational agenda for the people.

This inaugural edition shall however capture key highlights of our county assembly and key milestones extending over a longer period than a traditional journal for purposes of giving future editions a firm foundational context.

This underlines the facilitative role played by the county assembly service towards the noble objective of attaining our institutional vision and fulfilling our constitutional and legal mandates respectively as a government entity. This new development comes at a time when our county is grappling with various challenges.

This newsletter is therefore a godsend in so far as highlighting the unique challenges that we face as an institution right in the middle of a volatile part of our country.

This newsletter is therefore a godsend in so far as highlighting the unique challenges that we face as an institution including but not limited to scarce resource allocation, and Gen-Z demonstrations that affected our operation but we thank the Almighty God for this far.

In future editions, the people of Baringo can expect a robust newsletter that shall be available with predictable regularity so that together with our stakeholders, we can walk the journey of progress and emancipation of the people.

It is a conscious effort to fulfill our mandate as an assembly and that includes informing the public on critical issues; especially those with a direct impact on their lives in line with our vision "*To be a leading, modern and people centred County Assembly in Kenya*" and Mission "*To Effectively and efficiently promote the principle of good governance through legislation, Oversight and Representation*"

I thank the Speaker of the County Assembly Hon. Vincent Kemboi, the Assembly's leadership, Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) and the Staff for their contribution in the development of this inaugural newsletter.

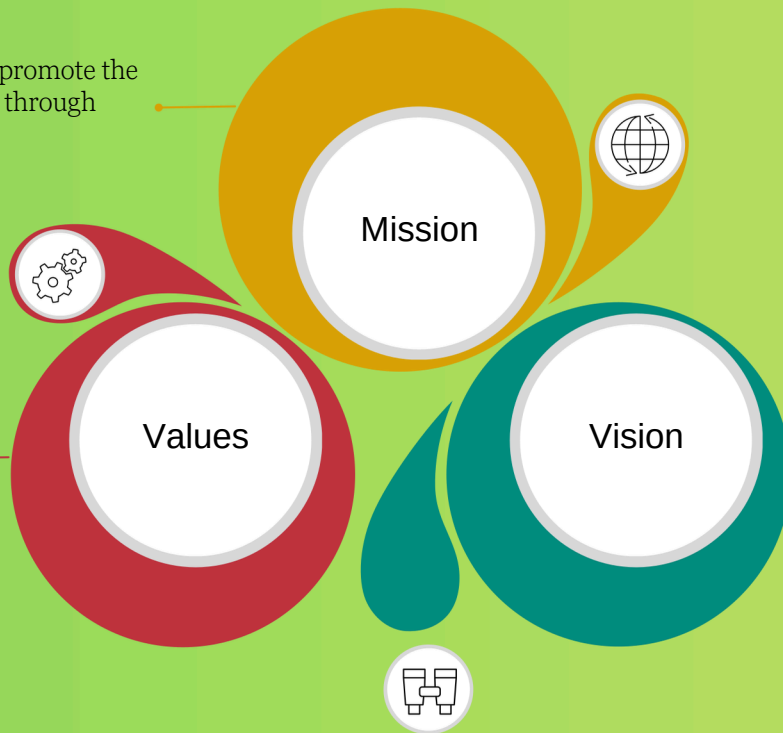
I congratulate the Editorial Support Committee for doing a commendable job despite strict timelines afforded to them to publish the journal.

As we seek "*To promote the principle of good governance through legislation, oversight and representation to reflect the interest, welfare and aspirations of the people of Baringo*", kindly feel free to give us your views on how best we can improve on our future editions or any comments regarding our work.

"We hope you find this newsletter informative and engaging." Enjoy!

The County Assembly of Baringo; Vision Mission And Core Values

To Effectively and efficiently promote the principle of good governance through legislation, Oversight and Representation”



Mission

Values

Vision

- Quality Service
- Teamwork
- Professionalism
- Democracy
- Integrity
- People Focus

To be a leading, modern and people centred County Assembly in Kenya



BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The County of Great Diversity



BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BARINGO

The County Assembly of Baringo was established in the year 2013 pursuant to Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya. The first Assembly comprised of 48 Members; 30 Members elected

to represent each Ward within the County and 18 Nominated Members selected in accordance with Article 177 (1)(b) and (c) of the Constitution. The second and third Assembly comprised of 45 members; 30 elected to represent each ward and 15 nominated.

The First Assembly came into existence after the general elections held on 4th March, 2013. The swearing in ceremony of the Members of the First Assembly and election of the founding Speaker, Hon. William Kassait Kamket, took place on the 22nd of March, 2013 at the Municipality Chambers, Kabarnet.

The First County Assembly Service Board established as per the provisions of Section 12 of the County Government Act, 2012 comprised of Hon. William Kassait Kamket, Speaker (Chairperson)

and Mr. Joseph Koech, Clerk (Secretary)

Other members of the Board were; Hon. Elijah Toroitich, MCA - Mogotio Ward representing the Majority Party, Hon. Wesley Lekakimon, MCA - Ilchamus Ward representing the Minority Party and Mr. Wilson Bosmet (External Member).

The Assembly held its plenary sittings in the Municipal Hall until 2014 when it moved its sittings to Kenya school of Government – Kabarnet campus to pave way for renovations.

The Second Assembly was established after the 8th August, 2017 general election. The swearing of the MCAs and election of the Second Speaker, Hon. David Kiplagat was held on 4th September, 2017.

The Second County Assembly Service Board comprised of the following Members; Hon. David Kiplagat, Speaker (Chairperson), Hon. Solomon Makal, MCA Kolowa Ward (Vice Chairperson), Hon. Purity Tallam, MCA Emining Ward representing the specially elected, Ms. Maccah Hamisi and Rev. Elijah Boiywo (External Board Members) and Mr. Joseph Koech, Clerk (Secretary). Ms. Rebecca Lomong became an external board member after the demise of Ms. Maccah Hamisi in 2021.



Members of the County Assembly debating during a plenary session

The Third Assembly was constituted following the general elections held on 9th August, 2022. The swearing in of the MCAs and the election of the Speaker Hon. Vincent Kibet Kemboi was held on 21st September, 2022. The third CASB comprises the following Members; Hon. Vincent Kibet Kemboi, Speaker (Chairperson), Hon. Julius Ng'otie (Vice Chairperson and MCA - Ravine Ward), Ms. Winnie Chemase, Clerk (Secretary), Hon. Shadrack Mailuk (MCA – Tangelbei Ward) and Hon. Solomon Chemjor and Ms. Nelly Amdany (External Board Members)

CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

1. Legislative Authority

County Assembly of Baringo derives its legislative mandate from Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 as read together with Section 8 of the County Governments Act No.17 of 2012.

Section 8 of the County Governments Act, mandates the County Assembly with the legislative authority as contemplated under Article 201, 202 and 220 (2) of the Constitution.

The legislative mandate includes:

- i. A County Assembly may make any laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the County government under the Fourth Schedule.
- ii. Perform the roles set out under Article 185 of the Constitution;
- iii. Perform any other role as may be set out under the Constitution or any other legislation.

2. Oversight Role

- i. A County Assembly, while respecting the principle of separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee members and any other County executive organs;
- ii. Vet and approve nominees for appointment to County public offices as may be provided for in The Public Appointments (County Assemblies) and approval Act of 2017 and any other relevant law;

iii. Approve the budget and expenditure of the County government in accordance with Articles 201,203, 207 and 220(2) of the Constitution;

iv. Approve the borrowing by the County government in accordance with Article 212 of the Constitution;

v. Review of County Government quarterly and annual financial and non-financial reports;

vi. Scrutinize the County Fiscal Strategy paper (CFSP).



Baringo County Assembly Service Board

3. Representation

The representation role of the County Assembly is done in the following forms;

i. Operationalization of ward offices-each MCA has a ward office where Members conduct affairs of the Ward;

ii. Public participation;

iii. Processing of statements;

iv. Processing of public Petitions;

v. Approve County development plans



“Representation refers to the ways in which the people's will is reflected in the structures and processes of government. This involves ensuring that all citizens have a voice and participate in decision-making, either directly or through elected officials”

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES

Pursuant to The Baringo County Assembly Standing Order 196, the Assembly has the following Committees:

- i. Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries - Hon. Alex Kiprono
- ii. Education, Vocational Training and ICT - Hon. Michael Chebon
- iii. Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure - Hon. Ben Koech
- iv. Environment and Natural Resources - Hon. Nixon Lemlem
- v. Health Services - Hon. Josphat Lokorio
- vi. Water and Irrigation - Hon. Kennedy Kiprono
- vii. Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives - Hon. Robert Kipsang
- viii. Lands, Housing and Urban Development- Hon. David Sitoi
- ix. Labour, Social Welfare, Children, Youth and Sports - Hon. Ayub Kibet
- x. Justice, Legal Affairs, Devolution, Governance and Cohesion - Hon. Jacob Cheboiwo
- xi. County Heritage, Gender, Culture and Community Services - Hon. Purity Tallam

- xiii. Budget and Appropriations Committee - Hon. Ernest Kibet
- xiv. Public Investment and Accounts Committee - Hon. Mark Sialo
- xv. Catering Services - Hon. Jeruto Kiptalla
- xvi. County Delegated Legislation - Hon. Shadrack Mailuk
- xvii. Committee on Implementation - Hon. Robert Cheruiyot
- xviii. Powers and Privileges Committee - Hon. Vincent Kemboi
- xix. House Rules and Procedures Committee -Hon. Vincent Kemboi
- xx. Appointment Committee - Hon. Vincent Kemboi
- xxi. Selection Committee - Hon. Lawi Tallam
- xxii. House Business Committee - Hon. Vincent Kemboi
- xxiii. Liaison Committee - Hon. Kipruto Kimosop
- xxiv. Disaster, Risk Management, Peace Building and Partnership Committee - Hon. John Aengwo

County Assembly Resumes Plenary Sessions After Long Recess to optimally serve the people of Baringo

The County Assembly of Baringo officially resumed its plenary sittings in February 2025 after a two (2) month recess that began in December 2024, marking the start of a new legislative calendar with renewed energy and focus.

MCAs returned to the chamber ready deliberate on key bills, motions, and development priorities aimed at advancing the county's socio-economic agenda.

The resumption follows the official communication from the Speaker, Hon. Vincent Kemboi, LLB, who welcomed all members back and urged them to approach the session with commitment, discipline, and unity of purpose.

"This is a crucial period for us as a House. We must now build on the progress made in the previous sessions and focus on legislation, oversight, and representation that directly impacts the lives of our people," said Speaker Kemboi during the opening sitting.

Among the priority issues lined up for debate by the Budget & Appropriations Committee include the Budget Estimates for Financial Year 2025/2026, processing petitions, Status of Projects in the County among them Cattle Dips across the County, county development projects, implementation status of passed laws, and follow-ups on committee recommendations.

MCAs through their sectoral committees are also expected to interrogate sectors such as health, agriculture, education, infrastructure, and youth empowerment.

The Speaker emphasized the need for effective public participation in legislative processes and called upon House committees to intensify their oversight roles to ensure accountability and transparency in county service delivery.

The County Assembly had gone on recess in line with the annual legislative calendar, allowing MCAs to engage in ward level work and gather public views on ongoing development and governance matters. With the plenary now back in session, legislative business is expected to pick up momentum.



Members of the County Assembly during a Plenary Session

County Assembly Adopts the Reward and Sanctions Policy

The Baringo County Assembly Service Board approved the Rewards and Sanctions Policy that outlines the guidelines for acknowledging and incentivizing positive behavior or performance while addressing unacceptable conducts. The policy aims to motivate individual employees and enhance productivity while maintaining a positive environment within the organization. A committee on Reward and Sanction was formed to oversee the process.

In 2024, the Office Attendants Section under the Directorate of Human Resource and Administration was ranked the best section overall while CPA Nehemiah Kandie from the Department of Finance and Accounting emerged as employee of the year.



Best Section, 2024
(Office Attendants Section)

CPA. Nehemiah Kandie
Employee of the Year, 2024



"There is no substitute for hard work. Greatness is earned, never given"

The Assembly holds the Inaugural Bunge Mashinani in Eldama Ravine

4. Public Participation

Article 118 the Constitution of Kenya provides that

(1) Parliament shall--

(a) Conduct its business in an open manner, and its sittings and those of its committees shall be in Public; and

(b) Facilitate Public Participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its committees. In line with the above, the Assembly has held several public participations forum on the following:

Ad hoc on Public Service, Budget Estimates, Sales Yard Bill, 2025, Baringo County Agricultural Sector Coordination Bill, 2025, Village Administration Bill, 2025, Meals and Nutrition Bill, 2025, Baringo County Conservancies Bill, 2025, Baringo County Youth Empowerment Bill, 2025, The County Honors and Awards Bill, 2025.



Bunge Mashinani in Garden Square, Eldama Ravine

The following are key businesses transacted:

a) Bills

i. The Baringo County Agriculture Sector Coordination Bill, 2025 (Second Reading).

The Bill aims to improve coordination, cooperation and consultation among stakeholders in the agricultural sector, fostering efficiency and productivity. It further establishes mechanisms for collaboration between national and county government, as well as private and public institutions to develop and implement agricultural programmes and policies for proper management and dissemination of agricultural information.

5. Bunge Mashinani

The County Assembly of Baringo held its inaugural Bunge Mashinani under the theme “Bunge Limekuja Nyumbani” in Eldama Ravine, Garden Square in April 2025.

Bunge Mashinani is a Swahili term that translates to “Parliament at the Grassroots that refers to a political initiative aimed at decentralizing decision making and bringing government operations closer to the people.

The concept involves holding parliamentary sessions at the grassroots level, where members of the County Assembly (MCAs) visit local areas to engage with the community, discuss issues, and hear directly from the people they represent. The session is meant to enhance political participation, ensure that citizens have a more direct voice in the legislative process, and address local issues in more accessible and transparent manner.

The initiative is part of efforts to promote better governance, accountability, and public involvement in Baringo’s political processes and decision making.



c) Fact – Finding

d) Public Engagements

ii. The Baringo County Livestock Sales Yard Bill, 2025 (Second Reading). This bill provides for the establishment and control of County Livestock Sales Yard.

During the Bunge Mashinani First Edition, the Assembly through the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; and Water and Irrigation committees conducted fact finding missions to Chemususu Dam and Water Offices, Eldama Ravine Sub County Hospital and Eldama Ravine Milk Processing Plant.

On the last day of Bunge Mashinani the committees of the Assembly held public fora with the objective of collecting views on the mandate of the Assembly (legislation, oversight and representation). During this interactive session the committee on justice and legal affairs received memoranda from Lembus Council of elders.

iii. The Baringo County Conservancies Bill, 2025(Second Reading, Committee of the Whole house and Third Reading). The bill aims to :

- facilitate the establishment of county and community wildlife conservancies
- Create a dedicated conservancies fund to support conservation initiatives
- Promote collaboration with partners for technical support and capacity building in wildlife conservation
- Enhance governance in managing county reserves and conservancies.



The Speaker, Hon. Vincent Kenboi engaging members of the public during Bunge Mashinani

"In Spite of myriad of challenges, the Assembly is delighted to have held a successful Bunge Mashinani (First Edition) and passed several Bills in full glare of the public"

b) Reports

i. Reports of the Lands Housing and Urban Development on the proposed elevation of Marigat, Mogotio and Eldama Ravine towns to Municipality Status.

ii. The report of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on the status of cattle dips in the County

iv. The report of the Trade Tourism and Cooperative Development committee on the Baringo County Conservancies Bill, 2025..

iv. The report of the Education Vocational Training and ICT Committee on Baringo County Meals and Nutrition Bill, 2024.

v. Report of the Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the First Quarter Budget Implementation for Financial Year 2024/2025.



"You can't expect others to be accountable if you're not first accountable to yourself."

County Assembly of Baringo Holds First Leaders Summit

In the spirit of devolution and public service transformation, leadership across all levels of government must evolve to meet the demands of accountability, inclusivity, and development. Against this backdrop, the Baringo Leaders' Summit, convened by the Speaker of the Baringo County Assembly, brought together a cross-section of leaders under the theme "Strengthening Leadership to Improve Governance."

The summit held from 3rd - 7th February, 2025 at Lake Bogoria Spa Resort served as a timely platform to reflect, re-strategize and recommit to the principles of good governance, responsive leadership and sustainable development.

The main objective of the Baringo Leaders' Summit was to create a unified platform for dialogue among county leaders, elected representatives, administrators, civil society actors and stakeholders from various sectors

In a County with complex governance challenges—ranging from resource allocation, insecurity, youth unemployment, to infrastructure gaps, the summit aimed to align leadership roles and responsibilities toward a common vision, improved service delivery and inclusive development.

The summit addressed the following key issues:

* **Integrity and Accountability:** Presentations and breakout sessions focused on ethical leadership, financial prudence, and transparency in public office.

* **Inclusivity in Decision-Making:** Discussions emphasized the need to empower women, youth, and marginalized communities through representation and participatory governance.

* **Intergovernmental Relations:** The summit also explored collaboration between the County Executive, Assembly and national government to avoid duplication, promote efficiency, and resolve jurisdictional conflicts.

* **Conflict Resolution and Peace building:** Given Baringo's history with inter-communal tensions, the summit dedicated sessions to peace leadership, conflict-sensitive development and the role of leaders as agents of reconciliation.



Leaders Summit at Lake Bogoria SPA

The Summit culminated with the following set of Resolutions and action Points:

- Establishment of a County Leadership Charter outlining shared values, accountability mechanisms, and performance benchmarks.
- Commitment to strengthen capacity-building programs for elected leaders and county staff through training on legislation, budget analysis, and civic engagement. Creation of a Multi-Sectoral Governance Forum to promote
- regular dialogue among stakeholders beyond the summit. Strengthening the office of the Speaker and the Assembly to enhance oversight and
- uphold checks and balances.



The Assembly empowers its Departments for efficient service delivery in line with its vision & mission

Section 12(2) of the County Government Act, 2012 as read together with Section 11 (2) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 provides that;

The County Assembly Service Board shall constitute offices in the service, appoint and supervise office holders in the County Assembly. In light of the above, the Management of Baringo County Assembly Service as established comprise the office of the Clerk with four Directorates namely;

1. Administration & Human Resources Management Services (Human Resource, Administrative services, Payroll, Transport, Catering Services, Works office, Training & Development office and Liaison Office)

2. Legislative, Procedural and committee services (Legislative and Procedural Services, Committee services, Sergeant- At-Arms Services)

3. Finance and Accounting services (Finance, Accounts and Financial Reporting)

4. Communication and Information Services (Information & Communication Technology, Hansard Services, Research Services, Library Services, Public Relations & Communication).

Further to this, there exist four other sections namely; Supply Chain and Management, Internal Audit, Budget Office and Legal Services that report directly to the office of the Clerk.

County Assembly Makes Great Strides in its Legislative Role

1. Acts and Bills

The County Assembly of Baringo has enacted sixty two (62) Acts of County Assembly, twenty three (23) policies, twelve (12) regulations and thirty (30) County plans. During the last Financial Year 2024/2025 the following Bill were processed.

- i. The Baringo County Livestock Sale Yard Bill, 2025
- ii. The Village Administration Bill, 2025
- iii. The Baringo County Agriculture Sector Co-ordination Bill, 2025
- iv. The Baringo County Conservancies Bill, 2025
- v. The County Honours and Awards Bill, 2025
- vi. The County Youth Empowerment Bill, 2025

2. Reports

In the last FY 2024/2025 County Assembly of Baringo through its Committees adopted forty three (43) reports among them;

- i. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Service on the employment irregularities and non-payment of casual workers.
- ii. Report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditor General's Report on Kirandich and Chemususu Water Companies for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- iii. Report of the Lands, Housing and Urban Development Committee on vetting and approval of Kabarnet Municipal Board.

3. Fact - Finding

This involves gathering accurate, relevant and unbiased information to support informed decision making. During the Financial Year 2024/2025 the following fact findings were undertaken by Committees;

- I. Agriculture, livestock and fisheries committee's fact finding mission on the status of cattle dips across the thirty (30) wards in Baringo County.
- II. Agriculture, livestock and fisheries committee's fact finding missions on the status of milk plant, Agricultural Training Centre – Eldama Ravine and Maoi Abattoir
- III. Transport, public works and infrastructure committee fact finding on the use of ward fuel in Bartabwa and Tenges wards.
- IV. Disaster and risk management committees fact finding on landslides in Kasisit and Kapkombe in Saimo Kipsaraman ward, Ngetmoi in Ewalel Chapchap ward and Sigowo in Sacho ward.
- V. Education, ICT and vocational Training Committee fact findings on the status of Milimani ECDE centre in Ravine ward and the status of vocational training centres across the county



Baringo County Assembly's County Heritage, Gender, Culture and Social Services Visit to the State Department of Gender, Culture, the Arts, and Heritage on the Baringo County Honors and Awards Bill.



PAIC Visit to BCRH Hospital

Bungoma County Asembly's Delegation Visits Baringo County Assembly For Benchmarking

The County Assembly of Baringo hosted a delegation from the County Assembly of Bungoma as it prepares to officially occupy and install a digital hansard system in their new debating chambers.

The delegation led by the Speaker Hon. Emmanuel Situma was received by the Deputy Speaker Hon. Kipruto Kimosop and the Clerk Ms. Winnie Chemase. The team was taken through the modern chambers, Paperless Hansard System among other areas of interest.

Hon. Situma revealed that Bungoma County Assembly plans to occupy its new debating chamber by March next year. He added that the benchmark to Baringo sought to understand more about the modern chamber, setup and commissioning of the paperless hansard system as Bungoma is committed to improving its operations and performance management. We look forward to completion and occupying our new chamber by March next year," said Hon. Situma.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kimosop expressed his gratitude to the delegation for choosing Baringo as a benchmark destination. He further congratulated them for strengthening their role as an assembly through construction of a debating chamber.

Congratulations for the strides you have made as an Assembly. Building such a magnificent building from scratch is no joke. it takes a heap of commitment and discipline. As Baringo we felt the heat that comes with rennovations to this status. luckily for us we inherited our structures from the Municipal Council"

The Clerk of Baringo County Assembly, Ms. Winnie Chemase, informed the delegation that chamber construction and installation of the hansard system would signify a new dawn and a raft of infrastructural improvements to Bungoma County Assembly. She stressed on the impact of the new chambers and the paperless system in legislation and the overall mandate of the Assembly.

Hon. Situma expressed gratitude to the host County Assembly for their warm reception and the opportunity to learn. He emphasized the cumbersome need for collaborative exchanges between County Assemblies.

"We appreciate the warm hospitality and the knowledge shared. We welcome you to Bungoma County Assembly after we launch our chambers so that you can rate if we employed the knowledge you have equipped us", stated Hon. Atsiaya.



The Key features of the Digital Paperless Hansard System often include:

- Digital document sharing (agenda, bills, amendments) to members' devices.
- Remote access for members outside the chamber.
- Electronic voting and attendance tracking.
- Real-time or rapid posting of Hansard transcripts (online).
- Automated indexing, archiving and retrieval of Hansard records.
- Integration of ICT infrastructure (audio/video capture, transcription tools, editing workflows).



The Clerk Ms. Winnie Chemase with a delegation from County Assembly of Bungoma led by the Speaker Hon. Emmanuel Situma



The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kipruto Kimosop takes a delegation from County Assembly of Bungoma through the state of the art hansard system.

Assembly Hosts Schools for Educational Tours on the role of the County Assemblies in Kenya

The County Assembly of Baringo has opened its doors to a group of enthusiastic pupils and students drawn from various schools across the County, in a well-coordinated educational tour aimed at demystifying legislative processes and inspiring the youth.

The learners, accompanied by their teachers, had a rare opportunity to sit in the public gallery and observe a live plenary session.

The young audience keenly followed the proceedings as Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) debated pressing matters affecting the region including education, infrastructure, and youth empowerment.

After the session, the Speaker of the County Assembly, Hon. Vincent Kemboi, engaged the students in an interactive talk.

He warmly welcomed them and emphasized the importance of education, civic engagement, and leadership.

“You are the future of Baringo. One day, among you could be future legislators, governors, and even speakers. Understanding governance early is the first step to responsible leadership,” he told the attentive group.

Hon. Kemboi encouraged the learners to work hard in school and to stay informed about matters affecting their communities. He also shared insights into the daily duties of the County Assembly, the law-making process, and the importance of public participation in governance.

Teachers accompanying the students praised the County Assembly for the opportunity, noting that the experience brought learning to life in a powerful way.

“This visit has allowed our pupils to connect what they learning class with real-world governance. It’s an unforgettable lesson in leadership and democracy,” said one teacher.

The tour concluded with a group photo on the assembly steps, leaving the students inspired and more aware of their role as future leaders and informed citizens.



Students drawn from various school across Baringo County follow through the Live Plenary Session and an opportunity for a photograph with the Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi

Members of County Assembly (MCAS) Participate in the 5th Legislative Summit in Nairobi

Members of the Baringo County Assembly (MCAs) recently took part in the 5th Legislative Summit held in Nairobi, a high level forum that brought together legislators from all 47 counties, national government officials, development partners, and other key stakeholders.

The Legislative Summit is a forum that convenes Members of County Assemblies (MCAs), Senators, the Executive and other stakeholders in devolution to discuss and enhance legislative processes and fiscal governance. It fosters dialogue, knowledge sharing and collaboration to advance devolution and improve service delivery

The summit, organized by the Senate of Kenya in collaboration with the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), provided a critical platform for legislators to engage in meaningful dialogue on strengthening devolution, improving legislative practices, and fostering intergovernmental relations.

Under the theme “Championing Accountability: Strengthening Oversight for Transparent Leadership Through Legislative and Policy Reforms,” the week-long event saw robust discussions on issues such as fiscal accountability, public participation, youth and women empowerment, and innovation in county governance.

Photo: Members follow through the Legislative Summit



The summit concluded with a joint communiqué that emphasized the Financial Autonomy of County Assemblies, Remuneration of Members of County Assembly, Adoption of the fourth generation revenue sharing formula, need for enhanced collaboration between county assemblies and the Senate to ensure the sustainability of devolution and improved service delivery to the people.

Speaking during the summit, Baringo County Assembly Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi commended the event for offering MCAs a chance to benchmark with other counties and deepen their understanding of the legislative process.

Baringo MCAs actively contributed to breakout sessions that covered topical issues including climate change adaptation, equitable resource distribution, healthcare, and the digital transformation of county operations.

As they return to Baringo, the MCAs expressed renewed commitment to applying the knowledge gained to better serve their constituents and to drive legislative excellence in the county. The County Assembly is expected to hold a post-summit briefing session where key outcomes and resolutions from the summit will be shared with the public and relevant departments.

“This summit helps sharpen our focus as legislators. It equips us with new strategies to improve oversight, representation, and service delivery back home,” said Hon. Kemboi.

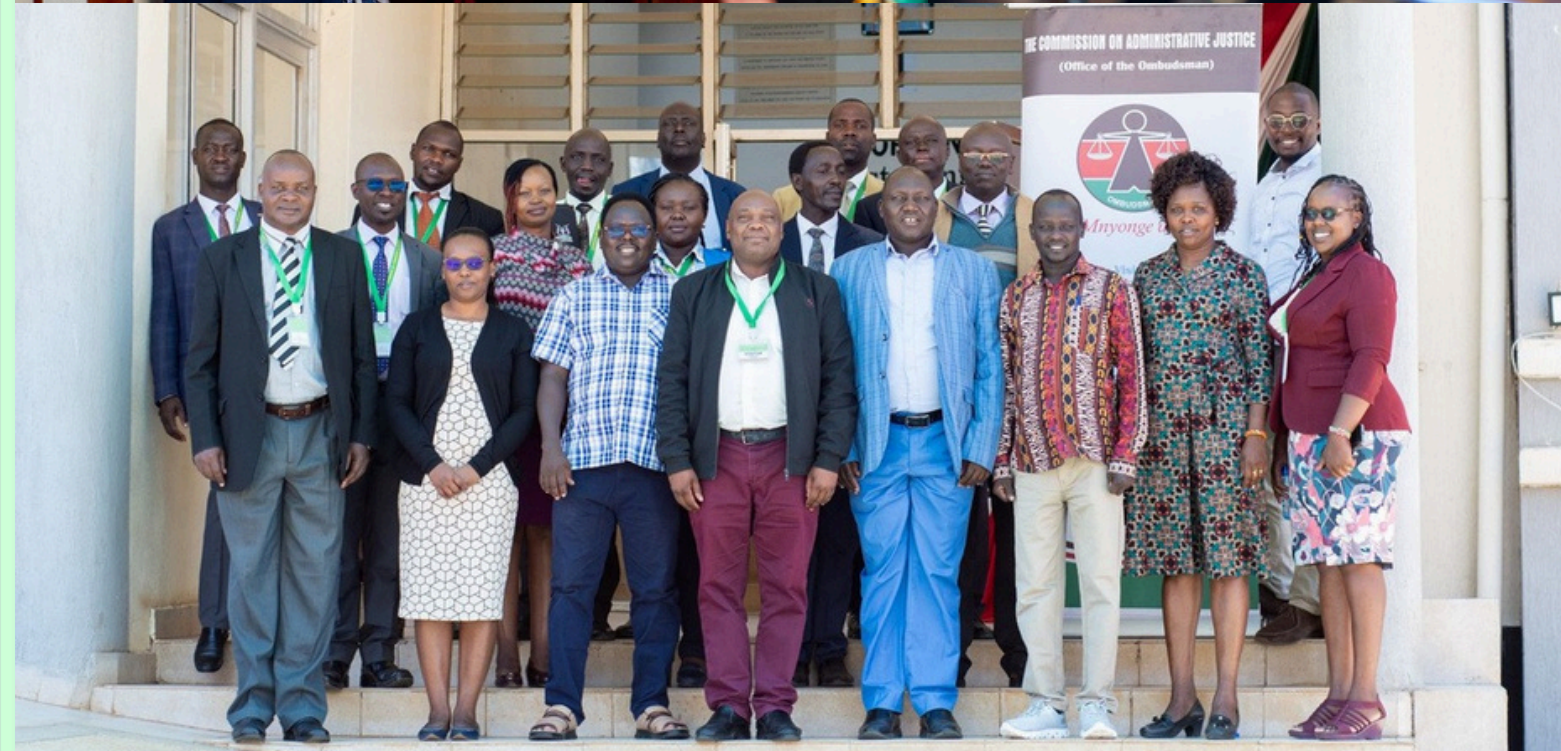
The delegation also networked with counterparts from other counties, sharing best practices and lessons learned from implementing devolution over the past decade.

Commission on Administrative Justice (Ombudsman) Pays Courtesy Call to Baringo County Assembly Ahead of Capacity Building Session

On Wednesday 19 February 2025, Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) popularly known as as the Ombudsman, Commission's Vice Chairperson, Ms. Dorothy Jemator paid a courtesy call to the Office of the Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi as part of a two-day working engagement in Baringo County.

The Speaker welcomed the team warmly and commended the Commission for its continued efforts in promoting accountability, fair administrative practices, and public service integrity across all levels of government. He also expressed appreciation for the Commission's support in strengthening the relationship between citizens and public institutions.

"This visit is timely and valuable. As an Assembly, we are committed to upholding transparency, efficiency, and responsiveness in our legislative and administrative functions. The presence of the Ombudsman reinforces these values," said Speaker Kemboi.



Officials from the Committee on Administrative Justice (CAJ) led by the Vice Chairperson, Ms. Dorothy Jemator on a courtesy call to the Speaker of the County Assembly of Baringo

The meeting culminated to a capacity-building session with County Assembly Members and staff, focusing on:

- Access to information laws and procedures
- Administrative justice and good governance practices
- Handling of public complaints and feedback mechanisms
- Strengthening institutional integrity and service delivery

County Assembly Adheres to the SRC Guideline on Construction of Speaker's Residence

In a demonstration of fiscal discipline and commitment to transparency, the County County Assembly of Baringo has affirmed its full compliance with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) guidelines in the construction of the official residence for the Speaker of the County Assembly.

The project, which is part of a broader national directive to provide dignified housing for state officers, was initiated following the approval of guidelines issued by SRC regarding the design, budgetary ceilings, and procurement procedures for such developments.



Official Speaker's Residence in Kabarnet

"The construction process has been guided by all relevant legal and regulatory frameworks, with a focus on cost-effectiveness, accountability, and value for public money. Every step of this project has been aligned with SRC recommendations. We engaged qualified professionals, conducted feasibility studies, and followed due process in tendering and contract award," noted the Clerk Ms. Winnie Chemase during a visit to the residence.

Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi emphasized that the residence is not a personal privilege but an institutional asset meant to enhance the dignity of the office and reduce long-term housing costs borne by the public.

"This is about strengthening the institution of the County Assembly and ensuring sustainability in the management of public resources. We are committed to leading by example," he said.

The construction project was implemented in phases, with periodic audits and oversight by the relevant assembly committees to ensure transparency and efficiency. Public participation forums were also held prior to the commencement of the project to ensure accountability and community buy-in.

Upon completion, the Speaker's residence will serve as a permanent official home for successive holders of the office, reinforcing institutional continuity and fiscal responsibility.



Official Speaker's with a perimeter fence and servant's Quarter

County Assembly Embraces Technology with the Installation and Commissioning of Paperless Hansard System and Livestreaming of Live Proceedings

In a major step toward modernizing legislative operations, the County Assembly of Baringo has successfully installed a Paperless Hansard System and launched live streaming of its plenary sessions, ushering in a new era of transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

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Speaking during the unveiling of the new systems, Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi noted that the move is part of the Assembly's broader commitment to leveraging technology to enhance legislative performance.

"This is a game-changer for us. A paperless Hansard system improves turnaround time for compiling records, reduces printing costs, and ensures we maintain a verifiable, digital trail of all Assembly activities," he said.

Alongside the Hansard upgrade, the Assembly has also rolled out live streaming of live proceedings, allowing members of the public to follow debates in real-time via the Assembly's official website and social media channels. This initiative is in line with Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, which emphasizes public access and participation in county assembly business.

"We are committed to making our legislative process more open to the people we serve. Through livestreaming, citizens in remote areas of Baringo and beyond can now stay informed and hold their leaders accountable," said the Clerk of the Assembly.

MCA's and staff have undergone training to effectively use the new systems, ensuring a smooth transition. Stakeholders and civil society groups have welcomed the development, describing it as a bold step toward e-governance and citizen engagement.



The Speaker, Hon. Vincent Kemboi using the state of the art Hansard System in the Chambers

Members of the public are encouraged to tune in to live sessions and access digital Hansard records through the Assembly's online platforms (Facebook, Website and Youtube).

The recent livestreaming of witness hearings by the Ad Hoc Committee of the County Assembly of Baringo, investigating alleged employment malpractices and non-payment of casual workers, has proven instrumental in promoting transparency

and citizen engagement.

The hearings, which were broadcast live across the Assembly's official digital platforms, gave affected individuals, including former and current casual workers a critical opportunity to submit County Assembly of Baringo, investigating their pleas, present evidence, and follow the proceedings in real time from across the county.

"The livestreaming played a key role in ensuring fairness. Many of those affected came forward with documents and testimonies because they were able to watch and understand the process, which helped us gather vital information," said Hon. Sam Lokales, Vice- Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Baringo County Assembly Shines at ASK Kabarnet Show, Wins First Prize in Government Stand Category



Baringo County Assembly's Stand during ASK Show, Kabarnet

The County Assembly of Baringo made a remarkable impression during the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Kabarnet Show held in September 2024, emerging as the 1st Prize Winner in the “Best Government Stand” category. Themed “Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth,” this year’s show focused on innovation, sustainability, and partnerships that foster economic resilience. The County Assembly’s exhibition stand attracted hundreds of visitors, including students, farmers, traders, and dignitaries, who were impressed

by the Assembly’s interactive displays, digitized legislative resources, and informative sessions on laws, bills and policies supporting agriculture, environmental conservation, and trade.

The Assembly also showcased its role in holding the county executive accountable through committee reports, audit reviews and budget analysis. This transparency and focus on governance resonated strongly with the judges.



The Clerk Ms. Winnie Chemase while receiving the trophy from the Assembly’s Show Team applauded the ASK Show organizers for providing a platform that bridges government and the public.

“We are honored to receive this award. It reflects our continued commitment to openness, civic education, and support for climate-smart and economically sustainable legislation. Next year, we are coming in bigger and better,” she said. She further noted that participation in such public events is part of the institution’s broader civic engagement strategy. “We want to bring the Assembly closer to the people, especially on matters that directly impact their livelihoods, such as agriculture and trade. This recognition affirms we are on the right track.”

The County Assembly of Baringo thanks all who visited their stand and remains committed to making legislation work for the people, while embracing platforms that promote dialogue, innovation, and transparency.



H.E Governor Benjamin Cheboi handing over the First Prize Trophy and Certificate to the County Assembly Team



Assembly Excels at the Fifth Edition County Assemblies Sports Association Games.

Work, love, and play are the great balance wheels of man's being. The County Assembly of Baringo participated in the Fifth Edition of County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games, held in Bungoma County in October 2024.

The event, which brought together County Assemblies from across the Country, was held under the theme: "Fostering Inclusivity and Diversity in County Sports and Cultural Events."

Baringo County Assembly fielded a strong and vibrant delegation that competed in multiple disciplines, including:

- Football (Men)
- Volleyball (Men and Women)
- Athletics (Women – 400m)
- Athletics (Men – 1500m and 10,000m)
- Darts & Pool
- Handball (Men and Women)



Assembly Staff Competing in Handball (Men Category)



The County Assembly of Baringo Football Team

The Assembly's outstanding performance was a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and talent of its staff members. Baringo County Assembly secured top positions in various events:

- 2nd Place – Darts
- 2nd Place – Athletics (Women 400m)
- 2nd Place – Athletics (Men 1500m)
- 3rd Place – Football (Men)

Speaker Hon. Vincent Kemboi commended the team for representing the County with honor, discipline, and sportsmanship. "Beyond competition, these games are about building unity, promoting wellness, and celebrating the diverse talents within our county assemblies. We are proud of our team for their commitment and the strong results they achieved," he said.

The Clerk, Ms. Chemase praised the efforts of all participants and the organizing committee for their hard work and discipline throughout the tournament.

"Our team not only competed, but connected with colleagues from across the country, sharing experiences and showcasing Baringo's resilience and spirit," she added

As the Assembly returns home with medals and pride, there is a renewed commitment to continue nurturing talent, supporting wellness programs, and preparing even stronger teams for future editions.

Congratulations Team Baringo!



Hon. Josphat Lokorio (MCA Barwessa competing in pool category)



THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION



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