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**BI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE SECTORAL
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**

FOR

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1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources is established under Standing Order No. 191. Its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 191(5) is to:-

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;*
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
- c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;*
- d) study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;*
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;*
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185(Committee on Appointments); and*
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.*

Committee Membership

The Sectoral Committee was constituted by the House on Tuesday 7th May, 2013.

The Committee comprises of the following Members:-

- 1. Hon. Benson L Amutavi, MCA - Chairperson**
- 2. Hon. Alhad Ahmed Adam, MCA - Vice Chairperson**
3. Hon. Michael Wainaina Wanjiku, MCA
4. Hon. Hellen Katangie, MCA
5. Hon. Alexander Mutisya Mulatya, MCA

6. Hon. Dorcas Njoroge, MCA
7. Hon. Peter Wahinya Njau, MCA
8. Hon. Catherine Okoth, MCA
9. Hon. Samuel Kagiri Mwangi, MCA
10. Hon. Daniel Oria Odhiambo, MCA
11. Hon. Rosemary Macharia, MCA
12. Hon. Samwel Ndung'u Njoroge, MCA
13. Hon. Zulfa Hakim, MCA
14. Hon. Janet Wala Ayako, MCA
15. Hon. Peter Anyule Imwatok, MCA
16. Hon. Mike O Guoro, MCA
17. Hon. Margaret Sewe, MCA

Committee Secretariat

The Committee is serviced by:-

- 1) Mr. Shadrack Makokha - Clerk Assistant
- 2) Ms. Margaret Muia - Office Assistant

The Committee exercise oversight role on the work and administration of the following two Sectors:-

- i) Agriculture, Livestock Development & Fisheries
- ii) Water, Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources

In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee is mandated to consider all matters relating to:-

- a) agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control and fisheries;***
- b) Animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for accommodation, care and burial of animals;***
- c) implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water***

conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising; and
d) Refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal

Mr. Speaker Sir,

During the period under review, the Committee prioritized four (4) objectives which it aimed to achieve. This included; advocating for proper waste management, improving on the oversight capacity, developing and supporting legislations that would improve the performance of the sectors it oversees, and timely response to statement requests by members and public concerns/petitions.

This report contains Committee accomplishments during the period January, 2015 to May, 2015 in its bid to achieve the aforementioned objectives. The Committee wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for enabling the Committee to discharge its mandates. On behalf of the Committee, I wish to present the bi-annual report for the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources for the period January to May 2015.

Thank you.

Signed

Hon. Benson L Amutavi, MCA
Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources

Date

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Committee developed a bi-annual work plan running from January, 2015 to June 2015. The work plan, though not strictly followed, helped to guide the Committee in its work. To achieve its objectives, the Committee used various tools at its disposal such as, meeting/engaging with the County Executive Members and other stakeholders, consideration of the sector's County Fiscal Strategy Paper(CFSP) & supplementary budget estimates, considering Bills committed to the Committee; and conducting site visits.

Despite not having achieved all its objectives, the Committee can report to have accomplished a few of its set targets, this include; tabling its report on the consideration of the Nairobi City County Urban Agriculture Regulation and Promotion Bill, 2015, and conducting site visits to assess issues under its mandate and reporting to the Assembly. The Committee has also been able to respond to statements requested by members, particularly those requested during the previous session.

3.0 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

a) Sittings

In the period under review the Committee held a total of **60** sittings held at both City Hall Buildings and various sites members visited. The meetings were held for the following action items:-

- i) Consultative forums with the County Executive and stakeholders
- ii) Consideration of Statement requested by members and the corresponding Executive responses to the statements.
- iii) Consideration of the sectors' County Fiscal Strategy Paper(CFSP), 2015/16
- iv) Examination of the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2014/2015 for the; Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources sector and Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries sector.

- v) Examination of the Budget Estimates for the FY 2015/2016 for the; Energy, Forestry and Natural Resources sector and Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries sector (ongoing).
- vi) Consideration of the Nairobi City County Urban Agriculture Promotion and Regulation Bill, 2015
- vii) Consideration of the Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Bill, 2015
- viii) Consideration of Statement requests and responses.
- ix) Investigations/inquiries into sector issues(waste management)
- x) House Keeping Meetings and evaluation of the executive programmes

b) Committee reports

The Committee has, during the period under review, produced the following reports.

- i.) Report on the consideration of the Nairobi City Urban Agriculture Promotion and Regulation Bill, 2015. Report on the status of abattoirs within Nairobi city county
- ii.) Report on the consideration of the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy Paper, FY 2015/16.
- iii.) Report on the consideration of the Nairobi City County supplementary budget estimates FY 2014/15.
- iv.) Report on Committee retreat held at Flamingo Beach Resort from 26th February to 1st March, 2015(*report ready for tabling*)
- v.) Report on the site visit to Pangani Ward to assess alleged illegal dumping of waste
- vi.) Report on the site visit to Farmers Choice(*Part of findings on a request to statement*)

c) Statements

During the period under review, three (3) statement requests were directed to the Committee. In addition two (2) other statements were still pending from the previous session. The status of the statements is as follows;

Previous session (pending)

- i) Statement requested on Thursday 12th June, 2014, by the Hon. Rachel Kamweru, MCA, regarding the proposed power plant to be built in Dandora Ward. *(Statement ready for tabling)*
- ii) Statement requested on 9th December, 2014, by the Hon. Leah Mumo, MCA, regarding the purchase of garbage collection equipment and garbage trucks by the Nairobi City County. *(Final clarification received and still under Committee consideration)*

Current session

- i) Statement requested by Hon. Shadrack Juma on 4th March, 2015 regarding waste leaks from the East African Breweries *(Executive response received awaiting tabling)*.
- ii) Statement requested by the Hon. Leah Mumo, MCA, on 24th March, 2015 regarding the payment of garbage collectors *(information provided by the Executive was not satisfactory and final reminder sent)*
- iii) Statement requested by Hon. Osman Adow on 29th April, 2015 regarding garbage collection in Eastleigh *(Due on 4th June, 2015, Executive response received, Committee to conduct site visit)*

d) Bills

Two Bills was committed to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 121(1)

- i) The Nairobi City County Urban Agriculture Promotion and Regulation Bill, 2015. (Report tabled)
- ii) The Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Bill, 2015 *(Committee met all stakeholders, final report yet to be developed)*

e) Retreats attended

During the period under review, the Committee held one (1) retreat at Flamingo Beach Resort from **26th February to 1st March, 2015**. The objective of the retreat was for members to undergo training on how to develop legislative proposals and consider Bills committed to the Committee (*Report ready for tabling*)

f) Site Visits

During the period under review the committee undertook three (3) inspection visits as follows;

- i.) Visit to Pangani Ward held on 29th January, 2015 to ascertain alleged illegal dumping at the area.
- ii.) Visit to Farmers Choice abattoir held on Tuesday 24th February, 2015 to make further inquiry on issues raised in a statement request by Hon. Patrick Ngaruiya Chege regarding disposal of waste at the abattoir.
- iii.) Visit to Babadogo Ward held on 9th March 2015 to ascertain issues raised in a statement requested by Hon. Shadrack Juma regarding waste leaks from East African Breweries Ltd.

g) Foreign study visits

During the period under review, the Committee did not conduct any foreign visit.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee notes that the period under review has been marked with a lot of activities aimed at enhancing oversight mandate of the Committee. The Committee shall be moving with speed to finalize all pending issues under consideration. It is in the interest of the Committee to achieve all planned activities for the good welfare of the County residents. This will require the support of all stakeholders and the dedication of Committee members.

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