



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Kamangu) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, we do not have quorum, please ring the bell for ten minutes.

*(Quorum bell rang)*

I think we have the quorum, Clerk, proceed.

PAPERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson of Labour? Is there any member of Labour? You are expected to lay the paper from your committee. Hon. Kados, lay the paper for Water Committee as we wait for Labour Committee to organize themselves.

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 191 (6), I beg to lay the following paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 7th August 2019:

The report of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation on the consideration of Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2018 on the Water and Sanitation Service Policy.

*(The paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kados. Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of Labour? Hon. Akama, proceed.

Hon. Jared Ondieki: Thank You, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No.191 (6), I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 7th August 2019---

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN AND INVESTMENT

Hon. David Mberia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, aware that access to the provision of quality health care is a basic right guaranteed by the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; further aware that Health is a devolved function under the Constitution, especially under the Fourth Schedule, Part II, which provides that the County shall be responsible for health services, including in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, and promotion of primary health care; observing that whereas the devolution of health services was intended to usher in a new dawn in health services management, recent experience from Nairobi residents in health facilities indicate a slowed realization of the same; recognizing that the County Government has indeed invested heavily in its facilities, which investment has seen great improvements in provision of health services across County health facilities; deeply concerned that despite the foregoing, the sector is currently bedeviled with monumental challenges ranging from capacity gaps, human resource deficiency, lack of critical legal and institutional infrastructure, rampant corruption and a conflictual relationship with the national government; realizing that the net effect of these challenges is the stagnation of healthcare and even a reversal of some gains made over the past six years: acknowledging that the previous administration had a draft strategic plan and investment in such challenges; this Assembly urges the County Executive to move with speed and finalize on the draft plan and/or develop a comprehensive Health Sector Strategic Plan and Investment that will address the various challenging bedeviling the health services in the County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### PAPER

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Let us go back to Order No. 5. The Labour Committee did not lay the paper properly. Hon. Akama, could you please lay the papers properly?

Hon. Jared Ondieki: Thank you. I agree learning is a continuous process. Pursuant to Standing Order 139 (6), I beg to lay the following paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 7th August 2019:

The report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on consideration of petition by residents of Nairobi City County regarding the noninvolvement of disabled persons in key decision making organ in Nairobi City County Government.

I beg to lay, Mr. Speaker.

*(The paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Akama, now it is properly done.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Kados?

## CONSIDERATION OF SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3 OF 2018 ON THE WATER AND SANITATION SERVICE POLICY

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation on the consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 3 on the Water and Sanitation Service Policy, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 7th August 2019.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kados. Who is misusing the card of Abdi Ibrahim Hassan? I cannot see him there but I can see he is requesting.

## STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Redson Otieno?

## REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF BURST SEWER SYSTEM IN NGEI WARD

Hon. Redson Onyango: Pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding maintenance of burst sewer system in the County, particularly in Ngei Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 1 (b) gives every Kenya Citizen the right to reasonable standards of sanitation and to operationalize this, Part 2, Paragraph 11 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution places this function on the County Government. It is important to note that whenever there is a sewer burst, there is waste spillage into settlements, health centers and roads becomes a health hazard and the County needs to intervene promptly. For instance, the current cases of the sewer system burst along Daniel Comboni Road, Lyons Health Centre and Mt. Kenya area is a serious one.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Steps that the County is taking to address the problem of burst and surface flowing sewers in the County; and
2. Measures that the County is putting in place to have the sewer systems in the aforementioned areas repaired to avert the impending disease outbreaks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Why is the statement directed to the Planning Committee and yet Sewer is under Water?

Hon. Redson Onyango: I said water.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: According to the records I have, it is showing that it is under Planning.

Hon. Redson Onyango: I have two statements.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay. Chair of Water?

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I would like to request for one week because I understand that we are going for recess. Therefore, one week after recess.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: One week after recess, Hon. Redson?

Hon. Redson Onyango: It is okay.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, proceed.

#### REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF OPEN SPACES IN HOSPITAL WARD

Hon. Redson Onyango: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding ownership of open spaces in the County, more so, in Hospital Ward, Mathare Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, in the Planning law, a provision is made for guidelines (masterplans) on availing public spaces for settlements and communities as a means of ensuring good quality of life for the residents. For instance, Nairobi's 1948 master plan and other subsequent plans had sufficient provision on public spaces. In these spaces, communities can propose the development of social amenities for use by the residents.

Hon. Speaker, Depot ground in Hospital Ward is a source of controversy between the residents and the police post constructed on it due to lack of clarity of ownership. This has occasionally led to clashes between residents seeking to use the ground and police keeping in mind that this is one of the few spaces in Hospital Ward, Mathare Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Ownership of Depot ground in Hospital Ward and copy of ownership document; and
2. Measures that the County has put in place to map out and protect public spaces across the County from encroachment and grabbing.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Planning Chair? Vice-Chair or any member present? Yes, Hon. Kados.

Hon. Paul Kados: Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairperson of Planning, may I beg for that report to be ready---

*(Point of Order)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is the Point of Order, Hon. Gari?

Hon. Maurice Gari: Mr. Speaker, If I am not wrong, the Member who requested is a member of the Planning Committee. You cannot ask a question to the same Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Redson, are you a member of the Planning Committee?

Hon. Redson Onyango: Yes, I am a member of the Planning Committee, but I am asking because of public demand.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I refer the same back to the committee.

Hon. Maurice Gari: Mr. Speaker, if a question is raised due to public concern and you are sitting in the same committee, it is upon the member to raise the same question---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Gari, I have given a ruling. Hon. Redson, have you ever raised it in your committee?

Hon. Redson Onyango: No.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Then go back to the committee and ask them, please. Hon. Redson, you may sit.

#### REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING STATUS REPORT OF CASES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. David Mberia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Justice and Legal Affairs regarding the status report of cases in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the current Governments Act Section 8 of 2012 (1) (c), gives the county assembly mandate to approve the budget and expenditures of the county government. In this regard, Article 185 (93) requires the county assembly to oversight in the transition of the budget.

Accordingly, this House has passed a budget to cater for pending bills including payments to law firms that have represented the county government in law cases. For this reason, the County Government has put into account in regards to an expenditure of legal representation.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. The number of litigations that the County Government has been involved in for last financial year;
2. The number of cases won and lost by the County Government over the last financial year;
3. Current status of all cases involving the County Government for the last financial year; and
4. The total sum paid to each law firm or due for payment currently contracted by the County Government to handle the cases for the last financial year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon Jayendra Malde: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Can we have one week after recess?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: One week after recess, Hon. Mberia?

Hon. David Mberia: Much obliged, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Gikonyo? Proceed with your statement.

#### REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING LAND ALLOCATIONS OF PLOT NO. 310,293 AND 292 IN KCC VILLAGE SQUATTERS' SETTLEMENT SCHEME BY THE DEFUNCT NAIROBI CITY COUNCIL

Hon. Stephen Gikonyo: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding land allocations in the county especially Plot No. 310,293 and 292 in KCC Village squatters' settlement scheme by the defunct Nairobi City Council.

Hon. Speaker, the defunct Nairobi City Council allocated plots to various persons in the County and each person has been paying land rates yearly as per the law despite the council delaying the issuance of ownership documents. However, the beneficiaries have not been shown the pieces of land allocated to them and have not been issued with any document of ownership. (Attached are the letters of allotment on the formalization of KCC Village squatters' settlement scheme and documents showing yearly payments for the land rates).

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. The list of the beneficiaries and legitimate documents of ownership; and
2. The steps that the County Executive is taking to have the beneficiaries given the ownership documents and shown the plots.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the statement.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Planning? Vice-Chair or member? Hon. Kados, proceed.

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I promise that he will get the response one week after recess.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kanyi, one week after recess? Are you comfortable?

Hon. Stephen Gikonyo: Hon. Speaker, I do not know when we are going for recess but I agree.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyi.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, I see that there is a tendency for all the chairs giving us one week after recess as if we are going for recess today. I do not know who advised them that there is recess after this session. Allow me to read this request for a statement with a rider on it.

#### REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT REGARDING CONTROL OF DRUGS IN THE COUNTY

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Culture and Community Services regarding the control of drugs in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Section 3 (2) (a) of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Control Act, lists cannabis as a banned substance. The duty to control drugs lies with the County, with the investment having been made accordingly for rehabilitation centers and awareness campaigns. However, this campaign risks derailment if senior County officials engage in open abuse or use the said banned substances (Cannabis or Bhang), for instance, during the Koth Biro Football Tournament, a member of the Nairobi City County Water and Sewerage Board was seen smoking cannabis openly and photos of the same published by the media.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Whether the County Executive has any campaign against drug and substance abuse and if not;
2. Measures the County Executive has put in place to promote campaigns against drug and substance abuse; and
3. Punitive measures taken against Ms. Karen Nyamu, a member of the Nairobi City County Water and Sewerage Board who is alleged to have been caught on camera smoking cannabis openly.

Mr. Speaker, the reason why I am reading this statement is because you can see this in all newspapers and social media. We believe that this committee---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think you have given your view on what you want to be done. Let it rest at that.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, you could not have allowed me to say with a rider when I started my speech.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You cannot start a debate and you know this. You are a senior member of this House.

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Protect me from Hon. Ngengi. I think tomorrow we are going for recess and this is a very weighty statement. I think the second week after recess we shall have the---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Two weeks after recess?

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Imwatok, are you comfortable with the same?

*(Hon. member rose on a point of order)*

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, but when a point of order has been raised according to the procedures of parliament—

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are you the Speaker or I am?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, two weeks is denying Nairobians the truth about what transpired as well as our kids during the holidays will not fear to go to fields and that the generation that is supposed to give them aspirations are cannabis smokers.

Therefore, I will request this committee through your directive as much as we are adjourning tomorrow for recess, if this committee can be given express orders, I am available to come to this committee a day after tomorrow and get to the bottom of this including the Standard Newspaper which put those photos on the front page. The cameraman assigned on that day should be summoned by this committee to come with that camera and give evidence whether our own public servants could smoke cannabis openly before our children.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Two weeks, are you comfortable?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: No. From Friday, Hon. Speaker.

*(Point of Information)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Okeyo, what is it?

Hon. Frederick Okeyo: I believe this issue should involve PIC as a committee, being an oversight of Nairobi Water.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can I clear with Hon. Imwatok first? Those are different issues that you are bringing.

*(Hon. Gari rose on a point of order)*

Hon. Gari, for heaven's sake, can I clear with Hon. Imwatok and then I will give you a chance? Hon. Imwatok, are you comfortable with two weeks after recess?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, these are emotive issues. This is our public servant who His Excellency the Governor gave an opportunity to work but within less than two weeks, she is tainting the image of the County. Therefore, we want to go into details. I am not saying that one Karen Nyamu is a cannabis smoker, what I am saying is that she was found smoking Bhang at the Koth Obiro Tournament. It is now upon this committee to do an investigation and get how did she decide to smoke cannabis in front of children.

*(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Hon. Imwatok, you are going overboard.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, unless you are cannibalizing my arguments.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Imwatok, you have requested---

Hon. Peter Imwatok: I have said two weeks is not enough, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Wait for the response. The Chair Culture said two weeks after recess.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker I am saying two weeks is not conducive for me subject to public demand. You can direct this committee to even sit for one week and a half during the recess. Immediately we return, the first week we table this report. I will be available to cross-examine all the witnesses.

*(Point of Order)*

Hon. Ruth Maingi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. First and foremost, Hon. Imwatok our Minority Whip--- Mr. Speaker, protect me from Hon. Imwatok.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Imwatok, can you please sit down?

Hon. Ruth Maingi: Mr. Speaker, the truth of the matter is, we don't know whether the statement by the Hon. Member is correct. Maybe the photo is not real but a photoshop. We cannot allow somebody to come and say that our Director of Water was smoking weed. Can he withdraw?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think you have gone overboard. Can you sit down?

Chairperson of Culture, Hon. Imwatok has agreed with the two weeks, but if you can bring it earlier, it will be well and good.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, it is okay. It is not only me who is waiting but also Nairobian are waiting to know whether what she was smoking was cannabis or not. Let me also allow the sycophants to express themselves. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwangi, do you have any other option?

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. If the member agrees to give us the evidence that he has, with your indulgence, we will meet from next week because there is nowhere else we can table this report apart from the Assembly. If the member is not convinced that we can give the response within the second week after recess, then you can give us permission when we are on recess to meet as a committee to get all the information and table the report the first Thursday after recess.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: I thank the Chair of Culture, he is a very wise man. I have always been attending your meetings and I respect your committee. I accept your offer and I will provide the evidence. The first evidence is the Standard Newspaper. Standard offices are in Mombasa Road. The Editor General will be invited to a meeting of the committee. All the witnesses will come before the committee and I will be there to cross-examine them. Thank you, Chair.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay. Clerk, proceed.

#### MOTION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Moseiya?

#### MECHANISMS TO ENCOURAGE NATIVE LANGUAGES IN ECD CENTERS

Hon. Silvy Moseiya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:

That, aware that the Article 14 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People provides for the right of indigenous communities to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages and promoting their culture; further aware that the fourth objective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is "to ensure an inclusive and equitable quality education and to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" which for indigenous communities means ensuring an education that guarantees the learning of their own language and culture; noting that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, similarly provides for the promotion and protection of culture and indigenous languages and knowledge; observing that language is the main form of interaction with our environment and that words preserve stories, traditions, culture and identity; cognizant of the fact that indigenous languages represent the legacy of our forebearers and our obligation is to take care of them because when an indigenous language disappears, the indigenous traditional knowledge (stories, legends, songs, values, myths, prayers) also disappear; appreciating that the treasure of indigenous languages is a heritage that should not be lost; deeply concerned that unfortunately, indigenous cultural identity and languages are threatened by the constant growth and assimilation of globalization within cosmopolitan cities such as Nairobi; this Assembly urges the County Executive to explore mechanisms for developing a framework under Section 17 of the Nairobi City County Early Childhood Education Act, 2017 for



encouraging learners in ECD Centers to experience their native languages, knowledge and culture to promote all-inclusive early learning in the County.

Mr. Speaker, that is my Motion and I would like to say two or three things about it. One, the Motion is generally endeared towards the promotion of indigenous language and culture. I have heard debates everywhere on how it is going to be operationalized. This is simply how it is going to be done; children will be allowed to interact with their language and culture at home and be given space and resources to express that in the classroom. Most of us here can speak our mother tongues but most of our children cannot do so. It is such a danger. As a student of history, I will refer shortly to the *Mau Mau* Movement and the Young Kavirondo Association. Language decolonizes our minds. It is one of those things that we used to fight for freedom.

Finally, in the words of Prof. Ngugi Wa Thion'go, who brought a book to CS Amina Mohamed when she was a minister for Education, he recommended that our traditional indigenous languages or what we say vernacular should be used as a medium of education. Under the Constitution, we have 14 devolved functions, and ECDEs fall under the county.

Therefore, my Motion is geared towards allowing space, resources, and materials for children to be able to access their mother tongue.

The members who are here in the House, I kindly request that when you go home, desist from speaking English and Kiswahili to your children. Please, let us stop making English look so cool and speaking mother tongue so backward. We cannot move forward by leaving our history and heritage.

With those few remarks, I would also like to remind members that at Stanford University, which is one of the best universities in the world, there is a course called African Indigenous Languages and Cultures and Prof. Ngugi Wa Thion'go is a visiting lecturer. I beg Hon. Mbugua to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Hon. Silvy Moseiya for according me an opportunity to second this very important Motion.

Mr. Speaker, Kenya is a multilingual nation with over 40 indigenous languages spoken. According to pre-primary language policy, the language in education which was grafted a long time in 1976, spelt out that the mode of instruction for lower primary should be indigenous languages. Implementation bit is what has been a challenge. What we are saying in this motion is that we include Nairobi to allow students to be motivated to learn their indigenous languages. My son would then be encouraged to learn Kikuyu because I am from Kikuyu, or if he chooses to learn Luo or Luhya, then it will be an added advantage. I will then assign someone who can then teach him.

I want to believe most parents would want to talk to their children in the language which was passed by their parents and grandparents. I reiterate the fact that Hon. Silvy has brought about Mau Mau era. I do not think it would have been possible for us to have gained self-rule without having our indigenous languages. My grandparents keep telling me that some people used to be spies. If the colonizers were able to learn Kikuyu and other languages, then we would still be under the colony.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very important motion and I would want to encourage members in this House to support it. Let us cultivate that culture which understands that we know our heritage, appreciate it and we will forever keep the heritage for the sake of the future generations. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members. Proceed, can you manage yourself?

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: I have managed myself, thank you. Hon. Speaker, I am rising to support this good Motion. I thank the future senator for Laikipia---

*(Applause)*

The powerful Joy *(Laughter)*. This is a very good Motion, Hon. Moseiya. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker, my mother tongue is Abasuba, for records so that you may know. We are a minority within the great Luo Community. In this House, we are only three; Hon. Ogada, Hon. Ayot and I., interestingly, my mother tongue is dying. As a real Suba, I stand in solidarity with my colleague, Hon. Moseiya to support the introduction and commissioning of proper indigenous languages teaching in our ECDs centers.

As someone who respects cultures and diversity within our nation, I want to state categorically on behalf of my sister-in-law, Hon. Anita, to tell her that we are not going to let her go. We still love her. As your in-law, I tell you that we will stand by you any day and at any time. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wachira

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I stand to support this very important Motion based on several premises. The first one is the fact that here in Nairobi, you find that most children are not able to speak in their mother tongue. This may present a problem in the future when they engage the community and maybe judged by that. It, therefore, means that if this Motion is implemented, then children will have an opportunity to learn and practice their mother tongues in schools.

Secondly, I wish to say that the vernacular media industry is a multi-million-shilling industry and is very popular in our nation. You find advertising agencies spending a lot of money advertising through them. Through this Motion, we are creating future consumers of the vernacular media industry. This is a very important and timely Motion that is meant to advance culture. We all know that language is a very powerful tool in communication and interactions in human society. With that, I beg to support and hope to see it being implemented so that our children benefit from it. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Naikanae.

Hon. Leah Supuko: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir and thank you also for pronouncing my name properly.

Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this very important Motion because it reminds us of our culture and where we come from. As much as we are Kenyans, we need to have a source of identity. I have seen a lot of debate doing rounds when the Hon. Member put the notice of Motion. People were asking how possible will this work in schools. I believe that it is simple. Simple in the sense that different languages will be taught to children in schools.

Back in primary school, I schooled with Kikuyu people and to date, I understand the language. I struggle to teach my children to speak in Maasai and when we go back to the village, they are not able to communicate with the elders who did not go to school. I always tell my friend Hon. Ndumi that I admire her children because they speak fluent Kamba even though they live out of the country.

Therefore, I support this Motion and thank Hon. Moseiya for bringing it up and wish her the best as she travels for the indigenous conference in New York on the same motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leah. Hon. Anyango

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion because it will not only bring peaceful coexistence amongst the children but also integrate them. Back in my primary school days, we used to have music, which brought out different cultures. I could sing fluently in Kikuyu and Luhya but nowadays that is difficult. The only music that can be sung fluently is the *kaswida* because it involves a lot of Swahili songs. Lessons like music and art and craft enhanced our different cultures and I believe that

through this Motion, we will get togetherness. Lessons like Art and Craft and Home Science should be brought back at the ECD level so that our children grow up with the knowledge of diversity. I support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Karani Themendu.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to support this Motion. Our children do not know their vernacular language because in their social interactions, they speak in Kiswahili. Therefore, through the County Government encouraging parents and teachers to teach their children their language, I believe that we will go far. Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Themendu. Hon. Adhiambo

Hon. Rose Ogonda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for reminding me of my name Adhiambo. I stand here to support this Motion because it is a good one. Last weekend, I was in a village in Kisumu and I called my grandson in vernacular and I quote "*Bi ane*" This means, *kuja uone*. My grandson answered back and told me that he did not understand what it is. Back at home when we speak to our children in vernacular, they cannot respond and I hope that this Motion is a good one and will be implemented. Most of the motions that have been tabled here are not being implemented. I beg to support

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moseiya, reply.

Hon. Sylvia Moseiya: Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity and thank members for their contributions. I believe that one day in history, Nairobians will thank this Assembly for saving them the agony of a lost generation in terms of language and culture. It shall come to pass that we did something very important for the future generation irrespective of the fact that people might think that it is not workable. We as members of this Assembly know how it took a lot of work for us to get to this House and so nothing is impossible. With that, I thank those who supported, and to you too, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, having transmitted today's business. The House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Thursday 8th August 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

*(The House rose at 3. 37 p.m)*