

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY- THIRD SESSION

19th September 2024

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable Members, I have the following further Communication to convey

Use of Assembly precincts by East African Legislative Assembly MPs

Honorable Members,

The Assembly is in receipt of a letter Ref. EALA/LRP/COMM 1 (E) dated 11th September 2024 from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) which is the legislative arm of the East African Community (EAC). In the letter, the regional Assembly informs of the intention of its Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges to conduct an investigative hearing in Nairobi from 23rd to 28th September 2024 in Nairobi.

Honorable Members,

In that regard, the regional legislature has requested this Assembly to grant the Committee equipped spaces for the conduct of the said investigative hearing. **Honorable Members,** just to refresh your minds, EAC is an 8 Member regional bloc to which Kenya is a partner Member and was established to widen and deepen co-operation among the Partner States in political, economic and social spheres for their mutual benefit. EALA, on the other hand has been a long time and crucial partner to our institution in capacity building in the areas of legislation, oversight and representation.

Consequently, **Honorable Members,** and in view of the foregoing, I have held consultations with the Assembly Leadership and there was concurrence to accede to

the request and as such, the Committee will be using this Chamber amongst other spaces to be identified within the precincts. In this regard, the Leader of Majority will this afternoon be moving a Motion to alter our 2024 Assembly Calendar in order to adjourn and accommodate the intentions of our partner. However, Committee business shall continue uninterrupted. May I remind all Members and Assembly staff to always conduct themselves with decorum, especially the period that the dignitaries from across the region will be using our precincts. Similarly, the Clerk is hereby directed to put in place measures to ensure that order around and within the Assembly is maintained and to designate secured parking areas for the dignitaries, accompanying staff and any witnesses they may invite.

Disruption of air ticketing services

Honorable Members,

As you may recall the Communication I issued at the resumption from the Long Recess, I assured the Assembly of the commitment of the County Assembly Service Board and the Leadership towards the welfare of Members. This includes facilitation for attendance to official County Assembly business taking place within and outside the country. As you may have witnessed in the recent past, we have endeavored to a reasonable level to ensure that Members are not impeded by anything to participate in any forums I approve.

Honorable Members, the operations of the Assembly is highly dependent on availability of funds based on which we are able to facilitate Members to attend workshops and participate in other activities outside the country. To achieve this, the Assembly engages service providers whose consistency is dependent on how often the County Assembly is able to pay them. However, in the recent past, the Assembly has been facing cash flow challenges whose effect is that we are unable to pay our service providers and suppliers on time as expected. In this regard, the service providers responsible for provision of air ticketing services have halted their

services and this is adversely affecting the programmes and activities of the Assembly since we have had no receipts from the exchequer.

Honorable Members, accordingly, I am aware that a number of Committee workshops are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. Similarly, I am aware that several delegations are scheduled to attend to official activities outside the country. Therefore, in the face of the foregoing challenges facing air ticketing, I am constrained to approve any further processing of the said travels. Accordingly, all scheduled foreign travels are hereby suspended until the Assembly is able to pay the service providers, more so, the service providers for air ticketing.

I thank you Honorable Members and you are so guided.



The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA
SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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