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The Temporary Speaker (Ms. Diana Katile) in the Chair

PRAYER

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, you may have your seats. Order, Hon. Members. Sergeant-at-Arms ring the bell for 10 minutes; we seem not to have quorum.

(Quorum bell was rung)

(Loud consultation)

Order! Hon. Members, and consult in low tones. Hon. Virginia, you did not bow when you were coming in. Hon. Nasra you crossed the floor without bowing. Order! Hon. Members, the House is now fully constituted. Clerk!

BILL

THE CITY COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 4 OF 2023

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to move the Nairobi City County Climate Change Management Bill, Second Reading. As I continue to do so, Madam Speaker, I wish to remind the chair of the implementation, I do not know whether it is Hon.

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Magiwa, Madam Chair, can you protect us from people who are making some noise on my extreme left.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Order! Hon. Members, let Hon. Waithera Chege be listened to in silence.

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was saying the Hon. Chair for the Committee on Implementation that we have in this House passed so many Motions and now see the Bills are coming, yet there is nothing much being done on those Motions, Madam Speaker.

Therefore, it is my request and proposal that the said committee be able to move with speed so that the Members can be able to see the results of their work. Having said that, Madam Speaker, on a second note, the Office of the County Attorney also needs to move with speed because there are some Bills that were passed in the last assembly.

Unfortunately, I see there was a note to the clerk's office confirming that some of those Bills have unfortunately come back to the house. These issues must be sorted out so that we do not do all in vain. Having said that, Madam Speaker, allow me to just say a few things about this Bill, as we already debated it in the First Reading.

Therefore, in the Second Reading, we will only be reminding the Members of the reason why we are convincing them and inviting them to be part and parcel of the Climate Change Bill 2023.

One of the most specific things that you are going to find in this Bill is something called a registry. Madam Speaker, a registry will be used to bring on board companies and institutions that do not have any mitigation measures against anything affecting our climate today. Of all the definitions, Madam Speaker, when we speak about climate change, the UNDP definition of climate change caught my eye because every other relevant researcher speaks about human activities.

However, UNDP goes ahead to speak about not only climate but also weather, which is an atmospheric condition at any given time and at any location. But climate goes further about average weather patterns, and that's why I need to take this assembly further into thinking about the effects of climate change in this case and looking at the issue of urban centers.

We have, in the past, experienced floods and heat waves, but I would want to focus on one of the things that we need to focus on when we speak about climate change. I would want us to think about the availability and access to water in Nairobi. Because when climate change comes into our hands...

Hon. Antony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, would you want to protect me from harassment by...

Hon. Temporary Speaker: You are protected. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Antony Karanja: Thank you

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for protecting the honorable bishop, Hon. Member for Waithaka Ward.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I was trying to take this floor to discuss the concerns and why we need to discuss, water, food, and security as major concerns when you speak about climate change. I was saying there before that, there are many institutions, including Google that define climate change as a long-term shift in temperatures.

Madam Speaker, but in this Bill, we are going to focus on human activities that are making our climate, and in this case, we will be speaking about Nairobi County. We will go further, Madam speaker, to discuss in this Bill issues to do with garbage collection, fossil fuels, and why people are driving vehicles that go further into burning petroleum which now comes back to causing pollution in Nairobi.

Pollution is highlighted in this Bill, as are the issues of how the county government comes on board when it comes to climate change action. Also the responsibilities of the committee that will be in charge. This Bill also highlights and invites Nairobi City County to come up with a Steering Committee. The membership of the Steering Committee is also highlighted in the Bill and the guiding values and principles.

Madam Speaker, before we even go into the coordination, oversight and fulfilling of the mandate of the Executive Committee, the county government shall act in accordance. Madam Speaker, this Bill also speaks about the tenure of the Steering Committee, and as spelt out under Section 6(1) (j) and (k) a member who will hold office under the Steering Committee for three years will be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years only.

However, the most important thing is highlighting the contents of the climate change action, how this Bill will align with the National Climate Change Action Plan, and how it will respond to the needs and circumstances of the county.

This Bill, Madam Speaker, also speaks to the potential of the role of the private entity in reporting on performance. It requires the private entity that is subject to climate change obligations to prepare reports and, of course, with the approval of this assembly.

Part five of this Bill, Madam Speaker, speaks about the climate change fund, the establishment of this fund, and the sources of the fund. I want to be specific on one of the sources of the fund, which will come from money appropriated annually by the county assembly in every financial year.

Therefore, we are requesting the House that, when it comes to the sector committees, they make sure that the money appropriated is also budgeted. There is also money received from the National Climate Change Fund, which will also be a source of funding. There will be donations and grants; there will be fines; and all these are highlighted in this Bill.

Madam Speaker, If you go to the miscellaneous provisions, you realize the provisions of the subclauses, especially if we go to 1 and 2, the provisions of sub clause (1) shall not relieve the county climate change Steering Committee of liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for any injury to him.

In addition, of course, moving ahead, you see the penalties and the offenses. This Bill, Madam Speaker, speaks largely to the effects of climate change, which we have already mentioned, and issues to do with health, food security, housing, and safety; all those issues are part of climate change discussions.

Apart from the teams that we have been working with, Madam Speaker, allow me to specifically mention the teams that we have been working with in the informal settlements because, before we came up with this Bill, we visited several informal settlements in Nairobi. I want to quote Nairobi Dam, which is next to Kibera. I also want to be specific to Mukuru, both Kwa Ruben and Kwa Njenga, and Viwandani Wards; we visited those areas, Madam Speaker. What came out of that visit is that people are quite aware, and they know the term climate change.

However, sometimes people do not understand the effects that we are talking about when we speak about cutting emissions, and when you receive that, this Bill is going to have a registry to make sure that those institutions that are concerned pay heavily for those emissions. Generation of power, Madam Speaker, cannot be done without water, as I said earlier, but when you look at our watersheds, most of them have water, but sometimes even getting that water to Nairobi is a challenge because you are using the infrastructure that we used in 1963.

People ask how health is related to the issues of climate change. When people do not have water, especially in the informal settlements in those areas that we visited, there will be waterborne diseases in those areas.

Therefore, climate change also leads to death if health issues are not addressed properly. This is part of the effects of climate change. In 2019, Madam Speaker, there was a team that sat in New York during the climate change summit. Kenya, as a country, was a co-chair of that summit.

At that summit, among other things that were passed was that every government institution must deal with the issues of mitigating climate change. So far, I have not seen any climate change management plans or issues dealing with disaster management on climate change within Nairobi County.

Therefore, one of the things again that the Bill is proposing is that there should be a climate change disaster management plan within Nairobi County. I have tried to look at other counties and how they have done their Bills within those areas. I have realized that, because most of their content is based on rural setups, not one urban county has been able to come up with a climate change bill.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I am here to convince the House that it is very important that this Bill ought to have passed like yesterday. One of the things I am going to request from your desk is that I have gotten a request from the Majority Leader that there are other stakeholders who want to come on board.

We already have the Stockholm Institute that has written to us and the Chair, Environment Committee is aware. In addition, we want to incorporate their issues into this Bill as part of our stakeholder process. Therefore, I am requesting that you allow us, before we go for that reading, to be able to accommodate those stakeholders' opinions through Standing Order 140.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, allow me to move the Bill for Second Reading and ask Hon. Nasra to second the Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Nasra Nanda: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Hon. Waithera Chege, for moving this House with this important Bill, which I rise to second. In brief, and to stand in support of this Bill, I would like to highlight that Nairobi City County is a unique county in that it's the capital of Africa in so many ways because a lot of the institutions that are driving a lot of the African agendas are based in Nairobi.

This Bill, should it pass, which I encourage this assembly to fully support, will unlock not just life with dignity for Nairobians, but also opportunities to unlock green financing for the county. This is particularly important for MCAs because climate change in Africa is also a development issue.

That means sanitation issues, informal settlements, and many humanitarian and environment issues are catered for under this Bill, Therefore, I encourage and support this Bill. Recently, the Governor's office was certified as the first green government office in Africa. The only way we can realize the potential of Nairobi is if we support it wholeheartedly. Therefore, thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Hon. Waihera Chege. I end by concluding that I second this Bill. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. First, I would like to appreciate and thank God for this opportunity to let every member see this year after this long recess and the festive season, then wish them a happy new year.

I rise to the floor to contribute to this pertinent and important Motion concerning the climate. The reason being that climate change is an issue that is affecting everyone and each country globally, both in the global north and in the global south.

Being a global south country and being the most populous county in Kenya this Bill is important in two aspects, and I would like to bring it to the attention of the elected Members. The main input of this Bill, despite the sentiments shared by Hon. Wathera is that:

One is that Nairobi is among the four counties that do not have a climate change Bill. The effect of that is remembered during an environmental program engagement at KCC last year. The President spoke about climate funds, which are supposed to be allocated to the counties from Treasury. The money for Nairobi has been lying idle at Treasury for the simple reason that we do not have an Act in place to be able to start programs of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

We need to have [funds] after setting up or passing this Bill and the consequent approval by the Governor. There are going to be ward committees, which are going to be in each ward and are going to be led by the Steering Committee.

We understand the specific work of those committees because we understand each ward has its own environmental challenges. When you look to the west of the right of Uhuru Highway, there are many areas with trees, but if you go down south to the Eastlands to other areas, we do not have green vegetation.

The respective ward committees will sit down and come up with programs for financing and implementation towards climate change mitigation.

Therefore, it is important that each Member of this House, especially the elected, to push for their interests, and be incorporated in the formation of the ward committee. The ward

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committees should do their own analysis and research on the way they are being affected by climate change for funding from the Steering Committee.

Second, we realize that we have a lot of donors in the international community, including multinational corporations, intergovernmental organizations, and even private partners.

This Bill, when it comes to life, is going to have an avenue for the multilateral engagements from these stakeholders and even non-state actors. This is important although I have reservations about what Mheshimiwa Waithera has said in terms of giving more time to stakeholders.

I believe it will be proper that they get to join us at the end, because we have been here long enough. Such a Bill will take a lot of time before it is passed by this House and subsequently submitted to the executive. It will also take a lot of time, let alone the development of regulations to give life to the Bill.

Therefore, I truly support this Bill. It is an important Bill because it will guide the executive in planning and for budget especially the financial year budget. When this Bill is passed the issue of climate change will be mainstreamed in each sector.

In planning, the Bill is going to make provisions for climate change mitigation. In education, environment and agriculture, each sector will be required by law to make a provision towards mitigating the effects of climate change.

Hon. Speaker with those few remarks, I beg to support and urge other Members to come up with such Bills that are going to have an effect on making Nairobi work and making sure that we deliver for Nairobians. Thank you. Hon. Speaker,

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also contribute to this Bill. I see that the Bill has a very well-thought-out framework. My only worry is that the Bill does not consider the contribution of this House to mitigating the effects of climate change.

If the Governor and the Deputy Governor are going to be leading this initiative as chairperson and vice chairperson, then it is only fair that the Environment Committee chairman and the Water Committee chairperson be part of the Steering Committee to represent the input of the Assembly in the Steering Committee.

Madam Speaker, I see many opportunities in this regard. One of the most unregulated sectors in our economy and the biggest employer is the new Jua Kali, or informal sector. You know what we can do to improve their livelihoods, but we can also use them to fight the negative effects of climate change.

Today, if you go to the Shauri Moyo area of Kariokor, you will see a lot of emissions happening there, waste management, and the very nature of the operations. It is very hard for them to properly ply their trade without using the shortcuts that they have been using to dispose of waste and carry out their duties.

Therefore, I see an opportunity to help the informal sector formalize through this Bill. I see an opportunity to promote clean energy and energy resilience in the city. I see an opportunity in the planning, where even the buildings should be energy efficient. Buildings should take into consideration the mental health of residents of Nairobi. In many regards, the rates at which we approve buildings are not friendly to residents. It is very alarming.

The infrastructure development like roads in Nairobi puts a lot of consideration into the well being and comfort of vehicles and machines but not of human beings. With such a Bill, I think it is going to be the first time that we consider human beings in the ecosystems of Nairobi city development.

Madam Speaker, I think we cannot ignore the opportunity to include the House in this initiative. Therefore, I pray that, as the mover was saying, Hon. Waithera Chege, it is only fair that stakeholders are given more time. I think I see a lot of opportunity also to give stakeholder input into this and ensure that it is broadened enough for us to have a Bill that is not only used to tick boxes, but it's going to serve a purpose, which is going to change the trajectory of development in this county and the country at large.

Hon. Speaker, with all that, I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I seem to have no more requests on my screen, and I may now call the mover, Hon. Waithera Chege.

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and may I thank those Hon. Members who have participated and given their opinion on this Bill. I want to request and thank Hon. Alai for that proposal. However, the SRC has its own regulations on the membership of the committee, and we had thought about those issues, which were raised during that sitting. There were so many other institutions that wanted to be part of that Steering Committee, but they could not because of the SRC, which has cut the membership between 7 and 10.

However, your proposal is well noted. I think it is important even as we sit during the other stakeholder meeting, if allowed by the Speaker, because there are so many other issues that we need to include or amend some sections because we will be making several amendments in the Third Reading.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, during this time, allow me to also invite Members of the House who have a major interest in this Bill to join us in our second sitting. Otherwise, I want to thank the Members of the House and am looking forward to seeing our clerks giving us the best content to the amendment to this Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read Second Time)

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NAIROBI CITY COUNTY VIRTUAL ARTISAN BUREAU

Hon. Mwaura Samora: Thank you, Madam Speaker, aware that Article 55(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the state to take measures, including affirmative action programs, to ensure that the youth have opportunities to associate, be represented, and participate in political, social, economic, and

Disturbed that over 60% of youths in the county were recorded to be unemployed as of the 2019 Census Report, with at least 82.7% of the jobs in Kenya being categorized in the informal economy, “*Jua Kali*,” according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics 2014 Report;

Acknowledging the need for deliberate efforts by the county government to promote small, micro, and macro enterprises in the county through the provision of a virtual platform that would enable the county residents to access artisan services vetted and licensed by the county government;

Appreciating that with a County Virtual Services Bureau, residents in the county will be able to remotely access, inquire about, and seek artisan services such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry, welding, and painting, among others, from the registered and vetted service providers through a formal county portal system;

This Assembly urges the County Executive to develop a Nairobi City County Virtual Artisan Bureau that will vet, license, and link artisans to those who require their services for the promotion of the economy in the county.

Madam Speaker, this Motion has the intention of achieving various issues, but before I dwell on the issues that this Motion intends to achieve, I would like to say that for those who have been following the business trends across the world, digitizing has actually led to various improvements, for example, in the tax business.

In the past, we used to seek or get a tax manual by going to a stopping point and getting a tax, but in recent years, that particular business has been digitized, and we have seen the manner in which it has grown and the opportunities it has provided to its players. To an extent, wherever you are and whichever point you are, you can just login to the system and like Uber you request and you'll be charged according to the mileage that you are going to accrue, unlike in the past, where you had to negotiate with the driver for a better fare.

This is the same thinking that this Motion intends to achieve. If you have been following, Madam Speaker, the statistics from the Kenya National Examination Council show that around 1440 students in the last examination scored a mean grade of E. If you look at the trend in Kenya this particular student tend to be ignored and most of them end up in this Jua Kali Sector.

By creating this platform we are going to digitize the Jua Kali sector profession by creating an opportunity whereby Jua kali jobs will get a status that they currently do not have. This means that it does not matter whether you are in Jua Kali or not, whether you are a plumber, cobbler, or mason, you will have been elevated to the extent that you do not need to be manually seated in a particular place.

For example, in the estates you find there are places called jobless corners or jua kali corners where jobless people wait for people to seek their services. Such jobs will be put in this platform where if I need a plumber or a mason, I just log in to this platform and I will get them there. Another importance is that I do not need to worry about the credibility of this particular person because the county would have vetted them and have their credentials. In case of anything happening, they can easily be traced which increases their credibility.

Madam Speaker, in advocating for this, we will not only be creating jobs, or increasing the economic viability of our jua kali sector, but we will also be creating an avenue for the county to get some revenue. How will we achieve this? In order for you to be accredited in this platform, the county should have a policy whereby the artisans will have to pay a small affordable fee for them to be uploaded. For example, if in Nairobi we have 100,000 artisans, each paying Kshs.100 to be uploaded, Madam Speaker you can do the maths and see how much the county can get. This is just an estimate given that almost 60% of jobs in the county are in the jua kali sector.

Thirdly, through this concept we will be enhancing service provision in the county. How is this possible? Because every artisan will want to be part and parcel of this platform given that it increases their access to clients. This means that they would want to be accredited and for them to be accredited, their services have to be the best. For example, if you are a plumber, a mason; you have to be the best. This therefore will enhance service provision by these Artisans so that they can be included in this platform.

Madam Speaker, I also think that this concept will increase the viability of our TVETS. TVETS train people who did not manage to go to colleges and universities. We can put one of the requirements to be a certain certification for you to be uploaded in this platform which means that artisans will have to go to these TVETS or their equivalents to get the certification. This will increase their viability especially those that are owned by the county.

Madam Speaker, these are just a few advantages that the creation of this platform will have for the county and by extension the country because in the process of the county accrediting these artisans, the county will not be limited to only people from Nairobi County. Those from Nairobi County will of course get the first priority but artisans from other areas with the expertise who are in shortage in Nairobi will have an opportunity to be part of this platform.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members of this assembly because we are all representatives of the people of Nairobi and one of the things that we deal with as elected leaders or the special elect across the county, is the issue of youth unemployment. I urge Members to support this Motion because I believe it will go very far in supporting the reduction of unemployment in this county.

With that, I would like to request Hon Jared Akama to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Jared Akama: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second this very important Motion. But before I do that because this is my first contribution in the House this year, it would be prudent to wish my colleagues a very blessed and vibrant year in deliberating issues so that our great city, Nairobi, can move forward for the interest of Nairobians.

I second this important Motion and wish to congratulate Hon. Samora a.k.a grand impurist for coming up with this important Motion. As I was going through the objectives and what this Motion wanted to achieve, it is ensuring just like any other profession – artisans are professionals and not lesser than any other profession. This Hon. House has an obligation of ensuring that we help these great professionals get organized. I want to believe that through this platform we will enable them to get organized so that they are able to share the challenges and even attract attention from relevant bodies and government so that they can get support in serving their clients.

Madam Speaker, I was also looking at the aspect of security. We face security challenges every day because when you invite a plumber in your house you don't know whether he is a thief or he is going to do harm. This idea will help Nairobians to develop trust because these artisans are going to be vetted and they are going to give their credentials and identifications so that one can know the kind of person coming to his/her house. Good conduct is one of the things that should be required for a person to be uploaded in the platform. When you request for an artisan to your house from the app for their services, you are sure of the person you are bringing as security is key. I want to believe that this platform will lead to that direction.

Madam Speaker, it is also an equalizer because it will give equal opportunities for getting a job because the app will indicate who is a plumber or an electrician who is next to you. It is an equalizer for those people who are going to be in that platform.

Madam Speaker, the only way we can help them as a House is to recognize them by passing this Motion so that they can get recognized and get opportunities as well. Thank you Madam Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, you may now debate.

Hon. Anthony Kiragu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would like to support this Motion and congratulate Hon. Samora. I think this is an idea that should be implemented as soon as possible. Hon. Speaker, if you ask Hon. Alai, because I know he is very techno-savvy, he can tell you that in this day and age he can date online. It is very important that we can get the artisans online just like I have said that he can get the services I have mentioned.

Hon. Speaker in 2024 you can order a cab online through the taxi platforms, you can order food, report crimes online etc. I think it is high time that we should be able to get artisans and other jua kali services through a county sponsored platform. I think one of the ways we get these services is through word of mouth or through a friend and it is usually not easy. A few years ago taxis were a preserve of the wealthy and those who really needed those services. But with the advent of these online taxis and the vetting where you can see the driver, you can be able to choose the driver you want and see his credentials. This has proven that there was a huge gap in the transport sector.

Hon. Speaker, even in this assembly if you go to the washrooms today, not all taps work. One of the biggest problem is that this assembly does not know where to get a qualified, vetted and licensed plumber. Without vetting and without the linkup that is promised by this Motion, I can assure you that we have fallen prey to people who actually purport to know the trades that they come to fix in our vehicles or in our houses only for us to realize that they are quacks and that they do not know anything about the service they are offering.

I want to support this Motion and urge this Assembly to support it so that we can expand the job sector in this city, we can offer solutions to the people and also we can be part of the change that is going to happen in this city as stipulated in this Motion. I want to support and highlight that it is possible to get an engineer through their association, it is also possible to get a vetted and qualified doctor through their union, we can also do that to advocates. I think it is timely that we are able to get the lower cadre jobs, juakali jobs so that we get the right people do the right jobs. Thank you.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like first to congratulate the mover of the Motion, Hon. Samora. This is a good Motion especially at this time where many of our youths are unemployed and majority of them are in the jua kali sector.

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Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the establishment of the artisan's bureau because it is just like how we order cabs to take us from one point to another. The intention of the Motion is to make sure that the Artisans e.g. plumbers, masons, electricians and many others are registered in that bureau this will make it so easy to access them.

The Motion helps to make sure that the youth are mobilized and recognized. The county should also make sure that insecurity in our wards is taken care of. By removing the youths in places they call *dimangas* in the wards, this is also helping in taking care of insecurity.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to urge every Member of this Assembly to support this Motion. The Committee on Implementation should then make sure that the Motion has reached our Governor, has been approved and implemented. Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Robert Alai: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion which has been brought to this House by Hon. Mwaura Samora. I want to remind this House that the term 'informal sector' came about because of a research which was done in 1972 by the International Labour Organization (ILO). It is very unfortunate that this sector keeps increasing year in year out but has never been formalized. This is an opportunity for us to take a lead in formalizing the informal sector because there are great rewards in doing this.

You remember some time back when President Kibaki was in power, a group of mechanics tried to storm KICC because the government wanted to ban the importation of used spare parts. This brought about the formation of the Mechanics Association of Kenya currently with a membership of 2.5 million. You can imagine the opportunity we have if we formalize the sector by ensuring that they are not only recognized but also registered.

It was very good to see the manifesto of Kenya Kwanza last year during campaigns when they clearly indicated that they are going to have a policy to recognize prior learning. This was brought to life I think in September last year when the Kenya National Qualification Authority published the first framework towards the end of recognizing prior learning.

You know a good number of Kenyans have become good plumbers, mechanics, carpenters not because they went to any school but because they inherited the trade from knowledge gathered from relatives, mentors and so on. If we can properly recognize the informal sector by registering them, we are going to formalize a great sector which is going to bring not only revenue to the county but also to the country at large.

Madam Speaker, if we recognize this sector and we bring to life the County Virtual Services Bureau, I think it is going to give recognition to the artisans, they are going to be brought to the taxation bracket and there are going to be proper regulations. Today if you recognize the mechanics and who mentored them to be better mechanics, you can be able to trace the rogue mechanics who are ripping vehicles apart and stealing parts in this county.

Madam Speaker I recognize the current Governor H.E Sakaja when he addressed this House he also indicated that the creative economy consisting of photographers, graphic designers, drone pilots are going to be given space to operate in the city. You can see for yourself what happens in this city not only during the weekdays but also during the weekends. If something is not done in the near future in this sector, then it is going to go rogue because it is very chaotic in this city on Sundays because you cannot know who is the good photographer; minors can be exploited because their data is being collected by those photographers. If they do not operate within a framework which can be controlled, then it is going to be detrimental to the country at large.

Madam Speaker, I see a lot of opportunities in this not only in bringing the artisans but also the salonists can also operate in the same virtual framework. We can bring other trades like mama mbogas and so on and ensure that they are properly enabled and supported by ensuring that they are registered virtually and there is a bureau which can monitor them. It is very sad to see traders operating in various streets but we do not know who is the real hawker and who is not. Why don't we colour code them? Why don't we give them numbers of operation? Why don't we ensure that we can identify that this hawker is wearing green and so is supposed to operate at Kenyatta Avenue and so on.

Madam Speaker, I see endless opportunities in this Motion which has been brought by Hon. Mwaura Samora. I beg not only to support it but also support my colleague Hon. Mwaura Samora. Thank you so much Madam Speaker.

Hon. Diana Mwangangi: Thank you so much Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. It makes me delighted because it provides decency in the informal sector. I am looking at it not only thinking about us who receive the services but also the service providers because they are looked at as children of a lesser God in the society as far as economics are concerned. When we provide decency to their sector, it will also ensure the sector gets more value and they get to earn. If you did not get clients in the first place and you are in this platform, it will mean that there is ease of you accessing clients and also it will be ease for us as clients accessing the services that we need from the professionals in the informal sector because they earn their daily bread from their skills.

Good work Hon. Samora and I will be delighted to be at the launch of this platform. Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Helen Okello: Asnate sana Bi. Spika kwa fursa hii umenipatia ili niweze kuchangia. Kwanza nataka kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Samora kwa kuleta mjadala huu. Nataka kuongea kulingana na uzoefu ambao mimi mwenyewe nilipitia.

Siku moja pale numbani nilimwalika fundi wa mfereji na kwa bahati mbaya ama nzuri yuile fundi hakuonyesha picha nzuri kwasababu alipomaliza kutengeneza mfereji, na nilikuwa na dada yangu mdogo pala nyumbani, huyo jamaa akaomba namba ya simu. Kwa hivyo hoja hii ambayo Mheshimiwa Samora ameleta, itatusaidia tusiwe na wasiwasi wakati tunawalika waje

wafanye kazi manyumbani mwetu. Si wao tu watasaidika bali ata sisi tutafaidika Bi Spika maana tutakuwa na usalama nyumbani.

Pili, pia itatusaidia kama waajiri wao tuweze kuwapata wale watu wako na ujuzi. Sorry Bi. Spika nots zangu niliandika zika---

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Helen, you are not supposed to be consulting your nots when contributing to a motion.

Hon. Helen Okello: No. But I had some points. Thank you.

Bi. Spika, asante sana kwa kunirekebisha. Si notes nimeandika bali ni zile vitu ningetaka kurefer. Hii itatusaidia kupata fundi ambao wanatusaidia pale nyumbani kwa bei nafuu na tupate wataalmu. Maana mara nyingi tumewaita watu tukidhani wako na ujuzi lakini tunapata hawana ujuzi na wanaharibu vitu vyetu zaidi.

Hii ni fursa tumepata ili tuweze kupitisha huu mjadala ambao utatusaidia kama nilivyosema hapo mwanzo. Hatutakuwa na tatizo la usalama kama vile kuwakaribisha wezi ama watu wako na mikono mirefu - uanamwacha akifanya kazi na baada ya muda kidogo unapata vitu vimepotea. Bado kutakuwa na tracker kama vile wale wanaoagiza usafiri wakiwa nyumbani. Kwa hivyo tutapata watlaamu na watu wako na tabia nzuri. Asante Bi. Spika.

Hon. Sospeter Mumbi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I think even without recapitulating much of what has been said by those who have spoken before me, allow me to mention that the other opportunity I see in this Motion is the fact that we will have a data collection. The data collection will help in the planning of the country and our county.

Today, if you ask for the records of the mechanics, how many mechanics do we have in the country? How many plumbers do we have in the country? Are they sufficient when we try to balance between demand and supply. This will go a long way even in shaping the education of our country so that we get to know where to focus our energies on. When it comes to Artisans training perhaps we need to train more plumbers.

With this Motion, it will help us have that data which will inform how we shape our county moving forward. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Mark Thiga: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to weigh in on this awesome Motion. I also take this chance to congratulate Hon. Samora for coming up with this nice Motion.

Madam Speaker I was looking at the services offered mostly by artisans – be it plumbing, electrical, welding, carpentry and many others are offered by our vocational training centres which are under the county. Most of the youth when they finish their training tend to wonder- what next. But with the introduction of this Virtual Artisan Bureau, they will have some hope after they have finished their courses and they will also stand a chance like any other persons without having to

hover around or loiter in the streets as Hon. Themendu put it *kukalia ndimanga*. They will be considered just like any other Kenyan. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I seem to have no more requests. Okay, I have Hon. Patrick Daktari. Hon. Patrick you can use the one [mic] in front.

Hon. Patrick Macharia: Thank you Madam Speaker. I had really pressed my button but I think my booth was not working. This is in promotion of my party UDA where we were saying '*kazi ni kazi, pesa mfukoni*'. By Hon. Samora bringing this Motion, we are fully in concurrence with him.

Madam Speaker, I think that this will also support our vocational training colleges that we have as a county. When issuing bursary cheques we normally issue to students who have joined these vocational training colleges that are owned by the county and they have electrical, mechanical and plumbing courses. I believe that if they can be connected such that when a person joins these county vocational training colleges, then he automatically qualifies to be in that platform.

This will also increase our revenue as a county through these vocational training colleges. Madam Speaker I support my brother Hon. Samora in this Motion, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to thank Members of this House for not only supporting this Motion but also bringing out some of the advantages, for example somebody said about organizing, formalizing the sector, encompassing other jua kali members and all that.

Thank you very much Members. I believe that when this Motion goes through, it will be stake because I believe if it is implemented it will improve the economic dynamics of this county and probably this country in terms of informal sector management. Thank you so much, and without further ado, I beg to move.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: To reply, Hon. Samora.

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Sorry, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you, this being a conclusion of our first week after resumption from recess. I pray that you continue with the same spirit. We did not have any quorum hitches this week. The assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday next week at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.00 p.m.