

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION

**1ST REPORT OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY WOMEN CAUCUS
INDUCTION WORKSHOP HELD FROM 8TH – 12TH DECEMBER, 2022 AT THE
CONTINENTAL HOTEL, MOMBASA COUNTY.**

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1. PREFACE

Establishment and Mandate

Hon. Speaker,

Women caucuses have been created in parliaments and County Assemblies with the aim of increasing women's impact on political decisions. The mission of women caucus is to enhance and facilitate the attainment of gender equity and equality in decision making structures and elective leadership.

The caucus is committed to mobilizing, lobbying, advocating and sensitizing of women to enable women to influence political, economic and social processes.

The main purpose for conducting the workshop was;

- i. **Introduce Members to the new caucus leadership;**
- ii. **Inform members on the role and functions of the Caucus;**
- iii. **Caucus Activities and Programmes for 2022/3 including the re-launch of the caucus; and**
- iv. **Develop a strategic plan/action plan for the Caucus**

1.2 Oversight role and Subject Area

On the role of the Member of County Assembly and specifically in relation to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus (NAWOCAC) the Caucus does the following;

1. **Representation** – the Caucus MCAs are representing voters and therefore their main agenda is to represent the interest of their voters for instance, Caucus members bring up motions in relation to issues affecting society i.e motions on sexual harassment, issues to do with HIV, Elderly e.t.c
2. **Oversight** – the caucus participates actively in the budget making process and passes budgets pro - women.
3. **Legislation;** As legislatures, they actively participate in bringing motions on board

1.3 Committee Membership

The Committee Membership comprises of:

1. **Hon. Mande Scolastica Muthoni, MCA - Chairperson**
2. **Hon. Mwangi Joy Muthoni, MCA – Vice Chairperson**
3. **Hon. Esther Chege Waithera, MCA.**
4. **Hon. Rosemary Masitsa Shitote, MCA**
5. **Hon. Susan Makungu Kavaya, MCA**
6. **Hon. Catherine Opiyo, MCA**
7. **Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA**
8. **Hon. Nancy Mwaura Nyambura, MCA**
9. **Hon. Kamau Joyce Muthoni, MCA**

10. Hon. Mary Wanjiru Kariuki, MCA
11. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
12. Hon. Asli Mohammed, MCA
13. Hon. Agnes Wambui Njeri, MCA
14. Hon. Ami Peres Auma Ambala, MCA
15. Hon. Beatrice Wandai Khungwa, MCA
16. Hon. Benter Juma Obiero, MCA
17. Hon. Bosire Naomi Kerubo, MCA
18. Hon. Doreen Mugambi, MCA
19. Hon. Emmy Khatemeshi Isalambo, MCA
20. Hon. Fatuma Abdiwahid Abey, MCA
21. Hon. Hellen Awuor Okello, MCA
22. Hon. Joyce Jamosa Lugonzo, MCA
23. Hon. Kanyi Jane Waruguru, MCA
24. Hon. Lily Akoth Kidenda, MCA
25. Hon. Maina Rachel Wanjiru, MCA
26. Hon. Mungai Grace Kaheti, MCA
27. Hon. Mponjiwa Perpetua, MCA
28. Hon. Muthoni Agnes Njeri, MCA
29. Hon. Mwangangi Diana Katile, MCA
30. Hon. Njathi Ciciliah Wairimu, MCA
31. Hon. Otieno Lydia Akoth, MCA
32. Hon. Tricer Jeptoo Ayabei, MCA
33. Hon. Virginia Waitherero, MCA
34. Hon. Kano Adano Umuro, MCA
35. Hon. Faryiha Abdilahi Mohamed, MCA
36. Hon. Jane Musangi, MCA
37. Hon. Fariya Daud, MCA
38. Hon. Jane Wanjiru, MCA
39. Hon. Malyun Ali Abdi, MCA
40. Hon. Nasra Nanda, MCA
41. Hon. Hannah Wanjiru Muriuki, MCA

1.4 Committee Secretariat

The Committee Secretariat is comprised of the following officer: -

1. Ms. Monicah Muthami – Principal Clerk Assistant (L&P)
2. Ms. Judith Aron – First Clerk Assistant

1.5 Background for the induction Workshop

Hon. Speaker,

The County Assembly Committees are extensions of the Assembly established under the County Assembly Standing Orders and in accordance with Section 14 of the County Governments Act, 2012. The Committees are supposed to perform functions that the

Assembly is not well fitted to consider in plenary. Following the constitution of County Assembly Committees on 27th October, 2022 and consequent the women Caucus held its induction workshop from 8th to 12th December, 2022 at Continental Hotel, Mombasa County. The objectives of the meeting included the following;

- i) Introduce Members to the new caucus leadership;
- ii) Inform members on the role and functions of the Caucus;
- iii) Caucus Activities and Programmes for 2022/3 including the re-launch of the Caucus; and
- iv) Develop a strategic plan/action plan for the Caucus

1.6 Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker,

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to the Committee to facilitate its first induction workshop.

Finally, much thanks to the Members of the Caucus and the Secretariat for their dedication, untiring commitment and valuable contributions during the induction workshop.

Hon. Speaker,

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Members of the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus to table the first report of the Committee on the induction workshop held from 8th to 12th December, 2022, at Continental Hotel, Mombasa County.

Signed*Muthoni*.....

Hon. Mande Scolastica Muthoni, MCA
Chairperson

Date*4/5/2023*.....

2.0. INTRODUCTION

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The objective of the workshop induction was to;

- i. Introduce Members to the new caucus leadership;
- ii. Inform members on the role and functions of the Caucus;
- iii. Caucus Activities and Programmes for 2022/3 including the re-launch of the caucus;
- iv. Develop a strategic plan/action plan for the Caucus; and
- v. Election of Caucus Leadership (Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary/Whip)

1. Official Opening

The workshop was officially opened by a word of prayer by the Committee Clerk before welcoming Members to the meeting. The Committee Clerk then invited Members, the facilitator and the Secretariat to introduce themselves and subsequently urged Members to actively participate in the proceedings to enable them grasp the basics on the establishment, management and operations of the Committee. In her introductory remarks, the Clerk Assistant stated the following as the objectives of the retreat;

- i) Introduce Members to the new caucus leadership;
- ii) Inform members on the role and functions of the Caucus;
- iii) Caucus Activities and Programmes for 2022/3 including the re-launch of the caucus;
- iv) Develop a strategic plan/action plan for the Caucus; and
- v) Election of Caucus Leadership.

2.2 Expectations from Members

The Members present presented their expectations from the induction workshop which included the following: -

- Improvement on women's impact on political decisions in the County;
- Under the role of the Members for active participation in the Caucus proceedings;

- Enhance and facilitate the attainment of gender equity and equality in decision making structures and elective leadership;
- Mobilization, lobbying, advocating and sensitizing of women to enable women to influence political, economic and social processes; and
- Link the Caucus to stakeholders including the National Government and internationally.

In her opening remarks, the facilitator – **Ms. Rachel Kamweru** informed the Caucus that the induction workshop would equip Members with requisite skills necessary in understanding the roles of the Caucus. She then took Members through the induction programme after being adopted by the Caucus as proposed by Hon. Lily Kidenda, MCA and seconded by Hon. Catherine Okoth, MCA.

3.0 PRESENTATION BY THE FACILITATOR

The facilitator took Members through the induction on various topics as follows;

3.1 Reasons for the formation of Women Caucus as follows;

- Protection from the Political Party Act;
- Protect each other- Special elect were looked down upon;
- Discrimination- No office, No Budget, not sitting in Liaison Committee; and
- Assist those who were going for elective politics.

3.2 Achievements of the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus during the first Assembly Caucus.

- Registered the caucus and had a constitution;
 - Pushed for the Title Special elect;
 - Had Strategic Partners;
 - Started Pro Caucus sports e.g Tug of war, Netball, Volleyball, Fashion show;
 - Got a budget for the caucus;
 - Monthly activities moving on with the theme eg 16 days of GBV;
 - A force to Reckon with (a scheme that we should not vote);and
 - Encouraged each other to move motions, Bills, Statements.
- She urged the hon. Members to show up for meetings both stakeholders or state related and be proactive. Additionally, the women ought to be active in the Shows i.e Radio, TV shows e.t.c, participate in sports and a column for the women caucus to assist escalates their agenda.
 - Further, she reiterated that, even though they had achieved much, there were challenges that they encountered during their dispensation of their mandates. The challenges entailed;
 - No bank account;
 - Divide and Rule from the leadership;

- Lack of Unity towards the end;
- Didn't Have Social Media Presence;
- Conflict among members; and
- In the constitution members are supposed to save however, they did not save.
- She therefore urged the Caucus to be involving the social media present in their activities, need to have Women Caucus newsletters, have visibility for the caucus, form a mission and a vision for the women caucus and that Members ought to be alert on the current issues

3.3 The role of the Member of County Assembly and specifically in relation to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus (NAWOCAC)

1. **Representation** – the Caucus MCAs are representing voters and therefore their main agenda ought to represent the interest of your voters for instance, Members to bring up motions in relation to issues affecting society i.e motions on sexual harassment, issues to do with HIV, Elderly e.t.c
2. **Oversight** – the caucus to participate actively in the budget making process and pass budgets pro - women.
3. **Legislation**; As legislature, they ought to bring motions on board

The hon. Members were separated into groups purposefully to discuss on the following;

- What the Caucus would want to Champion (Social Programs);
- What Opportunities do the Caucus envisage; and
- Possible Partners as far as women caucus is concerned.

Upon the groups' deliberations, the groups came up with the following in response to the above stated questions. THAT;

- There is need for Social protection programmes for women in developing countries and specifically the widows and the vulnerable;
- Planting of trees in Nairobi i.e During City Festivals;
- Focus on climate change since it is becoming a menace in the County and Country at large; Caucus to set precedence by planting trees in honor of the three-year Caucus Anniversary;
- Enforcement of both Girl child and boy child education;
- Safe places for breast feeding; as was entailed in the governor's maiden speech;
- Gender balance in budget making process;
- Mental Health in educational institution;
- Championing women /children with disabilities;
- Create awareness on drug abuse, rehabilitating street families, FGM advocacy
- Focus on the surge of high teenage pregnancy – this can be done by sensitizing girls on the significance of abstaining and going to institutions and enlighten the girls on menstruation;
- Advocating for gender especially those abused; Focus in both gender abuse;

- Issues mental health is important since there was rise in depression cases following statistics given by the World Health Organizations (WHO); and
- Embracing Cultural day by engaging in activities such as modelling

3.4 What the caucus ought to do to become successful

- Have unity, respect
- Align with the assembly leadership and part of executive
- Get the He for she's, majority and minority
- Speaker as the patron of the women caucus
- Get partners; NGO's
- The Committee ought to review its constitution soonest
- Have a work plan in place
- Strategic plan
- Always have a banner and at least two rollers
- Always ensure presence of Social media
- There was need to give back to the society by attending even meetings that are not being paid.
- Master the Nairobi City County Assembly standing orders
- Learn to ask questions
- Show up even without invites
- Keep networks
- Respect for party
- Engage in TV shows and radio shows. Create your own brand

3.5 Conduction of the elections of the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Leadership.

Elections of the positions below were held;

- i. Treasurer
- ii. Vice Treasurer
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Vice Secretary
- v. Organizing Secretary
- vi. Deputy Organizing Secretary/Whip

i) Treasurer – Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.

- Only one Member Hon. Njathi Ciciliah Wairimu, MCA declared interest in the position of the Treasurer.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared

Hon. Njathi Ciciliah Wairimu, MCA as the duly elected Treasurer of the Women Caucus.

ii) Vice Treasurer - Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.

- Only one Member Hon Jane Wanjiru,MCA declared interest in the position of the Vice Treasurer.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared Hon Jane Wanjiru,MCA, as the duly elected Vice Treasurer of the Women Caucus.

iii) Secretary - Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.

- Only one Member Hon. Faryiha Abdilahi Mohamed, MCA declared interest in the position of the Secretary.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared Hon. Faryiha Abdilahi Mohamed, MCA as the duly elected Secretary of the Women Caucus.

iv) Vice Secretary - Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.

- Only one Member Hon. Lydia Akoth,MCA declared interest in the position of the Vice Secretary.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared Hon. Lydia Akoth,MCA as the duly elected Vice Secretary of the Women Caucus.

v) Organizing Secretary - Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.

- Only one Member Hon. Ami Ambala,MCA declared interest in the position of the Organizing Secretary.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared Hon. Ami Ambala,MCA as the duly elected Organizing Secretary of the Women Caucus.

vi) **Deputy Organizing Secretary/Whip - Pursuant to the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus Constitution.**

- Only one Member **Hon. Joyce Jamosa Lugonzo, MCA** declared interest in the position of the Deputy Organizing Secretary/Whip.
- There being no other Member interested in the said position and Members having unanimously supported her candidature, the Clerk Assistant declared **Hon. Joyce Jamosa Lugonzo, MCA** as the duly elected Organizing Secretary of the Women Caucus.

The Clerk assistant registered a congratulatory message to the Leadership of the Committee following the election and invited them to give a speech following their election.

The Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Deputy Organizing Secretary/Whip thanked the Caucus for having elected them unopposed and promised to make the Caucus better than they found it.

3.6 WAY FORWARD/ACTION PLAN

- i. Members of the Caucus to come up with legislative proposals, motions, statements on issues affecting residents of Nairobi such as the women, children, the physically challenged, orphans and street children etc;
- ii. Members of the Caucus to be keen on vote allocated to the Women Caucus as well as projects that affect women in general and lobby with the budget Committee to increase if it is not enough to run such activities;
- iii. Caucus Leaders to identify social programs that the Members can be involved in and include them in the calendar. The identified projects should be areas of interest, zone the areas, decide on what resources to use and then incorporate the larger group;
- iv. Ensure the Women Caucus is branded with T-shirts, caps, banners and produce magazines/documentaries annually;
- v. Leaders to build their advocacy and lobbying skills and ensure they network on behalf of the Caucus with leadership of the Assembly, the Clerk, Governor and his CEC's, media, NGO's as partners such as NDI, Ahadi, UN Women, Fida, Kewopa, Crew, University of Nairobi amongst others in order to get support for the Caucus activities; Corporate world; and
- vi. Every leader to ensure that the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon them are well done and support each other for effective delivery of services to the Members

- vii. The Committee resolved to have a retreat soonest to review constitution and to do a strategic plan
- viii. Work plan to be in place; to assist clarify specific tasks about Committee projects for desired outcome.
- ix. For visibility purposes, Twitter handle, a section where Committee activities can place their activities
- x. The Committee resolved to do benchmarks both locally and internally; for locals, they resolved to do benchmarks in Siaya, Laikipia and Embu Counties.
- xi. A sub – Committee by the name Head of Resource Mobilization Committee (HRMC) was constituted to coordinating Caucus activities for the purposes achievement of Committee mandates.

The following were unanimously appointed by the Committee to be members of HRMC. They include;

- i. Hon. Ami Ambala,MCA
- ii. Hon. Fariya Daud,MCA
- iii. Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa,MCA
- iv. Hon. Joy Muthoni,MCA
- v. Hon. Fathiya Abdillahi,MCA
- vi. Hon. Kame Adano,MCA
- vii. Hon. Nasra Nanda,MCA
- viii. Hon. Virginia Waitherero,MCA
- ix. Hon. Trizer Ayabei,MCA

- xii. The committee resolved to have the hon. Speaker as the patron of the Nairobi City County Assembly Women Caucus (NAWOCAC)
- xiii. The Caucus to move with speed to do an Introductory letter to the donors
- xiv. The women caucus to quickly have activities on sports.
- xv. Names of the Elected positions of the Caucus be forwarded for registration accompanied by minutes of the proceedings or report.
- xvi. Caucus members were urged to register for higher learning; so as to be up to date with the changing world.

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5.	Hon. Susan Makungu Kavaya, MCA	
6.	Hon. Catherine Opiyo, MCA	CO
7.	Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA	
8.	Hon. Nancy Mwaura Nyambura, MCA	
9.	Hon. Kamau Joyce Muthoni, MCA	
10.	Hon. Mary Wanjiru Kariuki, MCA	
11.	Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA	E.O.O
12.	Hon. Asli Mohammed, MCA	
13.	Hon. Agnes Wambui Njeri, MCA	
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37.	Hon. Jane Wanjiru, MCA	

38	Hon. Malyun Ali Abdi, MCA	M-A-A
39	Hon. Nasra Nanda, MCA	
40	Hon. Hannah Wanjiru Muriuki, MCA	H.W
41	Hon. Jeckonia Onyango, MCA	J.O
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