



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY - FIFTH SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Subject: Recognition and facilitation of non-mainstream waste pickers in the County

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding engagement of freelance waste pickers in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Article 42 of the Constitution Kenya 2010 entitles every person to a clean and Healthy environment, this function is apportioned to County Governments pursuant to Part 2 of the Fourth Scheduled of CoK, 2010. Over years, Nairobi County Government has been grappling with collection of overwhelming the 2,400 tons of garbage generated across the County. This situation has been compounded by either unscrupulous contractors or shortage of human resource in the County to ensure that the garbage reaches the designated collection points.

Hon. Speaker, Section 16 of the Nairobi City County Solid Waste Act, 2015 acknowledges that government efforts towards clean environment may not be sufficient hence, the need for structured engagement with organized non-state actors to bring in additional efforts. It is projected that with such efforts on board, achievement of the government's Constitutional obligation for clean and healthy environment will be realized.

Hon. Speaker, with the existing habit of waste disposal along the streets by passengers, *freelance waste pickers* contribute immensely towards the foregoing obligation of the Government. Further, in the prevailing circumstances where the government has not fully complied with the requirements of Section 18(1) that requires of it to provide containers for waste disposal, the freelance waste pickers play a critical role in consolidating waste to common collection points.

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

- i) Steps the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) has put in place to engage non state actors towards the achievement of clean and healthy environment; and
- ii) Structures and plans that the NMS is putting in place to have the non-mainstream waste pickers recognized and facilitated to augment the government's effort for clean and healthy environment.

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