



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE PRE-SUMMIT EVENTS FOR:

- 1. Persons with disability held on 19th march, 2017**
- 2. Women legislators held on 20th march, 2017**
- 3. The youth held on 20th march, 2017**

VENUE:, MOMBASA COUNTY

1. INTRODUCTION

The side events of the Second Legislative Summit took place on 19th and 20th March, 2017 at the PridelInn Beach Hotel in Mombasa County.

The Second Legislative Summit side events provided the much needed opportunity to review progress made towards mainstreaming Kenya's constitutional principles of equality and inclusion with specific focus on persons with disability, women and the youth, since inception of the devolved system of government and the current legislatures which came in to being in 2013. The respective side events brought together Senators and Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) with disabilities, women legislators and representatives of various youth groups from across country.

This communiqué outlines the main resolutions of each respective side event as follows-

A. LEGISLATORS WITH DISABILITIES

It was resolved that-

1. All County Assemblies should develop and pass legislation at the County level to address disability-related issues in order to operationalize disability-related national legislation (National Disability laws) and give effect to relevant provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
2. The County Assemblies Forum (CAF) should sensitize County Assemblies to allocate sufficient financial resources for disability mainstreaming at the respective counties.
3. CAF should sensitize Speakers, Clerks and County Assembly Service Boards to ensure adequate support is given to Members of County Assemblies with disabilities including allocation of furnished offices and aides (guides) according to the levels of disability.
4. CAF should document the successes and challenges of the inaugural County Assemblies with a view to building on and strengthening what has worked so far and addressing the challenges encountered.
5. The National Parliament should review legislation to address issues of persons with disability on a continuous basis.

B. PRE-SUMMIT EVENT FOR WOMEN LEGISLATORS

The women legislators' side event agreed on the following resolutions-

1. Discrimination against women

- Women recommend the establishment of an infrastructure development fund to enable nominated members of county assemblies discharge their Constitutional.
- CAF and Senate to carry out a comprehensive needs assessment of all county assemblies by September, 2017 and make recommendations to CRA on infrastructural development budget.

2. Capacity Building and Gender Mainstreaming

- Senate and CAF to develop gender inclusive induction programmes for the next legislatures.

3. Protection of Devolution and Affirmative Action

- Political leadership to spearhead the implementation of the constitutional provisions on gender equality and equity and uphold national values and principles of governance as articulated in Article 10 of the Constitution.

4. Gender Responsive Budgeting

- National and county governments to adopt a national policy on gender responsive budgeting and develop a tool that will require all budgets to be subjected to scrutiny for compliance.

5. Documentation of women's contribution

- Development partners to assist in documenting experiences of women legislators who have made it in the past to create an archive documenting achievements by our women predecessors.

6. Media coverage of women leaders

- The media to ensure equal platform for both women and men to articulate issues affecting the Kenyans.

7. The full Implementation of the two thirds principle.

- Political parties to put mechanisms to ensure that 50% of all nominations for elections are women.
- Women commit to present themselves for elective offices and support one another to capture elective seats.
- IEBC to uphold the Constitutional principle as enshrined in Article 27 (8) and 81 (b) and reject any political party lists for election that has more than two thirds of the same gender.

8. Security

- The Government, Inspector General of Police, IEBC, Political Parties and all actors to take stern measures to ensure that all perpetrators of election violence are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- Political aspirants to carry out their campaigns in a peaceful and non-violent manner and safeguard peace and security of all Kenyans.

C. PRE-SUMMIT EVENT FOR THE YOUTH

The youth pre-summit event resolved as follows;

1. Legislatures and policy makers to develop a structured engagement mechanism with the youth, leverage on ICT to ensure that legislative agenda resonate with the youth and develop effective feedback mechanism.
2. Legislatures to strengthen their respective House implementation tracking mechanisms to ensure that all youth development initiatives made by governments, legislations and policies affecting the youth passed by Legislatures are implemented at both levels of governments.
3. Members of the County Assemblies representing youth and MCAs below 35 years to be included in the membership of the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA) in the next dispensation.
4. The youth to take a lead in uniting the country and defeating politics of tribalism and corruption and adopt a strategy of negotiating hard and aggressively pushing for their agenda.
5. The youth to participate in elective politics and civic activities. Legislatures to initiate mentorship programmes for youth intending to contest for elective positions. *“If you are not too young to vote then you are not too young to run for office”*.
6. The Legislatures to initiate and support legislative interventions that will impact on national and county government programmes that promote youth development projects. The youth to be facilitated to leverage on the creative economy, ICT investments, infrastructure and agriculture.
7. The Senate to carry out civic education on how the youth can engage the legislatures through petitions and other mechanisms of engagement. The youth to leverage on opportunities provided for by the Constitution.
8. The youth to use their organisations as platforms to address the root cause of violence extremism and uproot wrong socializations in our country. The youth to use creativity and talent to mainstream their agenda and establish parliamentary clubs.

9. There is need to invest in a reformed education system that will equip the youth with relevant skills for the job market and invest on entrepreneur young people who will create jobs for the others.
10. The National Parliament's outreach programmes, to target youth cohorts in the counties in its future strategic partnership and collaborative effort with the County Assemblies. Youth organisations to be included in the mailing list of Senate where they can receive all the Bills under consideration by the Senate.
11. The youth to actively engage in oversight activities by participating in the budget making process both at the County and the National levels and follow up on budget implementation to ensure the public get value for its money.
12. The Senate to organize a National Legislative Youth Summit to create a platform for youth to further engages on both legislative and devolution agenda.