



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

WE the Governors from the County Governments of Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu, Taita Taveta, and Mombasa are concerned by the current slump in the Tourism Sector occasioned by The Security situation in Kenya. The slump has further been aggravated by the several Travel Advisories issued by several Countries.

We have just held a fruitful meeting with The High Commissioners of UK, Canada, France, and Ambassadors of The United States at The Residence of The British High Commissioner to Kenya, and other Development Partners where we expressed our concerns in regard to the Travel advisories amongst other issues.

We recognize the sanctity of human life and appreciate the Foreign countries security concerns over their citizens in our country and thus the basis for the advisories. We wish to state the following:

- The current spate of insecurity in Kenya has affected everyone; security is a prerequisite for any development activity to take place.
- In the Tourism and related sectors, more than 5000 people have already lost their jobs which are their only source of livelihood. We are not just losing important revenue for the Country; we are releasing more and more people to the edge of crime as a result of idleness and desperation.
- We recognize the security threats the country faces and attendant challenges in the security sector such as, unemployment, radicalization of the youth and terrorism.
- Whereas our County Governments appreciate what is being done to ensure normalcy returns, we have agreed with the said envoys to initiate a consultative process and roll out programs that will go a long way in addressing security concerns including; de- radicalization, youth empowerment, and capacity building.
- We call upon the security organs to fully discharge their constitutional mandate to ensure that all Kenyans are safe. We call upon Kenyans to support the security

initiatives of the National government and security organs by sharing vital information. While addressing security issues, we call upon our fellow leaders to refrain from making political rhetoric that may further aggravate the situation.

- We call upon the media, to put country first while reporting security issues.

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2. H.E Salim Mvurya
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