



## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

### AGRICULTURE AND LANDS COMMITTEE

#### Background

The committee handles all matters relating to sustainable agricultural practices; poverty eradication by utilization of high value inputs and equipment; value addition for farmers; food security and drought management; production and marketing; fisheries development; and adoption of technological advancements in agriculture.

The Committee also addresses matters related to land survey and mapping and seek out transparent, sustainable and accountable solutions for subdividing and transferring of land.



*Meeting of the Governors in the Agriculture and Lands Committee and stakeholders in the sector*

#### Current Challenges

National legislation not conforming to the devolved system of government: other than agricultural policy, all other agricultural functions have been fully devolved to the county governments yet this is not reflected in national policy and legislation.

Cooperation challenges between county governments and national government to amend the law and develop new legislation that is conforming to devolved system of government

Shortage in human resources to support all counties implement the agricultural functions for example, drafting of county legislation



*H.E John Nyagarama launching calf rearing programme for pure bred dairy animals in Nyamira County.*

## Opportunities

The committee offers a platform for consultation, sharing of best practices, experience, and learning through capacity building opportunities (workshops/seminars) for counties. This occurs amongst governors, deputy governors, county executive members, national government, development partners and other critical stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

## Resources

The committee develops and maintains a variety of resources on agriculture and lands issues including:-

- Status briefs and position papers on national laws and policies with suitable position of the county governments
- Clustering of counties according to the agricultural commodities they produce.
- Success stories for the various county governments in improving the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sector.

## Our Approach

The committee functions through inter-county forums, intergovernmental (national and county) forums and engaging with

the various stakeholders to promote the devolution of agriculture and elevation of agriculture into a viable business for the farmer.

## Our Impact

- The Agriculture and Lands Committee has enabled regular monitoring of national legislation and policy and proposed amendments to align them with the Constitution of Kenya 2010.
- Strong inter-county forums for the County Executives in charge of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries
- Active intergovernmental forums on issues of policy, legislation, farm inputs, food security and implementation of national projects.



*HE the Governor, Issa Timamy , driving one of the tractors while launching Farm Tractor Service at AMS Mpeketoni compound*