



## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

### YOUTH, SPORTS, GENDER AND CULTURE GENDER COMMITTEE

#### Background

The Committee handles all matters relating to gender, culture, sports, youth, national heritage, indigenous issues and persons with disabilities in forty seven county governments.



*COG CEO (center) after Meeting with officials on the Youth Senate on partnership opportunities*

#### Existing Challenges

National legislation and policy in the sector does not conform to the devolved system of government.

Since sports, gender, youth and culture are concurrent functions of both the national and county government, there is overlap of

functions to be performed by the two levels of government.

Regular and harmonious inter-governmental relations with the National Government to consult on issues of common interest.



*Meeting between H.E Dr Evans Kidero, Chairman of the Council of Governors Committee on Youth, Sports Gender and Culture and the executive caucus of County Executives in charge of Youth, Sports Gender and Culture.*

#### Opportunities

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

## **Resources**

The committee develops and maintains a variety of resources on youth, sports, gender and culture issues including:-

- Status briefs and position papers on national laws and policies which state the position of the county governments and proposed amendments.
- Success stories for the various county government in improving the youth, sports, gender and culture sector.
- Reports on the unbundled functions in the youth, sports, gender and culture.

## **Our Approach**

The committee functions through inter-county forums, intergovernmental (national and county) forums and engaging with various stakeholders to promote the devolution. There is also involvement of the youth, women and persons with disabilities in culture, sports, and governance through relevant county government platforms.

## **Our Impact**

The Youth, Sports, Gender and Culture Committee been undertaking regular monitoring of national legislation and policy and

proposed amendments to align them with the Constitution of Kenya 2010

Enhanced the capacity of the County Executives in charge of Youth, Sports, Gender and Culture on the concurrent functions and how they have been unbundled.

COG through this committee hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jua Kali (cottage) conference which brought together over 3000 delegates from all the 47 counties to showcase their talents with special focus on for the youth and women.