



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jamuhuri Day

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Launch of the Universal Health Coverage Pilot

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Venue: ASK Grounds, Kisumu County

Children's Conference

Dates: 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Venue: Nairobi Primary School, Nairobi County

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Devolution Conference

Dates: 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Venue: Kirinyaga University, Kirinyaga County

## KISUMU COUNTY TO HOST AFRICITIES SUMMIT - 2021

“The Government of Kenya has indicated strong commitment to deliver a successful Africities Summit in 2021,” said the Governor in his address. Kisumu County will host the 9th edition of the African Cities Summit set to be held in 2021. This followed a long bidding process spearheaded by the Council of Governors and the County Government of Kisumu. Kisumu County has shown the interest and capacity to host the 9th Edition of Africa’s premier gathering of cities and local governments.

In his bi-lingual (French and English) speech, Governor Prof. Anyang’ Nyong’o welcomed the move saying the meeting will place Kisumu City on the world map and welcomes participants from pan Africa and the whole world to Kisumu County and to Kenya for the second time for the Africities Summit.

The signature event of the United Cities and Local Governments in Africa (UCLG-Africa) will be held in Kenya for the second time after the first one in 2006. UCLG-Africa Secretary General Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi announced this in Marrakech, Morocco on 22nd November 2018.

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## THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ATTENDS AFRICITIES SUMMIT 8

The Council of Governors on November 20 -24, 2018 attended the Africities 8 Summit hosted in Marrakech - Morocco, with over 5000 participants from all over the world. Led by the Council of Governors Chairman, H.E Josphat Nanok, the Kenyan Delegation included Governors, County Executive Committee Members in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and Members of various County Assemblies.

The participants were stakeholders and partners from other regions of the world: ministers in charge of local governments (in the Kenyan case County Governments); ministers in charge of housing and urban development; ministers of public service; local authorities and local elected officials; officials of local and....

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## DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2019 KICKS OFF IN EARNEST

On 3rd December 2019, H.E Waiguru, the Vice Chair at the Council of Governors and the Chairperson Devolution Conference planning Committee officially kicked off plans towards the devolution Conference.

While officiating the 3rd County Executive Committee Members Conference, the Vice Chair noted that the CEC’s Conference has been an important pillar of the Annual Devolution Conference since it is a precursor and all resolutions form part of the discussions therein.

“The next Annual Devolution Conference will be held in March 2019 in Kirinyaga County, I urge you to use this platform to ensure that your recommendations towards improving service delivery are incorporated,” she said. She equally urged the County officials to use the CEC’s conference and.....

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## SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE

“Water is life and that’s the reason why we are all here today,” H.E Yoweri Museveni, the President of the republic of Uganda

Kenya hosted the 1st Global Conference on the Sustainable Blue Economy with a focus on creating economic growth, ensuring healthy waters and building safe communities. The Conference builds on the momentum of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 2015 climate Change Conference in Paris and the UN Ocean Conference 2017 “Call to Action”.

The world has rallied around the enormous pressure facing oceans & water, from plastic pollution to the impacts of climate change. At the same time, there is internal recognition that there is need to develop our waters in an inclusive and sustainable manner for the benefit of all. ....more



## SYMBIOCITY URBAN LEADERSHIP FORUM: WHO ARE THE LEADERS WE NEED?

Kenya’s urban areas are growing rapidly. To ensure a sustainable growth, there is urgent need for cooperation between the political and technical arms of County governments. Being a long-term process, urban development requires long-term political agreements and planning – beyond elective terms. This was concluded at the SymbioCity facilitated Urban Leadership Forum (ULF) in Nakuru in mid November.

Participants of the SymbioCity Kenya forum stated that shared visions, strategies and plans were the foundation of planning, as it reduced the risk of projects being opposed. The leaders who consisted of members of county assembly (elected/ appointed every five years) and executive committee members.... ....more



## SEE YOU IN 2019

The end of 2018 is fast approaching, the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2018/19 ends with it. It is proper practice for any organization to hold their semiannual review at this time of the year.

The Council of Governors Secretariat on 28th-30th November 2018 held their semi-annual retreat to review and determine the strides made and the tasks ahead if it is to fully implement its Annual Work plan for the year 2018/19. The team also had an opportunity to review their priority areas for the remaining half of the year. During the review, the secretariat also held its team building session and end of year party. The Council of Governors holds a team building session every year to ensure that each time it works like a well-oiled machine. World over, the best organization and companies hold such session where staff can interact informally..... ....more



## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WAJIR COUNTY.

1. One of the most outstanding attraction sites in Wajir County is Orahey wells located in the heart of the old town. Looking from far, the wells appear like a plain barren landmass, a desolate red desert with few patches of unprotected acacia trees surrounding the dusty earth, seemingly meeting the horizon with skies bereft of clouds.
2. Wajir was one of the desert military stations where the Italian Caproni bombers put up a defensive military operation to dislodge the advancement of the British forces in 1940.
3. Wajir County is one of the few remaining outposts in Africa where ancient pastoralism is widely practiced. Pastoralism is getting extinct in these modern times, but the Wajir people have stood by their camels, goats and cattle.
4. The acacia tree is plenty in wajir. The vegetation consists of a mixture of bushes and bushy trees and extensive areas of grassland where the acacia astoundingly rises above every other tree.
5. The Lion Hill is a roaring lion engraved as a mountain. The hill is best captured if you stand about 200 meters away from the mountain- there you see a lazily sitting lion.

**UPCOMING ANNUAL  
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