

The Council Monthly

AUGUST 2019

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Health CECMs quarterly coordination meeting
5th September, 2019, CoG Offices

ASAL Conference
10th-13th September 2019,
Amboseli National Park, Kajiado County

Climate Change Summit and UNGA
14th-23rd September 2019,

Jamafest 2019
20th-28th September 2019,
Tanzania

Joint meeting of the Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries and Health
25th September, 2019, Mini Chamber, First Floor,
County Hall

ICPD+25 Summit
12th-14th November 2019 ,KICC



GENDER DATA COUNTS

The Council of Governors in partnership with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) with support from UN Women on 6th August 2019 launched the Gender Data Sheets at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Kenya is still facing challenges in socioeconomic development specifically challenges in data handling, lack of access to data to inform development programs and weak policies. These challenges have been addressed by the datasheet. The chief guest Deputy Governor Kajiado County, H.E Martin Moshisho Martine, in his address emphasized that the data currently available to Counties cannot be used to make decisions especially in implementing policies that support gender mainstreaming in our counties. "Inclusion of the needs of all Kenyans, regardless of their gender, in development programming is a key step towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals leading to the call "Leaving No One Behind" he said.

The exercise of compiling County specific gender data sheets for the pilot project commenced in September 2018 in ten counties - Baringo, Kisumu, Kakamega, Turkana, Kitui, Kilifi, Bomet, Kirinyaga, Marsabit and Meru. The projects was to ensure that gender mainstreaming efforts are deepened to institutionalize the gender function at the County level and focused on several components..... [Read more](#)

PARTNERING FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

County Governments are a major stakeholder of the Health sector, health being a devolved function in Kenya. The just concluded Kenya Health Forum, an annual event that brings together all stakeholders in the health sector, was an opportune forum for stakeholders in the sector to discuss the performance of the sector in the country.

Under the theme 'Partnering for UHC: Delivering affordable quality healthcare for all,' the two-day forum brought together the National and County governments, development partners, private sectors and other non-state actors to discuss how Kenya can deliver affordable quality health care and achieve UHC.[Read more](#)



MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR GENERATION!

The devolved system of government in Kenya as envisioned by the constitution of 2010 offers a unique opportunity for cascading not only government services to the grassroots level but also the prospects of responding to climate. The County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) that were developed at the onset of devolution and submitted in 2013 contained a wealth of information, providing an analysis of economic, social and environmental factors to guide development plans and projects which included the existential response to climate change.

The report from the StARCK+ Climate Change Technical Assistance to the Government of Kenya programme in 2017 examined how the 47 CIDPs integrated climate change. The objectives of the research were among others to provide insights on how climate change was addressed by..... [Read more](#)



POPULATION DEVELOPMENT: 25 YEARS ON

The International Conference on Population development, to be officially flagged off by President Uhuru Kenyatta, will this year be held from the 12- 14th of November 2019, at KICC, Nairobi. Otherwise known as ICPD +25, this year marks its 25th Anniversary since it was first held in Cairo, Egypt where the countries in attendance developed an ICPD Programme of Action recognizing reproductive health, women's empowerment and gender equality as the pathway to achieving sustainable development. All these were in an effort to put population issues at the centre of human development hence focusing on improving the well- being of citizens.

While in Cairo, the 179 countries in attendance made commitments that are in line with the 5 thematic areas that will be guiding the much anticipated summit including.....

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25 MILLION KES URBAN CHANGE PROJECT LAUNCHED IN AHERO, KISUMU COUNTY

The event My Environment, My Lifeline, boasting skits and shows by local artists, a football tournament, and a mega community clean-up exercise, launched Ahero town's urban project last week. This change project will improve drainage in the market and other waste handling.

All businesses in Ahero came to a standstill as traders and residents were caught up in a triumphant procession along the streets, tuned to Luo traditional beats, in a bid to raise awareness on the official launch of the SymbioCity urban change project.

The project focuses on solid waste management and the improvement of the drainage system within Ahero market. With the systematic approach, solutions will be geared towards the reduction.....

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MY LIFE AS AN INTERN AT THE COUNCIL

'I wish I never have to leave this place' is one of the consistent thoughts that I've had for as long as I've served here at the council as an intern. To refer to myself as an intern sounds absurd considering the space and the freedom I've been granted to blossom. If there is one thing that I have seen and loved completely about the council, it is in the faith they have in everyone as well the equal chances they give. I say this because so far, I have had the opportunity to represent the organization in various delegations and encountered people and places I never thought I would in this lifetime.

I joined the council in June 2019. It was only a minute after I was done with the HR when Mr. Kung'u, the trade program officer at the council, walked in the boardroom where I had been directed to sit looking.....

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MACHAKOS COUNTY.



1. The county hosts the Machakos people's park which is free entry recreational center open to members of the public from Thursday to Sunday. The park hosts grounds for music recordings, wedding parties for free.

2. The Kyamwilu gravity attraction site along the Machakos - Kangundo road attracts visitors daily to witness a spectacle where water and vehicles move upwards.

3. The Wamunyu handcrafts centre is a crucial artifacts point where carvers pool resources and equipment to make sculptures and attracts tourists.

4. The Masinga dam which is a key water reservoir and attraction site due to its beautiful scene and luxury hotels and camping sites.

5. The fourteen falls and the Kilimambogo Park falls between the boundaries of Machakos and Kiambu Counties.



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