



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



MINISTRY OF DEVOLUTION AND PLANNING

**COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE THIRD ANNUAL DEVOLUTION
CONFERENCE HELD ON APRIL 19TH to 23RD 2016 AT MERU NATIONAL
POLYTECHNIC, MERU COUNTY**

The Third Annual Devolution Conference was held between 19th and 23rd April, 2016 at Meru National Polytechnic, Meru County. The devolution conference assessed the progress in implementation, and challenges faced by each level of government.

The conference provided a platform for county governments, the national government, the private sector, civil society and development partners to interact and share lessons on devolution. The conference participants made the following observations and call to action in line with the theme of the conference

The conference resolved and recommended;

1. **THAT** devolution gains should be safeguarded through fiduciary, functional, policy and legislative interventions and ethical practices.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*
 Presidency
 Senate
 Auditor General
 County Assemblies
 National Treasury
 Parliament
 Ministry of Devolution and Planning
 Controller of Budget

2. **THAT** County Government embrace electronic platforms for revenue collection and financial management.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*
 The National Treasury
 Presidency
 IBEC

Summit

3. **THAT** Equitable shareable revenue to County Governments should be increased progressively;

ACTION: Council of Governors
Summit
Commission of Revenue Allocation
IBEC
Parliament
The National Treasury

4. **THAT** the National Treasury should put in place mechanisms for expeditious disbursements of funds to County Governments for devolved functions to ensure uninterrupted service delivery.

ACTION: IBEC
Council of Governors
Senate
National Treasury
Office of the Controller of Budget

5. **THAT** criteria for division of revenue under Article 203 of the constitution should be clarified with regard to national interest and obligations.

ACTION: Council of Governors
Presidency
Summit

IBEC

Parliament

National Treasury

KLRC

6. **THAT** there should be deliberate steps and measures for inclusion of women, youth and persons with disabilities in policy formulation and decision making in critical sectors such as agriculture and health.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*

Presidency

Summit

IBEC

Ministry of Devolution and Planning

County Governments and County Assemblies

7. **THAT** all state corporations to be restructured to align with the devolved system of government.

ACTION: *Inter-Governmental Relations Technical Committee*

Council of Governors

Ministry of Devolution and Planning

The Attorney General

The Presidency

Summit

8. **THAT** there is need for review of agreements on transfer of functions between National Government and County Governments, particularly with regards to Immunization.

ACTION: *Ministry of Health*
Inter-Governmental Relations Technical Committee
Council of Governors
Ministry of Devolution and Planning
The Attorney General
Summit

9. **THAT** there is need to strengthen the technical and financial capacity of Inter-Governmental Relations Technical committee (IGRTC) to perform its functions and complete the residual functions of the Transition Authority.

ACTION: *Ministry of Devolution and Planning*
Council of Governors
Inter-Governmental Relations Technical committee
(IGRTC)
The Presidency
Summit

10. **THAT** County Government frameworks for civic education and public participation should be aligned with the national framework for civic education and public participation.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*
 National Council of NGOs
 Ministry of Devolution and Planning

11. **THAT** the National Government and County Governments should increase resource allocation for ICT and to partner with the private sector in order to reap the full benefits of ICT, including employment opportunities and service delivery.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*
 Ministry of Information Communication & Technology
 National Treasury
 County Governments
 Kenya National Chamber Commerce and Industry
 Summit

12. **THAT** social inequalities in the counties should be addressed through targeted allocations of funds to relevant sectors in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to reap the demographic dividend and accelerate economic growth.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*
 Ministry of Devolution and Planning
 National Treasury

County Governments

Parliament

Summit

13. THAT all stakeholders to engage proactively in the fight against corruption

ACTION: *Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)*

Summit

14. All counties functions by operation of the law are now devolved

ACTION: *National government*

Council of governors

Summit

15. That Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) to be an inter-county entity after all it purchases drugs for Counties.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*

Ministry of Health

Summit

16. That there should be established an intergovernmental relations Committee to audit all the Parastatals and the laws that handle their functions.

ACTION: *Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee*

Council of Governors

Presidency

Summit

17. That the automation of the Controller of Budgets function to be addressed in consultation with the Council of Governors.

ACTION: *Council of Governors*

Controller of Budgets

National Treasury

18. That long-term devolution sustainability framework and mechanisms should be established.

ACTION: Council of Governors

IBEC

Senate

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Devolution Conference 2016

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Devolution Conference 2016

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