

PROGRAMME

National Conference on Devolution in Kenya

Dates: Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th October 2019 • Venue: Villa Rosa Kempinski • Room:
 Harnessing parliamentary and stakeholders' commitment towards a robust devolved system of governance

Day 1: Thursday 24th October 2019

Parliament, Constitution and Devolution			
Time	Session	Key Component	Speaker
Day 1 Session Moderator: Debarl Inea - Nation Media Group			
08:45 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.	Registration & opening session	Registration of participants;	
09:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Opening remarks and brief overview of the conference.	Dr. Jan Cernicky, KAS Kenya
	Official Opening	Remarks on the status of devolution and on relationship between both chambers of parliament.	Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, Speaker of the Senate, Kenya
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Opening Panel	Response to the opening remarks: Opportunities and challenges to the current state of devolution.	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Devolution, Hon. Eugene Wamalwa. Vihiga County Governor, Hon. Wilber Ottichilo and; Hon. Kipruto Kimosop, Vice Chairperson, County Assembly Forum, Membership services committee.
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Official Photo Session & Health Break: 11'0 Clock Tea			
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Keynote Address & Presentation	Taking stock of the gains made by national assembly in deepening devolution; challenges and opportunities ahead.	Hon. Patrick Mariru, Member of National Assembly.
12:00 a.m - 12:30 noon	Keynote Address & Presentation	Taking stock of the gains made by Senate in deepening devolution; challenges and opportunities ahead.	Hon. Nderitu, John Kinyua, Member of Senate.
12:30 noon. - 01:00 p.m.	Presentation and discussions	Legislating reforms to strengthen devolution and the devolved system; current progress so far.	Hon. Mutula Kilonzo, Member of Senate.
01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. Lunch Break			
02:00 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.	Presentation and discussions	The future of devolution; representation, costs and public service.	Dr. Oscar Otele, University of Nairobi
03:00 p.m. – 03:45 p.m.	Presentation and discussions	Evaluation of parliamentary and presidential systems in light of	Prof. Ken Opalo, Georgetown University.

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03:45 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	Panel discussions	Which way to go? A political assessment of parliamentary and presidential changes to the constitution	One MP, Senator Halake, Hon. Waithera Chege, and Hon. Nereah Amondi,
04:30 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.	Presentation and discussions	Strengthening policy and legislative implementation through to support devolution.	Representative -Ministry of Devolution and planning
Evening tea and end of Day 1			

Day 2: 25th October 2019

County Assemblies, CSOs and Devolution			
Time	Session	Key Component	Speaker
Day 2 Session Moderator: Kelvin Keya			
08:45 a.m. - 09:30 a.m.	Recap and Overview	Using policy research to inform sound recommendations on devolved system	Prof. Ken Opalo
09:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Presentation	Political economy of devolution, will amending the constitution provide the needed change?	Prof. Jill Cottrell Ghai
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Panel discussions	Funding Service Delivery with Oversight: Balancing local revenue generation and the Equitable Share with citizen demands	Kwame Owino, Institute of Economic Affairs, Edward Mwatha, Office of the Controller of Budget, Rep. Institute of Public Finance, John Kinuthia, International Budget Partnership.
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Tea Break			
11:30 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Presentation	Safeguarding devolution: existing relationship between the senate office and county speakers	Director, Office of the Speaker.
12:15 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.	Panel discussions	Evidence, research and knowledge accumulation; what we can learn from the recent past; and what's possible moving forward.	Jessica Keegan (IRI) and Con Osendo (DFID), Edwin Adoga (KAS), Ory Okolloh (Luminate Group)
01:00 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.	Presentation	Devolution and delivery services to residents/locals; what is the impression in the counties.	Henry Ochieng, Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA)

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01:30 p.m. – 02:30 p.m. Lunch Break			
02:30 p.m. - 03:15 p.m.	Presentation and discussions	How are we progressing on as far as audit of counties is concerned?	David Gichana Office of the Auditor General.
03:15 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Panel discussion	Making law and implementing policy: Are the counties doing enough to deliver services?	Karen Magara (CAF), Esther Achieng (Director KEFEADO), media, and Elijah Ambasa, Westminster Foundation
04:00 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	Moving forward: what is next	Agreement on areas of policy research	Georgetown University and KAS
End of day 2			

PROGRAMME MODERATORS

Day 1: Debarl Inea
 Day 2: Kelvin Keya