



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA
THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 17th February, 2026

Third Assembly – Fifth Session
1ST SITTING

*[The County Assembly met at 10:30a.m at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu Makarani) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Have your seats, Members.

*[Loud consultations]
[Applause]*

Yes, Clerk?

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
OPENING SPEECH**

Honourable Members, good morning once again. I take this opportunity to welcome you back to this Honourable House following the long recess. The Assembly adjourned on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025 and was scheduled to resume on Tuesday, 10th February, 2026. However, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the commencement of the fifth session was postponed to Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 as duly communicated by the Gazette Notice Number 1654. I thank you for your understanding and patience and I trust that you return refreshed, re-energized, and ready to discharge your constitutional mandate with renewed commitment. Honourable Members, we resume at a decisive moment of our legislative calendar; within the next few days, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is expected to be tabled before this Assembly on or before 28th February. As you are aware of, the CFSP is not a routine document, it defines the County's fiscal framework, sets out priority sectors, and lays the foundation for the annual budget. This Assembly is required to consider and approve the CFSP not later than 14th March, 2026. Therefore, I call upon all Honourable Members and, in particular, the Finance, Budget, and Appropriation Committee and relevant sectorial Committees to accord the document the seriousness, scrutiny, and urgency it deserves. The times are strict and our responsibility is weighty. Honourable Members, we are now entering the tail of this third Assembly and, inevitably, the period that precedes the next election cycle.

The window before us is narrowing; the expectations of the people remain high. This demands focus, discipline, and productivity; it is, therefore imperative that Committees expedite all pending legislative and oversight businesses. A notable example is the Mombasa County Revolving Fund Bill, 2025, currently under consideration by the Committee on Labour and Public Service Administration. The Bill seeks to establish a sustainable, community-driven financial vehicle that will provide zero-interest credit and technical capacity building to micro and small enterprises within Mombasa County. This is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering entrepreneurs, strengthening local enterprises, and stimulating inclusive economic growth. I urge the Committee on Labour and Public Service Administration to prioritize and finalize its consideration of this Bill. The same call is extended to all Committees to table reports on any pending businesses within the shortest time possible; equally, I encourage Honourable Members to make optimal use of the remaining period of this session by introducing Motions, Statements, and Bills that respond directly to the needs and aspirations of the residents of Mombasa. Let this House be defined by purposeful legislation, effective oversight, measurable and measurable impact. Honourable Members, as we resume our sittings, we counting hours to the holy month of Ramadhan on behalf of the County Assembly. I extend my warm wishes to all Muslim brothers and sisters as they prepare for this sacred period, may it be a time of spiritual reflection, discipline, generosity, and unity for our County and our nation. In closing, I urge each one of us to approach this session with unity of purpose, decorum in debate and dedication to service. The people of Mombasa have entrusted us with the responsibility of stewardship; so let us rise to that trust with integrity and diligence. Thank you, Honourable Members. God bless you. God bless Mombasa County. By Honourable Aharub Khatri.

[Applause]

Yes, Clerk?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, I understand that there is a meeting; on behalf of the Chair Committee on Labour and Public Administration, there is a sitting of the Committee on Labour and Public Administration after this plenary and he was asking the Honourable Members to please stay back so that you can be in support of the Committee. Honourable Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:40 a.m.