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*Kisumu County Assembly Speaker, Hon, Onyango Oloo (Left), Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o (Center) and IGRTC Member Ms. Judith Attyang' during a workshop at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel, Kisumu*

**FORUM OPENS DOORS FOR IMPROVED INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Counties and the National government have made significant steps towards the adoption of effective governance systems to streamline relations between the two.

Speaking at the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) meeting held at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel, Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o lauded the move as he encouraged stakeholders to join hands in supporting the initiative.

Improved intergovernmental relations he said was the only sure way of making devolution a success in the counties.

Industry stakeholders jointly agreed on the need to improve relations between the governments in a bid to fasttrack rapid infrastructural development at both levels.

In his address Devolution, Principal Secretary Charles Sunkuli echoed Nyong'o's sentiments as he vowed to engage the national government in forming unified alliances with the counties

IGRTC is a body established as a framework for consultation and co-operation between the National and County Governments.



*County Minister for Health, Dr. Rosemary Obara during a press briefing on the UHC Program in the Governor's boardroom*

**KISUMU TO HOST PRESIDENT UHURU DURING THE UHC LAUNCH**

Kisumu County is set to host President Uhuru Kenyatta on 13<sup>th</sup>, December, 2018 on his tour to the County to officially launch the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) program which targets 240,000 households within the County.

The UHC program was initiated by the President under the big four agenda aimed at offering free medical services to the citizens. Kisumu County was one among the four Counties earmarked for the pilot.

Speaking during the media briefing in the Governor's boardroom, the County Minister for Health Dr. Rosemary Obara said that the county is doing well in terms of registration of households for the coverage and that the statistics is at 230,000 households captured.

She added that the County would do their best within their capacity to support the initiative, citing that it is in line with the Governor's manifesto.

She outlined that her Ministry has received funds from the National treasury which they have allocated to facilitate the running of the project; Ksh 35 Million for the purchase of equipment, Ksh 82 Million for Health System strengthening, Ksh 4.2 Million for Public Health Support, and Ksh 118 Million for Health System Maintenance.

An allocation of Ksh 800 Million was also put in place to build the capacity of the health services workers and also to hire a contractual personnel to facilitate sufficient manpower.



*Kilifi North MP Hon. Owen Baya hands over the winners' certificate to Kisumu's Leone Oiro.*

## 2ND PLACE FINISH FOR KISUMU SKATERS

Kisumu based Frontiers Skating club have finished the championships as the 2nd placed team in tie position with Machakos County after the host Kilifi Skating team took top position in the national trials.

The two day tournament attracted contestants from over twelve Counties where both junior and senior teams battled it out to take control of the opening sessions.

In typical fashion, the Frontiers dominated the early proceedings with the team upsetting traditional favorites Nairobi and Machakos outfits.

Presiding over the games, Kilifi North Legislator, Hon. Owen Baya pledged to involve relevant stakeholders in expanding the competition to other parts of the country.

Kisumu Frontiers took home 23 medals comprising 7 gold, 8 silver, 2 bronze. They set a new record by finishing in the top three for two years in a row.

According to Frontiers coach Nickson Oloo, the team has set its sights on new heights as he targets an improved finish in next year's showpiece in Kisumu and Mombasa.

The team comprised of 15 players and 5 members of the technical bench.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY MARKED

Kisumu County Government joined the rest of the world in celebrating the international day of persons with disability at the National Industrial Training Authority grounds in Kisumu.

The day falls on the 3rd of December each year, with the aim of promoting empowerment, and helping to create real opportunities for people with disabilities. This enriches their capacities and supports them in setting their priorities.

This year's theme, "empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" focused on empowering persons with disabilities for an inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This involves investing in people – in jobs, health, nutrition, education, and social protection. This prepares them to exploit available opportunities hence they become agents of change.

While addressing the gathering, Labour Cabinet Secretary Amb. Ukur Yatani urged Counties to work toward mainstreaming issues of persons with disabilities within their work force in the County. He also called upon Counties to formulate policies and legal frameworks that will help in mainstreaming issues of Persons with Disabilities.

He also commended Kisumu County Government for passing and operationalizing the policy. He also reiterated the issue of access to five percent of the tenders set by the Government to persons with disabilities. He said the Government plans to make the public transport system to be disability friendly.

On his part, Kisumu Governor Professor. Anyang' Nyong'o promised to ensure that his government will spearhead the mainstreaming issues of persons with disabilities, having passed and now operationalizing the Disability Act.

Governor Nyong'o pointed out that the issue of cultural bias against people with disability should be shunned.

"As a County Government, we are prepared to tackle the issues of mainstreaming in so far as the needs of persons with disability are concerned and this is marked by the passing and the operationalization of the Disability Act," said the Governor.



*Labour Cabinet Secretary Amb. Ukur Yatani and Mama Kisumu, Dorothy Nyong'o handing a sewing machine to Ms Elizabeth Akinyi Mbori, during the International day of persons living with disability at NITA grounds in Kisumu.*

The event was also graced by: Kisumu Deputy Governor Dr Mathew Owilli, Mama Kisumu Dorothy Nyong'o, Members of Parliament Hon Sharkil Shabir of Kisumu East, Hon. James Koyoo of Muhoroni, Hon Denis Olesankok representing PWDs, Hon. Tom Odege of Nyatike, nominated Senator Denita Gati of Migori representing PWDs, Dr Nyakiamo of National Funds for the Disable, CEC Education, Dr. John Obiero Ogone, Director General NITA, Director among other dignitaries.

## MASHINANI CLEAN-UP EXERCISE

County Department of Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources in partnership with Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), this week organized a Clean-up exercise dubbed Kisumu County Clean – Up and tree planting awareness campaign across the Sub counties as from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

The campaign which was initiated by the County Minister for Water, Irrigation and Natural Resources Hon. Salmon Drimba, brought together Stakeholders who included: Lake Basin development Authority, Kenya Medical Training College, Symbiocity international, Water Resource Users Association, Community Based Organizations among other NGO's who participated in the cleanup exercise that took place in: Kisumu Central, Muhoroni, Nyando, Nyakach, Seme and Kisumu West Sub-Counties.

The Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) supported the exercise by donating 2,000 bamboo tree seedlings which were planted along the riverbanks to conserve the environment.

The objective of the campaign is to mainstream environmental conservation and stewardship among the youth and communities through vibrant and alternative methods such as music, art, dance and other interactive platforms.



From Left- County for Minister Health, Dr. Rosemary Obara, Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili, Governor Nyong'o and Hon Aduma Owuor at Pap Onditi Hospital during the Governor's tour to Nyakach.



Clean up in Ahero town, Nyando Sub County by the SymbioCity waste management champions accompanied by Anna Backman SKL project Manager, Maureen Nyaga project manager, ward administrator, Mr. George Amimo, and Elvira Hawi Environment Officer

## GOVERNOR NYONG'O TOURS NYAKACH IN A MISSION TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Kisumu Governor Prof Peter Anyang' Nyong'o toured Pap Onditi Market and the Sub County Hospital in Central Nyakach Ward to assess the progress of the construction of a modern market and the hospital's maternity wing respectively.

The construction of the modern market project which received an allocation of Ksh. 35 Million was in its completion stage and according to the Minister for Business, Trade and Energy Hon Alice Moraa, the official commissioning would be done in March 2019.

Speaking during the event, the Governor said that he had a lot of confidence in his administration and promised the residents that all his manifesto would be implemented based on priority. The Governor who later visited Pap Onditi Sub County Hospital expressed his satisfaction with the positive progress at the Maternity wing which received an allocation of Ksh 10 Million for expansion and other necessary adjustments.

The area Member of Parliament, Hon. Aduma Owuor who was also in attendance appreciated the Governor and his able administration and pledged his support to any development initiative in the constituency. He called upon the local leaders and the residents to unite and embrace any positive change initiated in the region.

On his part, the Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili, thanked the governor for their good working relations which has made the entire County united for all the development goals and pledged to remain loyal to the governor and the voters to pave way for conducive environment for service delivery.

The tour culminated into the three leaders being crowned Nyakach Elders at Abwao Secondary School in West Nyakach Ward in a function presided over by the elders from eleven clans of Nyakach.

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