

Registrar to sit in apex multi-sector team to unlock gender parity question

The Registrar of Political Parties Ms. Ann Nderitu CBS has been appointed in the Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the realization of the two-thirds gender principle through a gazette notice vol.cxxv No. 182 on 15th August 2023 by Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Aisha Jumwa, the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action. The first consultative meeting held on 28th August, 2023 was aimed at deliberating on a roadmap for achieving the two-third gender rule. In her submission, the Registrar called for more varied stakeholder engagements and lobbying during the process in order to achieve its set out objective.

The Principal Secretary Ministry of Public Service Gender and Affirmative Action, Veronica M. Nduva called the members to commit themselves to the process by using their institutions to enhance awareness through the civic engagement of the two-third gender rule.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu CBS addresses participants at a consultative meeting of Multi-sectoral group on two-thirds

The taskforce is expected to review and analyze previous proposals on the implementation of two thirds gender rule, to conduct comparative studies on the best practices in other jurisdictions towards achieving gender equality, develop and recommend a framework for the implementation of the same, conduct a stakeholder engagements and public participation on the proposed framework and to mobilize resources towards achieving the objective of the group among others.

Registrar marks presence at women's right convention

The Annual Women's Rights Convention, was in Nairobi convened by CRAWN Trust to formulate best practices and assess the status of women's inclusion and involvement in governance.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu applauded the engagement forum while outlining ORPP's efforts on the subject including capacity building, enforcing compliance for political parties on gender threshold in governance, legal reform responsive to gender parity among others.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu addresses participants during the Annual Women's Rights convention on 23th August 2023 in Nairobi

"I call upon women to actively participate in political parties activities and processes which will eliminate barriers faced by women in the electoral processes", noted the Registrar. Gender biases, cultural norms, limited access to resources and political violence were some of the challenges identified impeding women's participation in governance.

The Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aisha Jumwa, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs officiated the forum with stakeholders drawn from civil society actors, policy-makers, development partners, and women's rights organizations among others.

Political Parties officials undergo training on the Political Parties Fund

The ORPP held a sensitization meeting with 48 Political Parties that currently qualifying for the Political Parties Fund (PPF) on the commencement of the Financial Year 2023/2024. The engagement revolved around the process and distribution of allocation of Political Parties Funds to qualified Political Parties as per the conformity of the Law.

“We are happy to report that all the 48 political parties have received the funds for the last financial year. Unfortunately, some have not been able to utilize the funds due to compliance issues which raises concerns to our Office with the Auditors through financial statements. As officials of political parties we do request that you prepare accurate Financial Statements and acknowledge receipt because they form the basis of the audits” said Registrar of Political Parties.

Registrar of Political Parties informed the officials that the



Registrar of Political Parties addressing officials of Political Parties during her opening remarks at the Analysis of Political Parties' Fund for the FY 2023/24 forum.

Office had requested for more allocation of the fund from the current percentage from the National government so that Parties would run appropriate activities more effectively and urged them to lobby for the push since they are the lawmakers and are the advantage point of making such requests.

The Senior Chief Finance Officer, Joshua Kimulu presented the analysis on the distribution processes and disbursement. He urged the officials to make fresh applications using fully filled prescribed forms PP1 and PP2 as well as present a contained work plan to the office as required by the law.

Distribution of Funds are according to Section 25 of the PPA which outlines; 70% of the Fund reference to the total number of votes secured in the preceding election; 15% proportionately on the number of elected Special Interest Groups (SIGs); 10% based on the total number of representatives elected and 5% for Administrative duties of ORPP.

ORPP moots new partnership with Konrad to foster Youth and Women participation in Political process

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Kenia, a Non-governmental Organization, paid a courtesy call to Registrar of Political Parties at ORPP headquarters on 9th August, 2023 to forge partnership and collaborations in matters for Political processes and engagements. Discussions were centered on the potential partnership between the two institutions for deepening the democratic space. Other areas were on strategies for civic education for better political participation for Special Interest Groups.



Registrar of Political Parties (second left) and Ms. Marjorie Okeyo (left) host Officials of Konrad –Adenauer Stiftung Kenya at her Office.

Devolution clocks a decade, ORPP showcases and part of its envois

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) was part of the delegates and exhibitors at the 8th Devolution Conference held on 15th to 19th August, 2023 at the Eldoret Sports Club, Uasin Gichu county. It provided an opportunity for the Office to showcase its milestones and initiatives aligned to devolution tenets including the trajectory of regulation of political parties and Office presence and engagements at the devolved units.

Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu was one of the key delegates. In the occasion, the Registrar led a section of Office team present in serving visiting guests at ORPP stand and interacting with high level delegates at varied points of interactions. Ms. Nderitu also participated in the conference on her capacity as one of the Principals under UWIANO, a platform comprising of different state and non-state agencies in politics, conflict management and peace building space.



Registrar of Political Parties (right) with high level delegates including former Registrar of Political Parties, Lucy Ndung'u (left) at the ORPP stand during the Devolution Conference 2023 at Eldoret

Central to the key note addresses by invited guests, panel discussions and exhibitions was on the milestones made by counties, government agencies and private sector in the past decade. This resonated with the conference theme "10 Years of Devolution: The Present and The Future". During the conference awards.

Among the leading speakers were the H.E. President, William Ruto, Deputy President Hon. Rigathi Gachagua, the Former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, Chair of Governors Ann Waiguru, a number of governors, members of Parliament among others. The reverberating message in their address was a recollection of the gains devolution, reflection of the hindrances and proposals for enhanced collaboration and synergy between national and county governments for the larger good in service delivery and uplifting of living standards of the Kenyan people.



President William Ruto (centre), Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi (third right), Makueni Senator. Mutula Kilonzo (second left) and Chair of Governors, Ann Waiguru (left) presents one of the report at the Devolution Conference 2023.

The close of conference that had also its fair share of fun including football match pitting Senators and Governors, distilled over 30 resolutions, tagged to action players on varied socio-economic aspects on health; climate change, education; technology and innovation, knowledge generation and transfer; blue economy; urban housing and planning; legislative reforms and many more. Read resolution communique courtesy of Council of Governor's, the lead organizers of the event on the link <https://www.cog.go.ke/images/Statements/news/DOC-20230830-WA0000..pdf>.

Thousands express interest to serve at ORPP, as the recruitment progresses

Close to over 8,000 persons expressed interest to work with ORPP according to the analysis of the number of job applications received for the 26 positions declared in varied cadres. The jobs were advertised vide *My Gov* Newspaper publication on 7th February, 2023 and further published on Office website and social media platforms. In the period, the job advert social media platforms and numerous digital avenues were awash of the ORPP vacancies. This was posted on 28th February, 2023.

Further, a shortlisting exercise was undertaken on 8th to 13th May, 2023 and interviews conducted between 7th to 14th August, 2023. The process is at the tail end is being headed by Human Resources Management Department. In the course of the process, identified staff in different departments demonstrated team spirit supporting different aspects receiving, sorting and recording of applications; data entry, shortlisting and interviews as well as varied reports required for each stage. Once the recruitment is completed, successful candidate will be notified as stipulated in provided in the guidelines that was contained in the advertisement.

The volume of applications, besides being a stark reminder of the current unemployment situation in the country, also points to the fact that ORPP is a desired brand to work for. Some of common factors that make the ORPP a desired employment destination includes its credible and trusted reputation as well as a raft of staff capacity/professional building

opportunities and benefits staff draw. The expressions also remind staff of the need to safeguard their privilege to serve and reminds of the need to work diligently to exceptionality within respective roles.

The recruitment is guided by section 3 of the Human Resource Policy which states that Recruitment process shall be on basis of fair competition and merit; representation of Kenya's diverse communities; adequate and equal opportunities to all gender, youth, members of all ethnic groups, persons with disabilities and minorities.



A report writing in one of the session in the recruitment process

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Highlights of the Devolution Conference 2023



A group photo of a section of governors during the opening ceremony of the marking of 10th Devolution conference at Eldoret Sports club in Uasin Gishu County.



Registrar of Political Parties during the Devolution Conference held from 15th-18th August 2023 at Eldoret Sports Club in Uasin Gishu county.



Registrar of Political Parties (centre) and former Registrar of Political Parties, Lucy Ndung'u (right) host dignitaries at the ORPP stand during the devolution conference



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu (right) share a light moment with Makueni Governor, Hon. Mutula Kilonzo Jr at the ORPP stand.



ORPP Uasin Gishu Regional Coordinator, Hope Nandwa (centre) and her counterpart Silas Likale (right) serves at the stand



ORPP Partnerships and Linkages Officer, Beatrice Nderi (second left), Silas Likale (far right) and some guests pose for a group photo at the exhibition.