

ORPP exhibits at Meru Trade Fair

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties on an Agricultural Show of Kenya exhibited its services held annually across different region at Meru National Show on 29th May to 1st June at Gitobu showground.

The first day of the show was dedicated to judging day. The Office had entered having the following category; Class 1 Government stand, Class 2 The best regulatory authority and corporation stand, The best stand embracing information technology and communication system and the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category. The ORPP team guided the judges on categories included.

The ORPP team further demonstrated to the judges the Office's strides made for the registration of Political Parties and membership data storage processes. Also guided on was the data protection and safety measure as well as the use of ICT platforms USSD code *509# for easy access of membership status.



ORPP ICT Officer, Brian Alphayo guides judges at the ORPP stand during the judging category on 29th May, 2024 at Meru National Show

Day two and three, the team devoted their time in providing the ORPP services to the general public and stakeholders.

The Office stand was also delighted to host and interact with the county chief Her Excellency Governor Kawira Mwangaza, Meru County Governor during the opening ceremony and trophy awards. The Office managed to scoop awards in; 1st best ; -Best Regulatory Authority and Corporation Stand, Branch Chairman's Commendation Trophy & 2nd best in; -Best Government Stand that Interprets the Current Show Theme, and Best Stand Embracing Information Technology and Communication System. The team will present the Awards received for ORPP to the Registrar of Political Parties within the course of the month.



ORPP Officer Abdisalan Hassan receive awards on behalf of the Office during the award ceremony from H.E. Governor Kawira Mwangaza, Meru County at Gitoru showground.

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Political education manuals on course following their review out of the Political Education Source publication

A session for review of ORPP targeted group training for manuals was held on 2nd - 4th June 2024 by a section of ORPP staff to outline insights into topical issues which were divided into five, namely - persons with disabilities, special interest groups (women and youth), political party aspirants and candidates, political party officials and the general citizenry.



Registrar of Political Parties (second right), a section of ORPP staff and Partners pose for a group photo during the training in Naivasha

During her speech to the participants, Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu, CBS emphasized the value of the manuals in empowering the said target groups. She emphasized that the manual should serve to equip its target with the right governance strategies. Registrar further urged the participants to remain focused on the needs of the target groups, being careful not to deviate from the context or duplicate the Source Book.

“These training tools have been developed from the Office Kenya's Political Educational Source Book. The Office remains focused on the needs of the target groups in line with diverse topics comprehensively covered in the Source Book including registration, membership, and funding of political parties to the respective groups,” said the Registrar

The training manuals provide tailored resources for training different clusters on their roles in strengthening their political parties, and the organization and management of the parties, among others.

ORPP hosts parties' Secretaries General for compliance 'clinic'

The ORPP convened a clinic with Secretaries General (SGs) to reveal and discuss compliance status particular to fully registered Political Party. While opening the session, Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu called on SGs and relevant party organs to take every measure to address non-compliant areas.

"The Office continues to engage parties through such clinics to inform of the gaps that must be strictly addressed in line with the law. This clinic will help assess the progress made", said the Registrar.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu in her address during the Political Parties Secretaries Generals Compliance Clinic on 6th June, 2024 in Naivasha.

Compliance Director, Daniel Kinuthia noted, the need to bridge any breach within set timelines particular to the party as part of accountability to their constituents or members.

Key issues to enhance overall compliance such as legal reform, automating their services, constant updates on changes, and continuous training to varied organs were recommended.

The Office holds compliance clinics for fully registered political parties to help support the parties to actualize their statutory purpose on a regular basis.

Registrar witnesses unveiling of Corruption Assessment Toolkit for public entities

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung launched a Public Sector Corruption Risk Assessment Checklist. As one of the key stakeholder partner, the Registrar was invited as one of the key speaker to the launch. In her speech she emphasized on the need to constantly fight corruption in this nation.

"Corruption is a big menace and must be addressed through our own initiatives by consistent communication with messages against corruption, automation of processes, social accountability initiatives, and support of anti corruption enforcement institutions", said Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu, CBS.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, makes her remarks at the launch of the Public Sector Corruption Risk Assessment Checklist held on 3rd June, 2024 in Nairobi County.

"The output will strengthen knowledge and enforce actions to enhance transparency and accountability in budget and procurement implementation", said Dr. Annette Schwandner, Country Director Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

The Public Sector Corruption Risk Assessment Checklist tools aims to enhance information sharing to assess and determine corruption status both at the national and county levels.

Other key stakeholders present were representatives from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), Ombudsman Kenya Political Parties representatives, County Governance Watch - CGW Kenya, The Kenya Young Members of County Assemblies among others who noted their support to dissemination of the publication.



Registrar (seated third in the middle) and a section of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung stakeholders representatives pose for a group photo during the launch.

ORPP at governance lobby group to discuss citizens' vigilance on governance

The Office continued engagement with diverse stakeholders on topical legislative issues. "ORPP is making efforts to bring on board a legislation framework that will address the problems faced in the previous elections", said the Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS in citizen forum dubbed "Amka Stay Awake" at historical Ufungamano House, Nairobi on Friday 31st May.

The County Governance Watch - CGW Kenya convened forum was aimed at promoting democratic governance by engaging the citizenry on process legislative processes such as NADCO Bills and Finance Bill 2024. Highlights of impact of the Bills to cost of living were deliberated and citizen-driven were proposed for social economic development.



Registrar of Political Parties in her remarks at The County Governance Watch forum in Nairobi

NEC officials kept upto speed on Governance and Leadership training

ORPP compliance department held a session of training political parties National Executive Council on Governance and Leadership on May 23rd, 2024 as it's continue capacity building section programme.

The Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu CBS, called on the party officials to continue nurturing good governance in political parties to ensure compliance.

"ORPP remains committed to improve our laws and processes through such training and stakeholder engagements to enhance governance in political parties." said the Registrar while appreciating party officials present.

"Good governance will help the political parties carry out their various roles and functions as outlined in the Political Parties Act." added Daniel Kinuthia, Director Compliance.



ORPP Director Compliance, Daniel Kinuthia during his remarks at the National Executive Council on Governance and Leadership training.

Participants were taken through political parties governance structures compliance requirements, dispute resolution mechanisms, role of political parties in promoting good governance, running and managing political parties among others.

The training was organized by compliance department spearheaded by its Capacity Building section.

Wajir Women Caucus on a study visit to ORPP

To action part of stakeholder feedback out of recently launched new Garissa office, the ORPP hosted and sensitized Wajir County Assembly Women Caucus on 22nd May, in Nairobi. Governance and leadership for change; legal and policy framework on inclusion; strategies for enhanced participation of women in elections, gender mainstreaming among others areas were discussed.

"I commend our Garissa office for spearheading such an important collaboration with Wajir County Assembly. This demonstrates our focus on promoting women's inclusion in politics, electoral processes and leading in unshackling the electoral barriers women face during elections." said the Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS in her remarks.

The speaker of the Wajir County Assembly Hon. Abdille Yusuf appreciated session terming it a way of empowering women to achieve strategic development.

"We must advocate for elimination of discrimination against women through use of workable strategies such as gender impact assessment, capacity building, public consultation and gender budgeting", advised Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu (seated third left) Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, Ali Abdullahi, a section of ORPP officials and NIMD officials pose for a group photo with Wajir County Assembly Women Caucus

The two-day forum is part of ORPP efforts for collaboration with Counties and County Assemblies towards institutionalizing leadership, governance and inclusion. Such will also bolster regular consultations on political parties varied aspects such registration, compliance, coalitions, funding and other parties' regulation processes. The session was an initiation of ORPP's Garissa Regional office and was supported by Netherlands Institute of Multi-party Democracy (NIMD).

ORPPs Management trained on governance ethos

Sharpening of the ORPP leadership acumen leadership by the support of The Oslo Center, an ORPP institute partner, on 13th to 17th May, 2024. The training is part of ensuring the management is aligned to requisite skills and competencies for exceptional service.

The team was privileged to gain insights from top notch facilitators in topical areas around leadership and governance. Other emerging issues in the sessions were on; coaching and mentoring for productivity, Emotional intelligence in leadership; mental and financial wellness and work balance; Constitutional Values and Principles of Public Services, Data protection, corporate culture among others. In the the sitting, various ORPP policies under development were reviewed.



Registrar and a section of ORPP senior top management officials at the training session

ORPP appear before JLAC in quest to reinstate supplementary budget

The ORPP appeared before the Parliament of Kenya Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) to discuss its budget estimates for the Financial year 2024/2025 together with 2023/2024 supplementary estimates II.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu CBS in her submissions, urged the need for reinstating the Office budget to enable execution of mandate. "Adequate allocation of resources will help this Office operate optimally and help in efficient provision of its services", said the Registrar, leading the ORPP team.

The estimates submitted budget to the Committee will further be processed within public sector budget cycle.



Registrar of Political Parties (middle), Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, CPA Florence Biryra (right) and a section of ORPP senior Officers from Finance and Accounts at the JLAC committee on 15th May at Parliament Buildings.

ACTIVITES ON-GOING

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES
ORPP
Strengthening Political Parties

Political Parties' Office Inspection

ORPP is conducting office inspection of 90 fully registered political parties both head and branch offices.

Target: Political Parties

Date: 10th -17th June

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A poster indicating Inspection activity held on June, 2024. Full coverage in the June Bulletin edition

PICTORIALS



ORPP team engages with Meru Governor H.E. Kawira Mwangaza about ORPP. Here, ICT officer, Bryan Alphayo and Customer Service, Damaris Mwaniki converse with her at the Meru National Show on 31st May.



Isiolo Clerical Officer Abdisalan Hassan pose for a photo after receiving the ORPP Meru ASK show awards at Gitoru show-ground in Meru County



Team at Meru Show share a moment after being awarded

The Office scooped awards in 1st Best in; Best Regulatory Authority and Corporation Stand, Branch Chairman's Commendation Trophy.

Second best (2nd) in; Best Government Stand that Interprets the Current Show Theme, and Best Stand Embracing Information technology and communication system.

The office received two trophies and three certificates as evident to the awards.

Photo courtesy of regional officer

Bungoma Regional Coordinator Willies Sigei conducted a youth sensitization forum at Sosa Cottages in Gisambai, Vihiga County. The youth drawn from political parties and Civil Society Organizations in the County were taken through the mandate and functions of ORPP and youth participation in political parties, Role of National Government in promoting peace post election, social accountability and youth involvement in the electoral process.

