

## A bulletin from Office of the Registrar of Political Parties

### ORPP unveils Political Parties Fin.Manual, engages Parties on audit

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The ORPP on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, at Safari Park Hotel launched the Political Parties Finance, Accounts & Procurement Policy and Procurement Manual. The manual is a crucial tool to guide political parties undertake the finance and procurement processes in conformance with finance and procurements and expected standards.

Stakeholders present hailed the ORPP for developing such the comprehensive manual, noting terming it useful and key reference material not just to the parties but also their entities.

The occasion was presided over by the Auditor General, FCPA Nancy Gathungu and hosted by the Registrar. Participants were drawn from public entities such as National Treasury, Public Sector Accounting Standard Board (PSASB), IEBC, political parties and a host of other non-state actors and partners.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS called for optimal use of the manual and assured ORPP will in collaboration with the Auditor General and other partners roll out a series of sensitization to political parties for proper and better use of the Manual.

She thanked the HSF, staff and other entities that supported the rigorous development, series of reviews and eventual publication of the Manual.

The Registrar underscored the need for proper use of funds including the Political Parties Fund

For parties' enhancing of representation in Parliament, shape opinion and policy, undertake election related activities among others.

"The shall support political parties teaming up with the good efforts of ORPP as part of its mandate of ensuring effectiveness of internal controls, risks and utilization of public expenses to be in line for the intended purposes", said the Chief Guest, FCPA Nancy Gathungu.

She called on Political Parties to have formal and informal norms to be adhered to including financial and procurement processes. "The simplified Manual will be a critical aid in attaining credibility and legitimacy and streamline governance and management of party processes", the chief guest said.



Registrar of Political Parties (third right) and Auditor General, FCPA. Nancy Gathungu and stakeholders launch the Political Parties Finance, Accounts & Procurement Policy and Procurement Manual at Safari Park, Nairobi

The meeting also held a close discussion with political parties on the audit issues raised by the Auditor General out of the FY 2023/2024 audit of political parties allocated the Political Parties Fund.

The meeting resolved a series of sensitization with political parties to enhance their financial and procurement processes. Further the ORPP in September, held one on one meetings for each of the party upon which the parties were guided on remedial measures



The Registrar Ann Nderitu, CBS (4<sup>th</sup> right), Chief Guest Assistant Registrar, Nancy Gathungu and guests display launched Manual .



Assistant Registrar, CPA Florence Birya speaking during the event



The Auditor General guides political parties officials present during the launch on the general audit issues from the Auditor General's Audit to parties in FY 2023/24

## Launch photo highlights



Auditor General, Nancy Gathungu and Registrar Ann Nderitu fields engages media after the launch



Registrar, Ann Nderitu and Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi brief the Chief Guest before the events. Below: A participant contributes during the occasion



Part of ORPP during the occasion. The Senior Chief Finance Officer, Joshua Kimulu (right) spearheaded the event.



Assistant Registrars , Chief Guest, guests and other participants follow proceedings during the occasion

## ORPP unveils first of its kind PWDs Political Education Manual

The ORPP, at KICC Nairobi on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 unveiled yet again in the month- the Political Education Training Manual for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

A pioneer initiative aimed at empowering individuals with disabilities to actively engage take up leadership responsibilities including in political parties and elective positions. The Manual is designed to provide PWDs with the knowledge and skills necessary for meaningful participation in the political landscape.

Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu expressed gratitude to the guests and stakeholders who contributed to the Manual, terming it essential in strengthening disability inclusion in electoral and political processes.



Chief guest, Isaac Mwaura, Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu (center) and some guests showcase the launch of Political Education for PWDs manual including the Braille version of the same manual to aid accessibility to the blind

She emphasized that PWDs inclusion and participation is Constitutionally protected so as their voices are represented in policymaking and decision-making. The Registrar further called for a re-evaluation of the legal framework to address gaps and enhance equitable inclusion of PWDs in political processes including better ways in their nominations.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS makes her remarks during the launch of PWDs Political Education Manual at KICC, Nairobi.

The chief Gguest, Sen. Hon (Dr.) Isaac Mwaura, appreciated the ORPP effort in developing the Manual noting is an authoritative reference material for PWDs capacity building and engagements ot just for political parties but a cross section of stakeholders. In his key note address, punctuated by his life story and testimony as a PWD, he highlighted the significance of the Manual as a collective commitment to ensuring that the voices and concerns of PWDs are heard within the political space. He stressed the importance of inclusion in shaping policies and decisions that reflect the needs of all citizens, including those with disabilities.



Chief guest Sen. Hon. (Dr.) Isaac Mwaura, the Government Spokesperson giving his speech during the launch as the chief guest during the occasion

Assistant Registrar Mr. Ali Surraw described the launch as a moment of reflection and renewed commitment to inclusivity, celebrating the milestones achieved by the ORPP in promoting disability inclusion.

Assistant Director of Capacity Building, Ms. Anastacia Kaberere, provided a brief overview of the Manual, explaining that it is a comprehensive guide designed to equip PWDs in Kenya with the knowledge and skills required to navigate the political system stemming from the earlier ORPP developed Political Education Source Book. The Manual covers various aspects of political processes and offers practical tools to help individuals engage effectively including campaign strategies, resource mobilisation, strategic communication and personal branding of persons interest in political leadership.

The launch of the Manual is one of the ORPP's significant step toward creating a more inclusive and participatory society, a demonstration of its commitment to promoting meaningful involvement of all Special Interest Groups (SIGs) including the marginalised and ethnic minorities.

The launch set off a series of capacity building initiatives aimed at sensitizing target SIGs on practical ways of implementing the Manual within political parties and in their individual endeavours to participate in elective and political parties leadership.



ORPP Director Compliance, Daniel Kinuthia laying objectives of the meeting during the launch



Assistant Registrar Ali Abdullahi makes his remarks during the launch. He also presided over the event.



Daniel Seiberling ,resident Representative Kenya - Ethiopia, Hanns Seidel Stiftung (HSF) ,a partner that supported the development of the Manual addressing participants during the launch



Head of Capacity Building , Anastacia Kaberere giving an overview of the Manual during the launch



ORPP team present with Chief Guest



**ORPP Joan Sirma settles guest during the event as one of the ushers**



**The Registrar, Assistant Registrar and HSF Country Director share a light moment with the Chief Guest during the event**



**Some of participant contribute during a plenary session**

## **Accounts section spearheads preparation of last year's financial statements**

The Accounts section has spearheaded and submitted the ORPP Financial statements, FY 2023/24 to relevant authorities with set timelines of 30<sup>th</sup> September. This was after the statements

preparation in a various of sittings by a section of staff and series of reviews by the Management and Audit Committee prior to finalisation. The preparation was in line standards of financial reporting on Cash Basis of Accounting Method under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

In a session to review the statements held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, a section of staff involved comprehensively reviewed the Office financial statements the Office operates. They are for the Recurrent, Political Parties Fund and the Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme.

"This session is an opportunity to assess the Office's financial health, underlining that all departments are responsible for the Office's financial management. The preparation of the report should adhere to financial reporting standards as stipulated in relevant laws & regulations and Strategic Plan," said Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi. He urged the team to observe the accuracy and integrity of financial data and reporting requirements and timelines. He also noted the Office's approach to such team assignments geared towards enhancing collaboration and teamwork. The Assistant Registrar urged the team while preparing the financial reports and statements to embrace forward planning and reflect on successes and areas of improvement. He appreciated the team's dedication and commitment in the assignment that has resulted to the Office's recognition and receipt of various awards in the previous reporting periods.



**Assistant Director, Accounts Sections guides staff members during the preparation of financial statement FY2023/24 at Gelian Hotel, Machakos.**

## **Audit Committee quality-assures ORPP's financial statements**

The Audit Committee conducted a thorough review of ORPP financial statements from September 15th to 20th, 2024. The review was besides the legal requirement, an attestation of ORPP's commitment to ensuring transparency and accountability in its financial affairs.

Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi, emphasized that the review was part of ORPP adherence to the due process in the preparation of financial statements. He reiterated that the ORPP remains dedicated to upholding high standards of financial management.

Assistant Registrar, CPA Florence Birya expressed appreciation for the valuable insights provided by the Audit Committee, noting that the Committee's contribution has always aided the maintenance of quality and standards expected of the ORPP's financial reporting.

The Audit Committee Chairperson, Kyalo Mwengi while speaking during the session commended the ORPP for its exceptional performance in financial reporting during previous periods, which reflects its prudent management and strong internal controls. The Chairperson highlighted that these efforts had contributed to the ORPP's stellar reputation in financial accountability including awards in financial reporting.

Head of Accounts, CPA D.W. Osores, pointed out that accounting within the ORPP goes beyond mere figures, as it encompasses efforts in governance, community engagement, staff welfare, and sustainability initiatives. He acknowledged that the ORPP has made significant strides in these areas, contributing to the office's overall impact.

The review session, coordinated by the Accounts and Audit units, covered three key financial statements: Recurrent Expenditure, the

Political Parties Fund, and the Car and Mortgage Fund. Each statement was evaluated for accuracy, internal control effectiveness, and adherence to financial standards. This comprehensive review underscores the ORPP's dedication to financial responsibility and robust governance.



**Asst. Registrar CPA Florence Birya speaking during the Audit Committee review meeting**

## **ORPP engages Civil Society groups on amendments to Political Parties Act**

The ORPP held a consultative forum with a section of Civil Society Organization Representatives to gather input on the Political Parties Amendment Bill, 2024 on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The forum, which was part of ORPP's effort to ensure comprehensive stakeholder involvement, aimed to address gaps identified after the 2022 general election and improve the regulation, accountability, and governance of political parties.

Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS, highlighted the importance of the amendments, emphasizing that they would help resolve issues that arose during the general 2022 election. She noted that the proposed changes are critical in enhancing the effectiveness of political party operations, ensuring better governance and adherence to regulations.

Assistant Registrar Ali Abdullahi expressed his gratitude to the representatives, recognizing

their crucial role in promoting democracy, fairness, and inclusivity. He noted that their input was vital in shaping a democratic and accountable political system.

Key proposals discussed during the forum included: Party Nominations: Defining Coalition Political Parties, sanctions for breaches of the Political Parties Code of Conduct, qualification criteria for the Political Parties Fund, dispute resolution mechanisms.

This consultative forum, supported by Electoral Law and Governance Institute (ELGIA) sought to incorporate broad spectrum of views before the Bill is further considered by Parliament.

The ORPP has been involving a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the legal reform endeavour to gain deeper breadth and representations.

The forum was part of ORPP effort to incorporate views of broader spectrum of stakeholders prior to the Bills further consideration by Parliament.



Registrar of Political Parties (center) Ann Nderitu, Assistant Registrar Ali Abdullahi pose for a group photo with participants after the meeting.

## Registrar visits “neighbours” radio for talk show interview, gives insights on parties registration , compliance and funding

As part of the ORPP’s political education efforts, the Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS, appeared on a live session of Radio Jambo’s, *Mazungumzo Waziwazi* on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 evening show. The discussions centred on step by step registration process and measures ORPP had put in place in regulation and governance of political parties.

The show, hosted by Bryan Mwololo, provided an engaging platform for the Registrar to outline the importance of public involvement in political party activities.

During the discussion, the Registrar emphasized that political parties must actively engage Kenyans in their operations, promoting accountability and the exercise of political rights. This, she noted, is crucial for strengthening democracy in the country and ensuring political parties align with Kenya’s constitutional national aspirations.

The Registrar also highlighted several key milestones achieved by ORPP, showcasing progress in enhancing the governance and regulation of political parties. During the live show, she responded to various listener queries on topics such as: Political party coalitions and their governance structures, membership issues, ORPP’s ICT processes and the technological advancements made in managing party registration and data, the devolution of ORPP services, ensuring greater accessibility for party members across the country.

The engagement was also an opportunity to connect directly with citizens across the country on ways of promoting transparency and educating the public on their rights and their part

in the actualisation the purposes of political parties in Kenya.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu live in studio radio interview at Radio Jambo located at Lion Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, same block as ORPP headquarters.

### Registrar engages with Kenya Young Members of County Assemblies (KYMCA)

The ORPP led by Registrar Ann Nderitu accompanied by Garissa-based Ifrah Isaak were part a forum to discuss collaborative efforts between ORPP and stakeholders in empowering Kenyan Women through a leadership training.

The Registrar of Political Parties emphasized the importance of good governance, calling for the use of legal frameworks and personal experience to drive change. She also applauded Kenya Young Members of County Assemblies (KYMCA)'s initiative in fostering such collaborations aimed at women's empowerment.

Participants praised the session as a crucial step towards enhancing strategic development and eliminating discrimination against women. The forum aligns with ORPP's broader mission to institutionalize leadership, governance, and inclusion through partnerships with various stakeholders.



Registrar of Political Parties, (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> right), Ms Ifrah Isaak (standing front right) gestures with a Kenya Young Members of County Assemblies after the forum

### ORPP part of East and Central Africa regional youth forum on public service

The Registrar was one of the lead speaker in a panel discussion on "Engaging Citizens in Public Service," an engagement that sought to lay strategies to enhance youth participation in political parties and governance.

This was during the East and Central Africa Youth in Public Management Summit, held from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kenya School of Government, Kabete Nairobi.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS, emphasized the need for meaningful and structured civic engagement for the youth.

The Registrar highlighted the vital role of young people in shaping society, urging them to actively engage in political, social, community, and philanthropic activities. She stressed that the youth must take deliberate steps to define their role within their communities and participate in governance processes. Furthermore, she advocated for the inclusion of marginalized and minority ethnic groups to

ensure that their rights are not overlooked within broader youth-focused initiatives.

The Registrar also spoke on the importance of professionalism and ethics in public service, underscoring the need for efficient use of public resources, especially given the current economic outlook across the region. She encouraged young people to engage in community service through NGOs and civic organizations, ensuring that their efforts have a positive impact on marginalized communities.

Addressing over 350 youth presents at the summit, the Registrar urged young people and other interest groups to actively participate in governance, as this would drive meaningful improvements in society. During the event, participants engaged with top government officials and public and private sector trainers, gaining valuable insights on leadership, ethics, and civic responsibility.

This Summit served as a critical platform for youth to understand their role in public service and governance, promoting a more inclusive and participatory future for the region.



Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu giving her keynote address during the Youth Summit on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at KSoG Nairobi



Registrar pose for a group photo with participants. Over 350 youth drawn from diverse youth representatives participated.

### **ORPP commemorates Customer Service Week, reflects on its corporate culture and standards.**

Staff shared a moment in a meeting with Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS and staff on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to reflect on ORPP customer service experience, performance and culture for better service delivery. The headquarters staff were also treated to a Registrar's luncheon at Pride Inn Azure while regional staff participated virtually.

"I celebrate you all as staff for making ORPP an institutional of national reference in line with it's contribution to democracy and governance. We are a first in many areas among our peers continentally. There is need to continue bettering our service offering within our specialized areas of operations", the Registrar appreciated while outlining varied policy guidelines for staff.

Present were Assistant Registrars, Ali Abdullahi and CPA Florence Biryia who noted the centrality regularly holding similar sessions to collectively evaluate feedback from both internal and external stakeholders and chart way forward on areas of improvement across functional areas. "Let us celebrate our gains every day and believe and live by our core values to meet the expectations of both internal and external customers", CPA Florence Biryia noted.

"The ORPPKenya is known of its positive culture of excellence, productivity, collaboration and team spirit that as a fraternity we must sustain", noted Assistant Registrar Ali Abdullahi while calling for continuous review of customer experience models to suit the demands of the present times.

Staff appreciated the kind gesture of the Registrar for hosting them for the occasion while committing to put collective and individual efforts to springing ORPP the more to global rever.

In the session, members were also apprised on ORPP healthy corporate culture and its linkage to productivity that the facilitator, Patrick Gachagua of Kenya School of Government noted bringing about human capital productivity and effective actualization of mandate.



Assistant Registrars Ali Abdullahi and CPA Florence Biryia and a section of staff during the commemoration of customer service week



Registrar, Assistant Registrar share a photo moment with the part of Administration department staff during the commemoration of customer service week

## ORPP engages in a unique forum-the African Socialist Youth Consultative Forum

The Registrar Ann Nderitu, CBS joined part of delegates during the African Socialist Youth Committee Consultative forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 under theme "Democracy Under Threats and Youth Activism for Secure and Free Societies."

In her keynote address, the Registrar emphasized the importance of youth voices in democracy and the need to address their fears that lead to political disengagement. "I encourage young people to actively participate in political processes and youth leagues to enhance their representation in decision-making", Nderitu said

The meeting focused on strategies for amplifying youth perspectives in political discussions and initiatives to boost youth voter turnout.

Speakers included political parties and agencies in governance including Hon. Prof Julia Ojiambo -Party Leader, Labour Party of Kenya; Victor Mutiso Head of Legal Affairs - National Youth Council, Mr. Frankline Mukwanja -Executive Director Centre for Multiparty Democracy Participants joining Kenya in the forum were Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Uganda, Tunisia and Morocco.



The Registrar Ann Nderitu ,CBS addressing the delegates on areas of youth involvement in political processes



The Registrar, Ifrah Isaak, present leaders and participants in photo after the session at a Nairobi Hotel

## Uasin Gishu team reaches out to grassroot youth in African Youth Leadership forum

The ORPP Eldoret-based officers, Uasin Gishu participated at the African Youth Leadership Forum (AYLF) on 21st September in Eldoret. The discussions in the forum focused on youth participation in leadership and decision-making process. The ORPP had the opportunity to outline its programming and plans of engaging and promoting involvement of Special Interest Groups(SIGs).The Eldoret based Coordinator, Hassan Maloba engaged the youth on the role of ORPP in influencing the Kenyan governance landscape.

The forum brought together 120 university students from Moi University, University of Eldoret, Catholic University,Baraton University, Mount Kenya University, Kabarak and Egerton University.

The students deliberated on the law making process in Kenya, public participation and youth involvement, the budgeting process and the democratic space in Kenya.



ORPP Uasin Gishu staff pose for a photo with the participants after the forum

## ORPP prepares budget for FY2025/26 and Medium Term period.

Heads of departments, regions and a section ORPP staff held a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October, to prepare FY2025/26 and the Medium-Term budget. The period being, FY 2025/26 to FY 2027/28.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS in her opening remarks urged the team to undertake the budget exercise to actualize ORPP vision seeking to be a model brand that other entities in Kenya and beyond borders can emulate.

"As we prepare this document, let us be thorough and practical, ensuring continuity of programmes not undertaken in budgeting cycle period. We must align the budget to the Key Result Areas (KRAs) outlined in the ORPP Strategic Plan," said Registrar.

"The budget proposals should be sustainable and within priorities of Kenya's social-economic development. In the preparation, the activities should be streamlined and avoid any duplication", said Assistant Registrar CPA Florence Biryia.

"The alignment of our budget should be within ORPP Strategic Plan and cognizance of economic landscape that require sustainability and creation of positive impact on service delivery," urged Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi emphasized.

The team is undertaking the process in adherence with the prevailing laws and budgeting guidelines. In the session organized by Finance department, the ORPP also undertook assessment of performance through the Programme Performance Review (PPR) for the FY 2021/22 -FY 2023/24 period. The status of implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-24 was undertaken.



ORPP team in a group photo during the budget preparation exercise in Kyaka hotel, Machakos



Registrar making her remarks during in the meeting

## New partner boss introduced to ORPP

Incoming Country Director, Mathias Kamp, Konrad Adenaur Stiftung-Kenya and his team held introductory discussions on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 with Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS on potential partnership and collaboration with ORPP. Some of the areas explored are geared to empower women and youth in political processes.



The Registrar Ann Nderitu CBS, chairing the meeting at ORPP boardroom



Registrar, Ann Nderitu CBS (centre), Head of Partnership Muthoni Nderi (left) with Konrad officials share a group photo after discussions at the Registrar's lounge.

## Team ORPP Mombasa in discussion on inclusion for SIGs in Mombasa

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September the Mombasa regional office participated in the Round Table Engagement of Coast Senate Representatives and Key Duty Bearers. The meeting was organized by USAID, HURIA and ACT! The theme of the occasion was sustaining civic action for realization of inclusive governance and accountability.

The team led by office Coordinator, Loserian Lodupo had an opportunity to articulate to the SIGs present what steps they were taking as an office to ensure they fully participate in political processes. It also discussed on with the participants the challenges faced and how ORPP could collaborate to overcome these long standing difficulties.



ORPP Mombasa County Coordinator Tukei together with a section of participants during a round-table discussions in Mombasa City.

The elected representatives present provided a brief on the legislative agenda and policies that they intend to employ to improve inclusion in the upcoming electoral cycle.

The participation was part of ORPP efforts to engage stakeholders at devolved units in a bid to build stakeholder partnerships within the region and beyond.

### **Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit under the Presidency holds discussions with the Registrar.**

The ORPP held fruitful partnership discussions on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at ORPP offices between the Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS and the team from Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit under the Executive Office of the President while paying a courtesy call to the Registrar.

The discussions took stock of status of affairs of over 79 identified Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities (EMMCs) in 29 counties.

"These discussions are vital in championing against all forms of discrimination and informing legal and policy reforms that address exclusion practices to EMMCs. The ORPP, as an entity promoting good governance, welcomes this partnership. We shall be deliberate in engaging the mapped-out community members through various forums with political parties and other stakeholders. Deliberate efforts to protect and preserve the culture of these groups including language and support their education is not an option for all", noted the Registrar during the discussions while stating the need for an accurate register of the groups.

"There is massive positive impact out of efforts in identifying and having a structured engagement to all the EMCCs who are spread across the country. Having annual Minorities Day every December, developing a national policy, mapping out and supporting their leadership structures are some of the key focus areas of the Unit", observed Hon. Josphat Lowoi Lodeya, the Director of Minority and Marginalized Communities Affairs Unit.

Also present were representatives of the EMMCs including groups Arabs, Shelisheli, Daasanach among others.

"We are encouraged that we have a voice, goodwill and interface through the Minority and Marginalized Affairs Unit and the grassroots leadership for each community we are presently establishing", noted the EMMCs Chairperson Charles Nandain.

The discussions also outlined legal and policy reforms to implement several Constitutional provisions on protection of the minorities and marginalized. The groups were called for unity of purpose and structured engagement through

their identified leaders from each community for impactful advocacy on their issues.



The Registrar Ann Nderitu, CBS, in discussion with the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit officials and representatives of Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities (EMMCs) in ORPP boardroom on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

## Electoral players, ORPP appraise electoral legislation review status

ORPP with a section of stakeholders in electoral reforms held a consultative meeting on 16th to 17th September 2024 to deliberate on a roadmap toward the finalization of electoral reforms.

The Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) gave technical guidance on the review/amendments in view of lessons learned in the last and ahead of the General Election.

Participants were drawn from among others Civil Society Organizations, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Faith Based Organizations and State Law Office.

During the forum, Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi emphasized the importance of improving democratic systems through the implementation of proposed legal reforms, urging for their timely enactment.

Speakers observed the essential finalization of necessary electoral legislations with reference to processes such as NADCO and other experiences gained in past electoral cycles including timelines.

The forum was a joint effort of ELGIA and ORPP to seek effective resolutions from various past multisectoral forums on the legal review agenda.



A group photo of stakeholders at the electoral reforms consultative meeting



Head of Legal Unit, Wafula Wakoko moderate a panel discussion during the forum.

## ORPP Kitui team holds discussions with the county non-state actors

Team Kitui, represented ORPP during a Kitui County Partners Engagement Meeting held at Parkside Villa, Kitui County courtesy of Kitui County Government.

High-level national and county government officials, development partners, civil society Organizations (CSOs), Faith-based organizations (FBOs) and private sector players joined the forum to forge better multi-sector partnerships in Kitui endeavor to meet "The Kitui Promise".

The team highlighted ORPP role in registration and regulation of political parties. The parties' including structures at the grassroots level are essential in involving members and citizens exercise their political rights in a conducive democracy space.



Kitui team and participants during the forum.

### Kitui engages with 'comrades' on civic education at Machakos Varsity

Kitui office represented the Registrar at Launch of Student Leadership and Governance Workshop at Machakos University.

The objective was to enlighten student leaders on governance structures, promote democratic principles, encourage civic engagement, and explore ORPP's role in supporting youth political participation.

Hope Nandwa, the Region's Coordinator while speaking in the forum, urged student leaders to promote integrity, transparency, and inclusivity and the importance of student governance as a training ground for future political leadership. On Internal Democracy, she stressed the adherence to constitutional procedures and accountability.

She provided insights on promoting internal democracy within student bodies, similar to national political parties while encouraging the students to engage in national governance by registering as voters and participating in political processes, either through voting or involvement in party structures.

She further highlighted strategies for managing leadership disputes within student organizations, with a focus on mediation and ORPP's role in resolving conflicts in Political parties.

The panelists comprised of among others :IEBC,IFES,NYC and ORPP. We had other stakeholders: Siasaplace,NCIC,Ministry of Education and NACADA



Kitui County Coordinator Hope Nandwa (second left) participates during the forum in a panel discussion

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## Registrar hosts Garissa Assembly verbalizer

The Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS held discussions on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 with Hon. Abdi I. Gure, the Speaker County Assembly of Garissa in a courtesy call at Registrar's office. The two deliberated on areas of collaboration including capacity building programme to members of the Assembly.



Speaker and the Registrar exchange ORPP branded package after the meeting.

## Registrar holds talks with South Sudan peace envoy.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS on 25<sup>th</sup> September hosted in a courtesy retired Major Abel Rotich, Kenya's South Sudan Liaison Office (KESSULO) to foster ties between ORPP and KESSULO in areas of collaboration to strengthen democracy in South Sudan.

KESSULO facilitates and coordinates training and capacity building programme to South Sudan Government.



Registrar with Major Abel Rotich of KESSULO at the Registrar's lounge.

## Registrar meets NARC Kenya party leader

Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS, hosted NARC - Kenya Party Leader, Hon Martha Karua at ORPP headquarters on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The two leaders discussed on areas relating to legal framework and governance of political parties.



Registrar shares ORPP branded hamper with Hon Martha Karua when she visited ORPP offices



A poster with stakeholder appreciation message as part of ORPP commemoration of customer service week, marked globally from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 under the theme ABOVE & BEYOND.

## ORPP holds advisory in-person meetings with political parties on financial audits

The ORPP, spearheaded by the Assistant Registrar, Regulation and Compliance, Ali Surraw held one-on-one meetings with funded political parties to discuss and guide on audit issues for each of the parties.

The discussions were between 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September in the ORPP boardroom.

The discussions were part of ORPP's support to political parties towards adherence to financial management including audit and reporting standards in conformance with the Public Finance Management Act, Part III of Political Parties Act CAP 7D and other laws and Regulations. Out of the Auditor General's audit in FY 2023/2023, various political parties had adverse audit opinions.

The following (in photos) are some of the parties engaged at ORPP headquarters offices, 4<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom.



Assistant Registrar, Ali Abdullahi discusses with Amani National Congress officials



Chama cha Uzalendo being guided by ORPP



Maendeleo Chap Chap officials in discussion with ORPP team



**Assistant Registrars , Ali Surraw and CPA Florence Birya spearheads engagement with Pamoja African Alliance Party. With him are ORPP's heads of Compliance, Finance and Audit departments**



**ORPP team with Safina Party officials**



**Assistant Registrar Ali Surraw chairs a meeting with the Party of Independent Candidate of Kenya officials**



**Registrar Ann Nderitu chairs Audit engagement with Kenya Democracy for Change party officials**



**Assistant Registrar Ali Surraw presides over a meeting Party of National Unity officials**



**ORPP team guides the Ubuntu Peoples Forum officials**



**Federal Party of Kenya in discussion with ORPP team**

## ORPP commences Registration of Suppliers

The Procurement department is in the process of processing applications for registration of ORPP suppliers for goods, works and services for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025/26.

The process commenced with an advertisement in the My Gov pull-out (Government paper distributed by the Star newspaper) on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 alongside ORPP website and National Treasury's portal.

The Office through the appointed Tender Opening Committee successfully conducted bids opening on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 11.00 am, being the statutory deadline set in the initial tender notice.

Prior to the opening, the Tender Opening Committee held a planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> to deliberate and strategize on ways to conduct the exercise in line with section 92 (2) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.

"I thank you for the commitment and support to the Procurement department in this exercise. This ensures ORPP complies with statutory requirement on opening, evaluation and final publishing of the list of responsive suppliers", noted Esther Kiarie, Head of Procurement while appreciating a team of staff who had worked tirelessly to complete the data entry exercise, a week after opening.

## ORPP timely submits report on Constitutional survey

The ORPP led by the Human Resource Management department successfully collated, compiled and submitted the survey on Constitutional Values and Principles to the Public Service by the set deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

The massive exercise as captured in 192- page survey contains thematic areas of compliance

that must be accompanied by documentary evidence for each. The areas covered in the FY 2023/2024 tool to public entities were; entity's information; HR matters; service delivery improvement and transformation; professional ethics in public; good governance, transparency and accountability; performance management; equitable allocation of opportunities and resources and public participation in policy making process.

"I appreciate the support from departments, units and sections in timely providing information and attendant evidence required. I urge all to continue taking stock of the requirements and prepare in advance for the subsequent similar surveys", said Assistant Director, HRM Jacqueline Kosgei in one of the sittings to undertake the exercise.

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*Laws are now cited differently, such as*

- ❖ *Political Parties Act, 2011 can now be cited as: Political Parties (CAP. 7D)*

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- ❖ *There are 17 national values and principles of governance (learn them under Article 10 (2) of the Constitution). Let's endeavour to live them in professional and personal pursuit.*