
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 4th April 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:41 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS

THE MURANG'A COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND
FEEDING POLICY 2023.

Hon. Julian Njiri: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That the Murang'a County Early Childhood Development Education and Feeding Policy 2023, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, April 04 2023.

(Hon. Julian Njiri laid the Paper on the Table)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVE
MANAGEMENT, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ON MODALITIES OF
PROMOTING TRADERS IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Kabera James: I beg to move the following Motion;-

That this Assembly adopts the Report of the Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee on a workshop held from January 31, 2023 to February 2, 2023 on modalities of promoting traders in the County through trade fairs and exhibitions, laid on the Table of the Assembly on March 9, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee which has 11 members derives its mandate from Standing Order 204.

With a view of effectively implementing its role on trade particularly through trade shows and exhibition, the Committee organized a two days' workshop January 31, 2023 to February 2, 2023 at Elysian Resort, Nairobi, to deliberate on modalities of promoting traders through trade fairs and exhibitions in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the overall objective of the workshop was to discuss and share knowledge and understanding on trade fairs and exhibitions and their role in promoting trade among the Committee members. The intended outcome of the workshop was to deliberate and come up with ways of how traders in the County can be promoted through facilitating exposure and access of products to the potential buyers.

The workshop was designed to discuss on how and why promoting traders through trade fairs and exhibitions at the County level was an effective way to support local businesses and boost the local economy. Hon. Speaker, from the workshop, the following recommendations were proposed;

- 1) Timely need to fast track the implementation of trade shows and exhibition.
- 2) The County Government needs to device ways on how to engage and support the identified business through trade shows and exhibitions.
- 3) The County to support the modalities of implementing the program and how to engage each stakeholder.
- 4) Involvement of all stakeholders, the public, traders, farmers, government officials etc.
- 5) More sensitization and benchmarks to be conducted on trade fairs and shows.
- 6) More support from the County, especially on resources toward the implementation of the program.
- 7) The County government through the department of trade should consider coming up with as many trade fairs and exhibitions in the County in order to promote the traders.
- 8) The County government should consider partnering with other investors like Murang'a University, Ken Invest, KEBS and other government agencies to promote trade in the county.

Hon. Speaker, I urge this House in the spirit of bottom up to adopt this Motion so that we can see our County grow. I now call upon Hon. Loise my Vice- Chair to second the Motion.

Hon. Loise Mbogo: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to second the Motion. Thank You.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Members, the Floor is open for the debate. Yes Hon. Kamwaga.

Hon. John Kamwaga: Thank you Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the Committee on Trade for the good recommendations that they have given regarding this exercise of exhibitions. I want to note that these recommendations of exhibitions will help our people in getting markets for their products, especially for me from Mugoiri ward, noting that pottery is the main exercise done there and meaning that if we have such exhibitions, our people will have an avenue to showcase what they do and by this, that will extend or expand the market that they will be reaching.

I also want to note that the County is very committed on the same because as I speak, there is a team out there through the department of Culture that is noting and taking those industries like the pottery. They are making a documentary and I want to confirm here, according to what is going on, I am sure with the exhibitions and such documentaries being made, which will reach even beyond the borders of our County and our country, whereby, I know this will go a long way by giving us markets and will also ensure that our culture is safeguarded. So, noting that they have recommended on exhibitions, I am sure our people will highly benefit. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Muteti.

Hon. Thomas Muteti: Thank you Madam Speaker, I start by commending the Committee for the tremendous research that they have done even as they give out these kind of recommendations. I have gone through them and I have seen they have done great work. It is a very good idea because many are times when the traders feel that their work is just to pay taxes and do all that kind of work, without seeing the work for the County government intervening in a way of also them receiving something in return. From what I see, this one is going to encourage our traders so that they are comfortable to pay their licences because they can see what they are getting from the government in return. I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Kabera James: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have noted the point of *mheshimiwa* (honourable) Kamwaga the way this issue will be implemented, it will help our community and even we are going to revive, especially we have a ground like Gakoigo. We have one and we are going to have all these exhibitions now and then, when we pass this Motion.

Hon. Muteti, I noted your contribution and thank you for supporting the Motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 2:56 p.m.