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THE HANSARD

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The House met at 2:39p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
RECOGNISING VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, before I communicate I would just like to recognize that we have some visitors from two schools and we are very pleased to have them here. These are students, I understand from Maragi Secondary School and also from G Ithatu primary school, the standard eight students and their teachers. You are welcome and we want them to feel welcome. Thank you.

MEETING WITH METUMI DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honorable members there is a communication I read yesterday, but since there were very few members yesterday, I would like to read it again today. It is as follows: Honorable members, Murang'a has the potential to become a first class County in development and upscaling the standards of living of its people. Even the Governor's inauguration speech set up a road-map for achieving goals of raising the income of farmers substantially in the next four years.

But to achieve full potential of the County, we need to adopt creative strategies and innovations. The County has a large potential of Murang'a residents with very creative ideas, hence it will be unwise to shut out ideas of people from outside. I will therefore encourage merging of ideas with those of other Murang'a residents of goodwill and particularly those with clear development agenda without political deviation.

I had therefore requested a group of Murang'a professionals who call themselves Metumi Development Forum to address the members. The House Business and Rules Committee has sanctioned that this meeting be held on Thursday 12th July from 9.00 a.m. at Utalii College Nairobi. All members I believe will benefit from attending and are requested to do so.

For this reason this afternoon on behalf of the House Business and Rules Committee a Motion of adjournment will be moved to adjourn the House to a day other than the next normal sitting day. Thank you.

STATEMENTS

**RESPONSE ON LABORATORY SERVICES AND CLINICAL OFFICERS AT GITURA AND
KABATI DISPENSARIES**

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to respond to the questions which were raised by Hon. Peter Mburu Muthoni, MCA Kagundu-ini ward concerning the Health Services in Kagundu-ini, Gitura and Kagaa dispensaries which were raised on 7th June 2018.

One of his queries was;

1. Is the Chairperson aware of the residents of Gitura in Kagundu-ini Ward, have been seeking laboratory services in Thika due to dismissal of laboratory technicians at Gitura Dispensary by the County Executive Committee Member in-charge of Health.
Response: The laboratory technologist who was disengaged did not have the necessary credentials for running a laboratory. He claimed to have attended a college and attained a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science. However, he could not produce the certificates to proof of the same. However, he did not have a license from the Kenya Laboratory Technicians Technologists Board. In connection with that one, the Service Board have advertised the same vacant and due to the death of the Chair Mr. Waithaka, the process discontinued but from today I heard there are interviews which are being undertaken and the problem will be solved.
2. Can the Chairperson inform this House when laboratory technicians will be posted to the dispensary? Response: That one Honorable Speaker sir, I have responded, it is a process and a process has to take its path. I would like to inform the Honorable Kagundu-ini that the process is on the way
3. Is the Chairperson also aware that the Clinical Officer in-charge of Gitura Dispensary treats patients through the window? There are designated rooms for different purposes, consultation, examination, injection, dressing, MCH, drugs dispensing, pharmacy and so on. The drugs are normally given through the window, after the diagnose is done. Laboratory results can also be given through the window, however it is not practicable to treat patients through the window.
4. Is he further aware that the Clinical Officer at Kabati Dispensary is alleged to report to work when drunk? There is no dispensary by the name Kabati, the one he mentioned in Murang'a County. In Kabati area, we have Kagaa Dispensary. Further Kagaa Dispensary has only a nurse and not a clinical officer as referred in the statement. However the Director of Medical Services will undertake an inspection in the two facilities and take the necessary disciplinary measures on any staff proved to have been drinking while on duty.

Mr. Speaker Sir, let me take this opportunity to inform the House that due to the several complaints on the poor conditions of the health facilities in the County, the entire Health Committee has come up with a program on fact finding mission of all Health facilities in the eight sub-counties. The exercise will be carried out by two sub-committees of the Health Committee every Monday of each week as from Monday July 16th 2018 when the committee will first visit Kirwara Hospital until September 3rd 2018. I will submit the program to the Honorable Speaker for the approval.

Finally the committee will then compile a detailed report on the fact finding mission for tabling in the Honorable House after the committee is through with that duty. It is my humble request Mr. Speaker sir, if there is any member with an issue concerning any dispensary in this County of ours to wait until the committee gets its finding which will take at-least five weeks only. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Peter Mburu any rejoinder?

Hon. Peter Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. It is true I had placed those questions and it is true that the Chair has admitted through the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Health that there are so many complaints in our health sector.

And bearing in mind that the four agendas for Jubilee Government, the one on universal health. For us to be able to descend this one to be able to benefit Wanjiku one of the things that we need to do is to make sure, we work on what we have extending to what we do not have.

We have dispensaries Mr. Speaker, but the challenges that we are having, I would cite one bigger problem that came up last week.

As I respond, my satisfaction and calling also my good friend and my Chair for this particular committee, the so called Clinical Officer in Gitura Dispensary on Wednesday last week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, she never attended work. The Dispensary was closed from Wednesday through Saturday. On Monday when she came, she reported at 11.00 a.m. I was there myself from 8:00a.m, waiting to see whether the complaints from the members of the public are genuine. She reported at 11.00 am that is Monday, Yesterday I reported to the same hospital at ten minutes to 3:00p.m, she had not arrived from morning.

Mr. Speaker, we are denying the people of Gitura services and they are tax payers and they need to have these services. They should not be beggars of services, they should be having the services like any other person in Murang'a or even in Kenya whatever I can call it.

Having these people in these offices, it does not mean Murang'a is limited to professionals who can be working efficiently for our people, but I would say that I am happy that the conclusion of the Chair, he has indicated that the Committee for Health will be visiting every Monday to all this matters and there is a program for that.

But Mr. Speaker can I place a request that after the 16th for Kirwara, can the next Monday be Kagundu-ini because it is badly off. Thank you Mr. Speaker I appreciate and before that, there is no Dispensary by the name Kabati but Mukerenju dispensary and not Kagaa which in Kimorori/Wempa.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Yes continue

Hon. Wambui Njoki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, my request is that whenever chairmen of different committees are giving their response they put them in our files so that we can relate with the matters they are responding to because they cut across the entire County. Right now we cannot relate with what he is talking about.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you that is noted, I hope the secretariat have noted that because that is very important. On that question also very serious allegations have been made by the questioner, that the said dispensary was closed from Wednesday to Saturday because of the absence of one person, one member of staff. I would request the Health and Sanitation committee to investigate that allegation because if it is true serious action should be taken against that member of staff.

(Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni rose on a point of information)

Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, this is an honorable House that deserves respect and a role model to the entire Murang'a County. The route at which we are following in terms of dress code, Mr. Speaker you need to do something. Some members are taking it so casual; I do not what will happen tomorrow some dresses are getting shorter and shorter others are coming in short sleeves. Do something Mr. Speaker on dress code of this House.

Hon. Mburu Muthoni: Mr. Speaker we have gone away from the response.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I thought he was giving a point of information on the same matter but he has brought up another matter can we go ahead with the matter that was at hand.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would request all members despite the committee going round it is also important to have clear information of what we are going to get like what Hon. Muthoni Mburu have done. It is not only Gitura dispensary that was in a mess there are other dispensaries that have problems.

To respond on Gitura dispensary being closed; as a committee we do not have information up to this point. We have received that information from the particular ward representative. I am assuring members because Hon. Muthoni Mburu is a member of that committee, immediately from Kirwara we are going to visit the entire sub- county where Gitura dispensary is located; that is where we are going to start from. Before we go there we can do an inside investigation to know about that dispensary. Thank you.

Hon. Mburu Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I do not like rising from my seat unnecessarily but my request was not on the sub- county but my ward. Chairman is very categorical that on 16th they are going to Kariara which is not a sub- county but a ward. Why not be specific when it comes to Kagundu-ini?

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first I would wish to correct Hon. Muthoni Mburu that Kirwara is in Gatanga ward and not Kariara. Secondly we are going to visit Kirwara on Monday 16th 2018. The following Monday we are assuring you that we are going to visit Gitura dispensary. Since it will be the whole day we cannot spend it on one dispensary.

We are also going to visit Kirwara as a result of a public petition and other two dispensaries; we cannot therefore take Gitura Dispensary alone for a whole day. But we assure you that on Monday 22nd 2018 we are going to visit that dispensary.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you, I would not wish to respond to what Hon. Morris Thuku has said because that had nothing to do with the Kabati dispensary and it was not a point of information and if anything it was a point of order. But I must confess that I have not noticed any short skirt, maybe I am blind to such things but in future if any evidence is brought then I will be able to take an action.

REQUEST ON TECHNICAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTE

Hon. Sarah Njoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to request on statement on technical and training institute.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee on the following;

1. Can the Chairperson provide this Assembly with information on the number of Youth Polytechnics and vocational education institutes in the County?
2. What is the number of students enrolled in the polytechnics and vocational institutes?
3. What is the spread/equitable distribution of the polytechnics and vocational training centers by Wards?
4. Can the Chairperson furnish this Assembly with a catalogue of courses offered in these institutions?
5. What is the number of teaching and non-teaching staff in the polytechnics and vocational institutes?

6. Which challenges are being faced by these institutions and how can they be addressed?

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee.

Hon. Waithira Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to welcome the students who are with us today in the Assembly. Feel welcome and come as many times as possible. I request for 14 working days to enable the committee to come up with a comprehensive response on the same as we liaise with the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Education. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Sarah Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is in order as the chairperson has requested, we shall wait.

TENTATIVE BUSINESS FOR THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY 17TH TO THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2018

Hon. Kamote Waciama: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business Committee, at their last meeting, approved the following tentative business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th July 2018.

On Tuesday 17th there will be Paper laying on a members visit to Christian Impact Mission (CIM) in Yatta for a seminar on a mind-set change for community transformation through sustainable Agriculture. The report of Agriculture Livestock and fisheries committee --- that will be on Tuesday 17th 2018.

There will be another Paper on the report on financial statement on Gatamathi Water and Sanitation Company limited for the year ended 30th June 2013, that will be laid by the chairperson Public Accounts and Investment committee. There shall be a Notice of Motion by Hon. Sarah Njoroge on goat milk rearing program. There shall be notice of Motion on formation of industrialization policy by Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a. The other notice of Motion will be on greenhouse villages in the county by Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi. The other notice of Motion will be adoption of the report by members visit to Christian Impact Mission(CIM) in Yatta for a seminar on a mind-set change for community transformation through sustainable Agriculture.

There will be Motion on formulation of County Boda Boda policy, on the same day afternoon sitting there will be notice of Motion on adoption of the financial statement of Gatamathi Water and Sanitation Company limited for the year ended 30th June 2013.

The following are the schedule of statements: it is notified that pursuant to standing order 46 (2) (a) (c) The Speaker has approved the following request of statements on Tuesday 7th July 2018: request of Statement on the safety of Boda Boda drivers by Hon. Morris Thuku. There will also be request of Statement on the status of landslides in Muranga' County by Hon. Kamote Waciama. We shall be having a Motion on formulation of fisheries policy by Hon. Ruoho Wangechi.

On Wednesday July, in the afternoon sitting, which is the only one on that day, there will be a schedule of statements, on request for statements on the wood in tea production in the County by Hon Caroline Wairimu Njoroge Nominated MCA. Then we shall have a Motion on adoption of the members visit to Christian Impact Mission (CIM) in Yatta on mind-set change for community transformation through sustainable agriculture by the chairperson of Agriculture and Fisheries committee.

Mr. Speaker on July 19, Thursday, there will a request for Statement on the status of the alcoholics rehabilitation programme by Hon. John Ruoho Wangechi, MCA Kinyona Ward, then Mr. Speaker Sir, we will have statements, tentative business, then we will have a Motion on the adoption of the report on Financial statements for Gatamathi Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2017 by the Chairperson Public Accounts and Investments committee, Mr. Speaker Sir that will be the business of the said dates as I have read. Thank you

MOTION

YOUTH SUPPORT IN INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Hon. Ruth Wambui: I wish to move the following Motion;-

Aware that devolution seeks to promote social and economic development as provided in Article 174 (f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, further aware that the Employment Policy and Strategy for Kenya, 2017, seeks to build a pool of skilled, adaptive, self-reliant and an enterprising labour force, informed by Section 24 of the National Employment Authority Act, 2016, that requires creation of a skills database, cognizant of the fact that the national Information and Communication Technology policy, 2006 advocates and recognizes the role of ICT in employment creation and economic development ;this House urges the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Information, Communication and Technology to;

1. Establish ICT parks with the necessary support infrastructure in every sub- county to enable youth to access online employment opportunities for instance call centres, data entry, and research consultancy services among others.
2. Establish a data base of all the skills and skill gaps available among the youth in Murang'a County.
3. Develop an internship programme for the youth to government and private institutions in the County

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move this Motion keeping in mind that if we come up with ICT parks, we will create employment for our youth. For example we have seven sub-counties, it means that the ICT park will employ our youth over there and we will be able to bridge the gap of employment and bring services to the youth. We will help them access e- government services: that is licenses, good conduct; we will also help them to renew their licenses.

One of the challenges our youth face is that everybody who has a Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) pin is mandated to file the returns, you find that because our youth are not earning, what they are doing in our villages is they stay and relax but eventually they will be penalized. If we bring these services closer to them, they will file their tax returns even though it says nil and they can eventually get clearance certificates when they are looking for jobs. I beg this House to support this Motion because it will help our youth with online employment. One of the challenges that we have is that our youth are educated but the only challenge that they have is lack of opportunities. In Kenya we are trying to bridge the gap of unemployment but with online employment we can do so.

If we establish a call centre in every sub- county, these call centres and members will understand very well, organizations are trying all their best to reduce the cost, one thing that members will understand is that if you go to a bank, the call we make to banks, they are not answered by people around Kenya. If you go to a place like America, because the cost of employment is very high, these people employ people to be responding to their calls and this can be done by our youth in various ICT parks. We also have the data entry.

Most of the countries they do not do a lot of manual jobs, things to do with drawings, cartoons, our youth go to universities, learn the arts and they are able to draw but these youth do not have anywhere they can be employed but with ICT they will get data entry jobs, we will also see a lot of architects but because you cannot understand who are doing this, this is tough. It will be much helpful to us, most of our youth are not able to attend colleges when they finish form four because of finance challenges but with ICT parks we can have screens where professors in faraway places can lecture them online and eventually we will have empowered our youth, these people if they learn a lot from our youth, it will empower them to access valuable information. For instance there is Julius Yego who is nicknamed Mr. YouTube, he learnt javelin through YouTube. By such things if we empower our youth we will have many other people who will come up with careers that we have never thought of, you will see someone in Murang'a is good in ICT so if we come up with such a thing, they will feel encouraged. As I have said, Julius Yego was born on 4th July 1989, that means he is a youth; he has achieved a lot as the first Kenyan to win a gold medal in Olympic field events. If we had such people in our County we would be very far, the other issue is to establish a database of all the available skills and skill gaps among the youth in Murang'a.

One of the things we do not understand in Murang'a, we do not know how many skilled and semi-skilled youth that we have, we do not have a database of current skills. For example in your ward, you may have a lot of youth who have done teaching but in that place you miss people who are good in nursing, for example we have a challenge with people who can volunteer in our villages. If we come with a database, we will be able to bridge the skills gap. In my ward if there are more youth who have done carpentry rather than masonry, by the end of the day we will be able to bridge the gap.

I beg this Hon. House to support the motion so that by the end of the day we will have our youth empowered and if these people are empowered we will improve their esteem and help them avoid drug abuse which leads us to sexual abuse, I beg this honourable House to support the Motion and call upon Hon Morris Thuku to second.

Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni: I stand o second the Motion. Mr. Speaker, if you allow me, I want to start with demographical distribution of this County in terms of population vis a vis the youth. Murang'a County according to 2009 census had a population of 700,000 and it is projected to rise to 1million by 2030, if the same fertility and mortality rate is constant.

In our Country Mr. Speaker, in every four persons, three are youth, 37 per cent of this country are below 15 years, that means in the next few years, they will be teenagers out of high school education. 87 per cent of or County have transformed to secondary education that means our transition from primary to secondary education is quite high.

ICT park has come at the right time since this will transform not only how business is conducted but also creating new businesses and jobs in this sector. If youth are trained on how to source and bid for jobs online, this will be game changer to almost bursting economy due to unemployment. India has done it and most of our youth are getting online jobs from India. It is leading in outsourcing most of the IT jobs online. If this country can be leading in doing so we can solve our biggest puzzle of unemployment to our youth.

Number two, our proximity to the capital centre Nairobi plays a competitive edge in terms of connectivity to fast data because the infrastructure are readily available and therefore our ICT park will not have a challenges on how it can be ran since we will not have infrastructural challenges. Most youth are currently telecommuting but due to the challenge

of connectivity to the internet, it is limiting them to maximize in what they do. ICT park will solve the problem because connectivity will be free and therefore most of the youth will not have to buy data bundles to do what they do.

Mr., Speaker, they should come with regulations because we could be solving one problem but creating another monster. Currently Mr. Speaker, the issue of betting is becoming a big headache to this country. As we do the ICT parks, I believe this will be taken into consideration.

One of the features of the park should be incubation whereby the talents are nurtured to do innovative work without any cost. Any youth that is talented to do any innovative work should be financed so that they can be able to finish their ideology or their creative work. Nairobi has done it through I Hub and Kiambu have done it at Kenyatta University (KU) through Chandaria Innovative center. Murang'a should take the next lead in setting up an ICT park.

Ethiopia relies on imported technology and skilled labor for most of its work. Murang'a should therefore be on the frontline to do an ICT park and empower our youth to such opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical for any educated youth so that they can be oriented to the market as well as get adequate skills before they now get into employment. I think this County should partner with stakeholders like NITA that are currently running the program. We want the committee on youth to be vibrant enough in ensuring the opportunities offered up by this government are maximally utilized. I stand to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you. Not yet, you are in a hurry? I will now propose the question.

(Laughter)

(Question Proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Ready for debate now.

Hon. Cathryn Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Motion that Hon. Ruth has brought is a very nice Motion but I know this particular project is with the national government. In 2017 May they rolled out a pioneer project of the ICT training and also for the ICT hubs. In 2017 May there was a training in Nairobi and in Kiambu County under the name Ajira Digital. As I stand here I among the 10,000 youths who were trained on the online jobs.

The ministry is planning to come up with constituency innovative hubs which are the same as what she is saying. She is saying that the ICT hubs will be at the sub- counties, of which the ministry of ICT. Then Mucheru said that after the training of the 10,000 youths in May, April and June 2017, they will be rolling out in the 210 constituencies.

I am aware that Kakamega have already established their own under the ministry of ICT. They will be going on as time goes by.

I remember when the President Uhuru Kenyatta was doing his campaigns for his second term; he pointed out that the Ajira Digital Pioneer project which had been done during his campaigns. So I believe this thing is in the national government and it will not be okay if we do it and the national government is planning to do it as well. Thank you.

Hon. Murigi Amos: Thank you, and one thing I would like to thank Hon. Ruth for coming up with this Motion. Though ICT is in schedule four, part of it and most of it is in the national government, but I do believe that we should customize some of these things because I know that ICT is partly devolved.

The thing I have noted is that, we come up with these Motions and there is some ambiguity because in our set up, in the County we do not have CECM in charge of ICT. Actually when it comes to the County setup, there are issues because part of ICT is in Finance and Economic Planning and the other part is under the docket of Education. When it comes to issues of oversighting, I know in the Education committee we had issues because we know part of it is under the docket of Finance and Economic Planning.

All the same I know much has not been done, because when you look at the issue of embracing technology in our County, we lag behind. Like if you look at the very simple things, like the automation of revenue collection it is a very few counties and Murang'a is one of it where we are still doing it manually and in this age and time it is something that needs to be taken very seriously.

The other issue as I thank the mover of this Motion, you know the idleness and engagement of our youth, because as we talk by the end of this year, I know we will have maybe 10,000 who will do their O- levels, others will also complete their tertiary education. I think if we do not plan well, I think this one is a time bomb.

We as leaders need to put our heads together so that we can address this issue. I remember last time we were blasted when it came to the issue of Budget. I had critically analyzed the Budget and I have passion for the youths because when you look at the youth polytechnics, the issue of infrastructure, the issue of tools and learning materials, the County only allocated 25million. I had prepared a draft where we could have provided more money to this docket. I was looking at the issue of school milk where we budgeted for 220million and by last year, our school going children only took milk for only three days and we had allocated over 200million. That is why I wanted we be given enough time so that we can be able to move some of these votes because we require to support our youths.

Looking at it and the chairman is here, the youth docket was given very little consideration. In this one we should consider it next time, even if it is through a Supplementary Budget. I don't think we are going to wait until we conclude this financial year 2018/2019, without looking at the issue of the youth. I believe because the chairman Youth and because he is representing the youth, the committee will do something. He will talk with the executive because he is always listened to so that they can bring a supplementary to be able to support our youth. I repeat, this one is a time bomb if we are not going to address the problem we are having with our youth.

Finally, as we talk about this issue, there is someone who has mentioned Kakamega: if you look at Meru and Mr. Speaker, we require to go for benchmarking; through online, I was able to look at the Budget for Meru, this time around they have come up with a model like that of National youth Service (NYS), you know that one the entire Budget for that docket is 418million in one financial year, while in this County, we are talking of less than 30million. Other Counties are talking of 418million towards that.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Order!

Hon. Stephen Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think my colleague is out of order because we are not talking about the Budget. It has been overtaken by events.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): It is true; you can mention a point but don't go into the details.

Hon. Murigi Amos: Mr. Speaker I was trying to talk to him so that he can talk to the executive to bring a Supplementary Budget basing on those facts, I had no malice. I know the Budget is over but maybe he can talk nicely to the executive and they can bring the Supplementary Budget anytime. We are ready to consider it for that purpose.

Finally, this is a very good Motion. The main task that we have is now on the Implementation committee, hopefully because we have a new chairman now, this one will now be one of the assignments. We seriously want this one to be implemented and this one he is going to take it as a first priority. With that, I support.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Yes chairman Youth.

Hon. Stephen Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the Member from Youth committee. I am the chair. ICT is a shared function and it is not wholly under the national government. As we support, we are aware that our university was given a charter and we have very many students doing research at the MTC. On the same in that policy I would like that we include that we have free WiFi in areas mostly that are populated by the students. I rise to support and Hon. Murigi, the Governor and the executive are friends to this committee, I will talk to them on the Budget, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Yes Hon. Kabaya

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated Member of County Assembly (MCA), from the Township Ward and I rise to support the Motion. This is a very good initiative by my colleague, Hon. Ruth, and I would like to go on record by saying that the issue of youth unemployment is an issue that cuts across all levels of governments and we cannot ignore it. Any measure that we can take to provide employment and skills training for our youth should be taken by all levels of government. Indeed, Article 55 of the Constitution mandates the state to put in place measures to increase access to employment opportunities for the youth and for training and research.

I therefore believe that this is for the good of our County and for our youth and should be implemented. If you look at the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) that we passed the other day, you will notice that there were 93,000 unemployed youth in Murang'a County alone as of 2017. Such a number can only have increased given that there are more graduates from form four in the last two years. I believe that even if we are to implement this Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) parks concurrently with the National Government, they would still not be enough to accommodate all the unemployed youth that we have in this County; thus any measure that we can take to supplement the National Government's efforts should be taken.

Mr. Speaker, on that I would like to ask that implementation starts in Township Ward. This is one of the Wards with the highest level of youth as Hon. Jecinta will confirm. The youth here cannot undertake farming or some other activities that others in the rural areas can and it is upon us to provide them with alternative employment opportunities and to as well give them a chance. We are also aware that Murang'a County is becoming an urban centre together with Kenol. This should be the first place that this ICT Park should be implemented to ensure that we give our youth the necessary support. I support the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Right. The debate is becoming a bit repetitive and I therefore ask the Mover to respond.

Hon. Ruth Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am really impressed by the debate and it seems to be an issue cutting across our County. Hon. Members can bear with me that if this is implemented, we will have gone a very far mile and we will have empowered our youth by the end of the day.

I would like to comment about the issue of the Ajira Digital by the Hon. Member who, unfortunately, is out. It is something I was really following up and I came to understand that it is calling for our youth to register with the nearing training centre. I stand to be corrected, the only training centre that we have in Murang'a County is in Mathioya.

You can imagine our youth who are really seeking for money then telling them to travel all the way to Mathioya to go and be trained. One of the requirements when applying for the training was that you will cater for the transport which is a very big challenge to our youth and, also, the trainings were offered on first come first serve. It therefore means that if you have not been able to do that, you might be locked out. One of the issues on Ajira is online job and one of the challenge I was finding is that ICT is somehow devolved but we have a challenge when we come to the issue of implementation, especially if it is all the way from the national level.

You will find that our children were promised they would be given Ipads: by then, my son was in baby class but he is now in almost class two. This issue might take too long when at the national level but when it is at the County level and keeping in mind that we have a fund that can be set aside for this activity. If it happens at the national level, they will come in and support us with more equipment that we need.

I thank Hon. Muriigi who always has the passion; I have heard that he is very passionate with our youth. This is something that is very real. Most of our youth are idle and as days are going by, we are increasing the number of the youth and if something is not done, we will be having a lot of issues and challenges in our villages.

I thank Hon. Stephen Chege, who is the Chair for Youth; he has a real passion for the youth and I know he pushes hard what he knows will go to the youth by the end of the day. I also request him, just as he has been requested, we work together to see to it that this thing is implemented.

I thank Hon. Kabaya because I understand that she has passion for the youth even though I understand that she is not in the Youth committee. On the issue of employment, we might not be able to bridge the whole gap but we can at least do something. If we empower one person, that person will go and empower another person by the end of the day; you will then find that the number of unemployed youth is decreasing by the end of the day. I beg this Hon. House to support the Motion. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am the MCA for Rwathia Ward in Kangema and a Member of the House Business and Rules Committee. I beg to move the following Motion;

That, pursuant to Standing Order 33 and 54 (b), this Assembly adjourns today Wednesday 11th July 2018 to allow the Hon. Members of the County Assembly attend a consultative meeting to discuss creative ideas on the implementation of the Big Four agenda in Murang'a County tomorrow Thursday 12th July 2018 Utalii Hotel in Nairobi. The Assembly sittings will resume on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Hon. Speaker, as you communicated through your communication, this consultative meeting is very necessary for our Members. As you are aware, the four agendas of the Jubilee

Government include universal healthcare, manufacturing, housing, and food security. In order to implement this agenda that we also need to implement at the County level, we need such consultative meetings that will discuss creative ideas on how we can implement.

Hon. Speaker, we passed the Budget for the year 2018/2019 the other day and in order to perform our roles that include oversight of the implementation on the Budget, we need these ideas from some of the professionals like the one you have told us- Metumi.

I was in the last Assembly and I remember one of the consultative meetings like this one which we got a lecture from the former Chairman of Equity Bank Dr. Munga. We learnt a lot from his speech, even on how we can improve on our environment to have it conducive for attracting investors even from outside the country. As you are aware, information is power; hence this meeting is very important

Again, I would like to appreciate that this meeting will not be held here in the Assembly so that Members will have a lot to concentrate on and digest the ideas between this Friday and Monday and resume back to this Assembly on 17th July. It is now my humble pleasure to call one of the Members of the House Business and Rules Committee to second this Motion; it is none other than Zablon Machugu Nduati. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Zablon Nduati: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I represent Nginda Ward and I rise to second the Motion. As we are aware, Members of this Assembly will attend a meeting whereby they will discuss creative ideas on implementation of the big four agenda in Murang'a County tomorrow 12th July 2018 at Utalii Hotel in Nairobi. These four agendas are our Jubilee Party agendas 2017-2022. I therefore second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, since there are no contributions, according to Standing Order 30 (3), no question is put on a Motion of Adjournment for a day other than the normal sitting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Therefore, the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Hon. Members, before we depart, I have been requested by the Chairperson for the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services committee to request that Hon. Members remain behind for a brief Kamukunji to discuss County Assemblies' Sports Association (CASA) games. He has requested that I communicate that to you. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:48p.m.