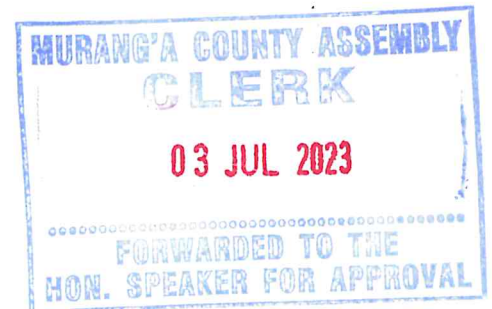


# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### THE REPORT ON KENYA INTER COUNTIES SPORTS AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (KICOSCA) GAMES HELD AT KISUMU CITY, KISUMU COUNTY FROM JANUARY 14, 2023 TO JANUARY 21, 2023.

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## **1.0 PREFACE**

On behalf of the team that attended the KICOSCA games, it is my pleasure to present the report on the 9th Edition held at Kisumu from January 14, 2023, to January 21, 2023. The theme of this year's event was "promoting national cohesion through sports and culture".

This is an annual event which is held by Kenya inter counties sports and cultural association Committee. The event provides an opportunity for various county employees to showcase their talents in diverse fields of sports and culture. At the same time, it presents an opportunity for employees from various counties to showcase their cultural practices hence promoting national cohesion through sports and culture.

## **1.1 ATTENDING DELEGATION**

The delegation comprised of the following members:

1. Hon. Sherleen Maina
2. Hon. Morris Thuku
3. Hon. Kenneth Kamau Mwangi
4. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui
5. Hon. Julian Njiri
6. Hon. Boniface Ng'anga'
7. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe
8. Hon. Hannah Wairimu

## **1.3 Acknowledgements**

The delegation wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support extended to it during the visit.

The leader of the delegation takes this opportunity to thank the members who were part of the visit for their profound contribution through the dedication of time and efforts towards the realization of a successful visit.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The delegation received an invite from the county executive on December 20, 2022, vide the letter referenced MCG/GEN/YSC&SS/GEN/VOL2/18 titled “ RE: invitation for KICOSCA games 2022/2023-9th edition.”

Consequently, the delegation attended the event at Kisumu from January 14, 2023, to January 21, 2023, where it witnessed different genres of sporting activities, music presentations, and various creative arts competitions. Further, the group witnessed divergent cultural presentations experiencing rich, unique, and captivating practices that blend together to form a Kenyan Culture.

## **3.0 KICOSCA BACKGROUND**

Kenya Inter-Municipalities Sports and Cultural Association (KIMSCA) games started in 1978. The games were initially meant for the employee of the defunct municipalities before the advent of the new Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Formed in 1978, the KIMSCA games have been geared towards promoting peace and unity through sports among Local Authorities in different parts of the country. A striking similarity between KIMSCA games and KICOSCA games is that the events are meant for employees with the distinction that KIMSCA were for the Municipalities while KICOSCA is for the county Executive Employees from all 47 counties. The 34<sup>th</sup> edition which was held in 2012 at Kakamega Municipality was the last edition of KIMSCA games. This marked the advent of KICOSCA games under county governments’ operations.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013, the first edition of the KICOSCA games was held in Nairobi County. This edition saw the then Governor of Nairobi County, His Excellency Dr. Evans Kidero appointed as the first patron of the KICOSCA games (Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association).

The games had the motto - "Enhancing National Cohesion through Sports". The event saw KIMSCA change its name to KICOSCA.

### **3.1 SALIENT FEATURES NOTED DURING THE EVENT**

#### **Public-private partnership**

The delegation witnessed a public-private partnership synergy in operation. Since the public social halls were not enough to host some indoor activities like music and other indoor games private institutions came in handy and they offered their halls for utilization during the games. Notable was Agha Khan school hall at Kisumu and various public institutions and private learning institutions, they offered some of their facilities. Also, private business like hotels offered their halls for use with games like darts and pool tables. Swimming too was held in a private institution facility. This underlines why every county government should treat the stakeholders in a professional manner since the smooth operation of government activities requires goodwill from the stakeholders.

#### **County Government Facilities**

Most of the County Government of Kisumu sporting facilities were in a fairly good state. Some were even fit enough to host major sporting activities example Kisumu stadium. The county should borrow a leaf from Kisumu and improve our sporting facilities.

#### **The state of Kisumu City**

It was notable how the city was well-kept. The city is well attended to and it is one of the cleanest cities in the country. It challenges the county government on how to keep the county headquarters looking. The face of any county is the town hosting its headquarters offices. Murang'a Municipality ought to take a benchmarking tour to Kisumu City to learn about town planning, keeping the town clean, and on handling public transport within the town.

#### **4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS**






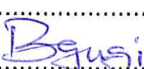

The delegation recommends as follows;

- 1) That the County Assembly Committee on Youth, Culture, Gender, and Social Services should ensure there is a County Policy on the preservation of culture, cultural sites, and cultural tourism.
- 2) The County executive should strive to establish and market Mukurwe wa Nyagathanga as a cultural learning center to attract communities that want to learn more about Kikuyu culture. This will be a revenue-earning venture for the County Government.
- 3) That the County executive should invest in talent and innovation development by holding and sponsoring such activities.
- 4) The county should improve the sporting facilities so as to attract sports tourism.
- 5) The county should strive to build on the goodwill of private institutions and explore a private-public partnership to enable the County Government to achieve some of its objectives.

**APPENDIX 1**

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

The following Members of the delegation adopted the report:

- 1. Hon. Grace Sharleen Wambui Maina ..... 
- 2. Hon. Kenneth Kamau ..... 
- 3. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau ..... 
- 4. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau ..... 
- 5. Hon Morris Thuku ..... 
- 6. Hon. Julian Njiri ..... 
- 7. Hon. Elizabeth Wambui ..... 
- 8. Hon. Jeremiah Gichobe Mbatia .....