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County Assembly Of Bungoma Celebrates CASA 2025 Success, Launches Training For 7th Edition In Kisumu

By Marsh Misiko

The County Assembly of Bungoma has celebrated its remarkable performance at the 6th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games, held in Meru, and officially launched preparations for the forthcoming 7th Edition to be held in Kisumu.

The occasion, held on Wednesday, 23rd September 2026, at Paskari Nabwana Hall, brought together the Speaker, Honourable Members, the Clerk, coaches, team captains, and staff to celebrate the Assembly's sporting achievements and formally commence training for the next edition of the games.

Speaking during the occasion, Speaker Hon. Emmanuel Situma Mukhebi congratulated the teams for their commitment, discipline, teamwork, and determination, noting that the trophies reflected the sacrifice and hard work demonstrated by the players, coaches, team managers, and the wider Assembly fraternity.

The Assembly has continued to establish itself as a strong force in CASA competitions year after year. In 2024, it successfully hosted the CASA Games and emerged Overall Best County Assembly. It subsequently maintained this strong performance at the 2025 CASA Games held in Meru, where it again emerged Overall Best County Assembly.



The Speaker of the County Assembly, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, and the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Charles Wafula, lift the Overall Trophy awarded to the County Assembly of Bungoma at the 6th Edition of the CASA Games held in Meru. On the sidelines, CASA Games 2025 team leader Dr. Leonard Momos addresses Hon. MCAs and staff during the launch of the training for CASA Games 2026 and the handing over of trophies

The 7th Edition will be held under the theme "Beyond Competition: Forging Lasting Bonds through Sports and Culture." As Bungoma begins preparations for the Kisumu Games, Speaker Mukhebi challenged the teams to work extremely hard to maintain the Assembly's strong record, urging players and athletes to use the training period to improve their physical fitness, technical skills, teamwork, and discipline.

Team Leader for CASA 2025, Dr. Leonard Momos, commended the good performance registered by each of the nine teams awarded trophies, noting that the results serve as a reminder of what the Assembly fraternity can achieve through teamwork — with the number of trophies rising from seven to ten. He urged the football and tug-of-war teams to reclaim the trophies they had won in 2024, while

challenging the indoor game-teams to focus on winning trophies through thorough preparation.

"Do not consider yourself a participant but a trophy winner, keeping in mind that champions "Do not consider yourself a participant but a trophy winner, keeping in mind that champions are not made in the competition arena but in the preparation," said Dr. Momos.

According to the Team Leader, Bungoma recorded strong performances across various disciplines during the 2025 games. The men's table tennis team reached the Round of 16, while the women's team reached the quarter-finals. Chess and pool table reached the preliminaries, with the latter affected by a lack of quorum. Darts, draughts, tug of war, ajua, and football reached the quarter-finals, while handball advanced to

the semi-finals. Scrabble finished 10th overall.

Individual performances also contributed to County Assembly's success. Hon. Okasida Ipara emerged Best Overall MCA in Scrabble, while Philip Sinoya attained 8th position overall in the staff category. In shot put, Sinoya recorded 12.06 metres, while Nicolas Maghas recorded 11.88 metres. Bungoma also finished second overall in the 100 metres athletics.

The Assembly secured trophies in a number of disciplines, including Cultural Dance (Kamabeka, Gisu Dance, and Gisu Folk Song), Choir Set Piece, Choir Own Composition, Men's Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, and Netball, with outstanding performances also recorded in Shot Put and the 100 Metres.

The Clerk of the County Assembly, Charles W. Wafula, commended the County Assembly

Service Board for its continued support and congratulated Team Bungoma for its achievements, noting that the Assembly's sporting success demonstrated the importance of teamwork, resilience, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence.

He particularly recognized the Cultural Dance Team for its sustained success, having consistently won competitions from 2017 to date through original compositions, folk songs, and borrowed dance. He also commended the volleyball, netball, choir, athletics, and shot put teams for their outstanding performances.

The Clerk further emphasized that CASA is more than a competition, noting that the games provide an important platform for bringing County Assemblies together, promoting teamwork, nurturing talent, enhancing the welfare of Members and staff, and strengthening inter-Assem-

bly relations.

Other leaders also encouraged the teams to give their best during training. The Chairperson of the Committee on Youth and Sports, Hon. Violet Makhan appreciated the teams and the cheering squad and urged them to prepare adequately for the competition. The Assistant National Organizing Secretary of the CASA National Executive Council, Hon. Jack Kawa commended the teams for their performance in Meru and called for renewed effort ahead of the Kisumu Games. Minority Leader Hon. Vitalis Wangila congratulated the teams and wished them success as preparations commenced.

The Speaker emphasized that retaining the Assembly's position and trophies would require serious, sustained effort during training, calling for unity and teamwork among all participants as Bungoma prepares to repre-

sent the Assembly in Kisumu.

The launch, therefore, marks the beginning of an intensive preparation phase for Team Bungoma. Coaches and team captains have been encouraged to assess previous performances, address areas requiring improvement, and ensure that participants remain committed and disciplined throughout the training period.

The County Assembly leadership also called for the responsible use and proper storage of sports uniforms and training equipment procured for the teams, emphasizing the importance of protecting public resources and ensuring the equipment remains available for future competitions. With the successful 2024 and 2025 games behind them, Team Bungoma now turns its attention to Kisumu, carrying with it a record of achievement, experience, and a renewed determination to perform strongly at the 7th CASA Games.

County Assembly of Bungoma Witnesses Handover of Hosting Rights for 7th Edition of CASA Games to Kisumu County Assembly

By Rosemary Wachiye

The Kisumu County Assembly has officially received the hosting rights for the 7th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games, handed over by CASA officials on behalf of the previous hosts, the Meru County Assembly.

This year's Games will be held under the theme "Beyond Competition: Forging Lasting Bonds through Sports and Culture."

The handover event was presided over by the Deputy Governor of Kisumu County, H.E. Matthews Owili, who urged all County Assemblies to make full use of the opportunity to forge lasting

bonds. He assured the organising team of Kisumu's full cooperation in making the event a success, and highlighted attractions such as Lake Victoria's tourism circuit, Kit Mikayi, and the Impande Caves as part of what visiting delegations could look forward to experiencing.

He reminded participants that Kenya remains one indivisible country and called for that same spirit of unity to be carried into the political arena. The Deputy Governor further urged devolved units to take sports development seriously, noting that Kenya will host the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2027 for the first time in its history, supported by the many stadiums built across

the country for team training. He commended the country's plans to host a marathon as part of this growing sporting momentum.

The Speaker of the Kisumu County Assembly, Hon. Elisha Oraro, revealed that Kisumu had put in considerable effort to host last year's CASA Games, which were ultimately awarded to the Meru County Assembly. He emphasised that the core goal of the CASA Games is to build bonds and foster peaceful coexistence among County Assemblies.

Hon. Oraro said Kisumu was ready to receive the hosting rights from the Meru County Assembly, represented at the event by the Chairperson of the

Sports, Gender and Culture Committee, Hon. Julius Gireti. He also called on all County Assemblies to settle their CASA subscriptions promptly to ensure the smooth running of the Games.

The Speaker of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, appreciated CASA's leadership for its fairness in rotating hosting rights across the country's regions. He assured attendees of Bungoma's full participation in this year's Games, noting that Bungoma's teams were well-prepared and would field legitimate squads for competition. He also called for adequate security arrangements for participating MCAs and staff.



The Speaker of the County Assembly, Hon. Emmanuel Situma, the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr. Charles Wafula, and other dignitaries witness the official handover of hosting rights for the 7th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games to the Kisumu County Assembly.

The Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma, Mr. Charles Wafula, congratulated Kisumu on securing the hosting rights.

"As Bungoma, we will be present to participate in the Games, since Kisumu is like our second home," said Mr. Wafula.

He added that Bungoma, as the overall defending champions, would be presenting a formidable team and challenged Kisumu to prepare for fierce competition.

The Clerk of the Kisumu County Assembly, Mr. Nashon Kusina, assured CASA leadership that Kisumu City had the requisite capacity to host the Games, pointing to its successful hosting

of the Africities Summit in 2021, which brought together delegations from across the continent. The Chairperson of the National Governing Council (NGC), Hon. Peter Imwatok, thanked the Governor of Kisumu County, H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, for his support towards the preparations for the Games, adding that the event was expected to boost business activity within Kisumu City.

The CASA National Executive Council (NEC) Secretary General, Mr. Benard Omboko, noted that competition for hosting rights has intensified since the 3rd Edition of the Games. He observed that while Bungoma had built a reputation as an

outstanding host, a comparative assessment of Bungoma, Meru and Kisumu would be undertaken after this edition to determine the best host overall. He cautioned against fielding non-bona fide members, warning that this would amount to unfair competition.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Sports, Hon. Nancy Ochieng, reiterated that the CASA Games go beyond athletic competition, serving instead as a platform for bonding and collaboration between staff and Members across Kenya's 47 County Assemblies.

"We should compete fiercely and love each other even more fiercely.

ly. The CASA Games go beyond sports competition since it is about the bond between people from different counties, enjoying a meal together and integrating," said Hon. Ochieng.

The event was also attended by the Speaker of the Bomet County Assembly, the Speaker of the Nakuru County Assembly, the Clerk of the Kitui County Assembly, the Clerk of the Nairobi County Assembly, and the Deputy Speaker of the Kakamega County Assembly.

Public Accounts And Investment Committee Interrogates County Executive On Auditor-general's Report On Payroll Management

By Rosemary Wachiye | Ian Wangila

On Wednesday, 23 September 2026, officers from the Bungoma County Executive appeared before the Public Accounts and Investments Committee, chaired by Hon. Everton Nganga, to respond to recommendations and implementation matters arising from the Office of the Auditor-General's (OAG) special audit report on payroll management.

The County Executive team was led by the Acting Director, Human Resource Management, Mr. John Ndombi, accompanied

by the Accounting Officer in the Office of the County Secretary, Mr. Nelson Mukholi. Also present was Mr. Hussein Abdi from the Office of the Auditor-General.

Among the key audit findings under review was payroll budgeting, where the ratio of the compensation of employees to revenue exceeded the set threshold. The audit established that the ratio of budgeted compensation of employees to budgeted revenue for the County Executive exceeded 35% across the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 Financial Years.

The audit further established that budget votes in the payroll system were not aligned with those in the approved budget. In response, Mr. Ndombi informed the Committee that the payroll system is currently centrally controlled by the National Government, and that all data contained in the system can be accessed by ICT and Human Resource officers.

On the recruitment process, the audit covering the three financial years established that the Executive lacked annual recruitment plans, despite departments

having recruited 34 employees during the period. The Auditor-General pointed out that the County Government of Bungoma operated without an approved staff establishment for the three years, a gap that posed a risk of unauthorized hiring, poor workforce planning, budget overruns, and poor service delivery.

In response, Mr. Ndombi informed the Committee that the matter had been taken into consideration and that plans were underway. However, the department had not submitted any written response, prompting

the Committee to direct that a formal response be submitted, both through the Office of the Clerk and to the Office of the Auditor-General.

"Since you have not responded to the Office of the Auditor-General, and you have not responded to us either, I direct that you submit all responses both hard copy and soft copy to this Committee by tomorrow, 24th September 2026, at 8:30 a.m.," said Hon. Nganga.

The OAG report also revealed anomalies in payroll processing

and payments, noting that employee costs had been charged to the wrong budget votes. The County Executive had migrated payroll processing from the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Database (IPPD) system to the Human Resource Information System – Kenya (HRIS-K) in December 2024.

The audit further established concerns over the integrity of date-of-birth records in the payroll system, identifying 28 employees with inconsistent dates of birth. A review of ID

numbers in the IPPD system also established that 19 employees had ID numbers differing from their actual records. Additionally, the audit found that 84% of staff were drawn from one dominant ethnic community, contrary to the requirements of Section 7(2) of the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008.

The Committee was informed that responses had not been forwarded to the Office of the Auditor-General since 2025, and that the Auditor-General could

therefore not ascertain their implementation or compliance status. The Committee further noted that key issues remained unaddressed, including the cleansing of the payroll system, staff verification, and the development of an employment plan. The Committee intends to compile a report and submit it to the County Assembly during the course of the week.

County Assembly of Bungoma Alters Its Calendar to Allow Committees Time to Clear All Matters in Their Deliberations

By Rosemary Wachiye | Ian Wangila



FILE PHOTO: Members of the County Assembly of Bungoma attend a plenary session.

On Tuesday afternoon, 15th September 2026, the County Assembly of Bungoma passed a procedural motion to alter its sitting calendar, allowing Committees extensive time to mop up, consolidate and prioritise all pending business, reports and petitions currently before them.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(4), the House resolved to alter the sitting calendar of the current session, which is rapidly drawing to a close

ahead of the recess preceding the 2027 General Elections.

The motion, moved by the Majority Leader, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, and seconded by Hon. Ipara Okasida, altered the regular sitting hours so that the House will sit only on Tuesday mornings and afternoons for the remainder of the approved calendar of the Fifth Session of the Third County Assembly.

The extended sittings will be dedicated to concluding all

consolidated and prioritised Committee business, to ensure that no critical legislative matters are left pending before the House adjourns for the campaign period next year.

This will allow the Committees to finalise all matters currently before them, which include: consideration of the Annual Report of the County Attorney's Office for Financial Year 2025/26, the County Revenue Fund quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2026, the County Receiver of Revenue quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2026, the Bungoma County Executive quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2026, the Equalisation Fund quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2026, the Bungoma County Fleet Management Policy, 2026, the Bungoma County Revenue Waivers and Exemptions for Bungoma County Referral Hospital, Financial Years 2024/25 and 2025/26, the Bungoma County Health and Sanitation Referral Policy,

County Planning, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, 2026–2031, the Bungoma County Locum Engagement Policy for Health Workers, 2026–2031 and the Bungoma County Mental Health Policy, 2026–2031.

The period will also allow the County Assembly, the defending champions of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games, time to prepare for this year's 6th edition of the Games, to be held in Kisumu County from 25th to 31st October 2026.

The House also played host to students of Nalondo CBM Special School for the Physically Handicapped, from West Nalondo Ward in Kabuchai Constituency, who visited the Assembly on an academic tour. The students had the privilege of attending and following the afternoon's House proceedings. Thereafter, the team, led by the Majority Leader, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, and Hon. Jack Wambulwa, assured the students of the County Assembly's support in improving the education sector within the County.

The Public and Civil Society Groups Submit Memoranda on ADP to the County Assembly of Bungoma

By Rosemary Wachiye | Ian Wangila



The Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, chaired by committee member Hon. Violet Makhanu, receives views and written memoranda on the County Annual Development Plan (ADP) from members of the public and representatives of civil society organisations at Paskari Nabwana Hall.

On 11th September 2026, members of the public and representatives of civil society organizations submitted memoranda to the County Assembly of Bungoma at Paskari Nabwana Hall, as part of public participation on the County Annual Development Plan (ADP).

The meeting, chaired by a member of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Violet Makhanu received submissions of views and recommendations from civil society actors representing different communities and sectors across Bungoma County, who called for greater accountability, transparency, and public involvement in the County's development agenda.

In her opening remarks, Hon. Makhanu said the meeting was intended to deliberate on the County's development plan, and assured participants that the Assembly would incorporate their views and recommendations into the plan. She reminded them that their participation represented

the interests of the entire County.

Led by Mr. Ben Kasisi of the VOB Network, the groups urged the County Government and the County Assembly to consider citizens' priorities when reviewing and approving the ADP. Mr. Kasisi called on the Assembly to act on the findings of the Auditor-General's report on ghost workers, which he said were straining public expenditure. The groups further urged the Assembly to address revenue leakages and ensure that all revenue collected by Bungoma County is properly accounted for and appropriately budgeted.

Among the key issues raised was the need to prioritize projects that directly respond to the needs of local communities, improve service delivery, and ensure the equitable distribution of development resources across the County. The groups also proposed that the County establish one Vocational Training Centre per ward.

The civil society representatives

emphasized the importance of meaningful public participation in the planning and budgeting process. They noted that public participation should go beyond formal consultations, and should provide residents with a genuine opportunity to influence decisions affecting development programmes and the allocation of public funds.

The groups further called for stronger monitoring of County projects and greater disclosure of information on project implementation and expenditure, arguing that increased public oversight would help ensure that public resources are used efficiently and that development projects achieve their intended objectives. They also called for the disclosure of Bills of Quantities for all construction projects across the County, in the interest of accountability.

The submissions come at a time when public participation remains a critical component of county governance under Kenya's devolved system of government, with the Constitution

requiring county governments to facilitate public participation in policy-making, budgeting and other governance processes.

In his closing remarks, Hon. Antony Luseneka urged the groups to work closely with leaders across the County, noting that the Assembly's doors remain open to anyone with views on matters of governance. He also pledged that the Assembly would remain objective in delivering its mandate to both the public and the County Executive.

Civil society organizations said they would continue engaging with the County Assembly and the County administration to promote accountable governance and ensure that development plans reflect the aspirations of Bungoma residents. The Assembly is expected to consider the views contained in the memoranda, alongside other submissions received during the public participation process, before making a decision on the ADP for Financial Year 2027/28.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali, MCA For West Bukusu Ward,Appointed Third Vice President Of WSPU-Kenya Committee

By Rosemary Wachiye



Hon. Job Mukoyandali attends the World Scout Parliamentary Union – Kenya (WSPU-Kenya) inaugural ceremony, held at the Radisson Blu Arboretum Hotel, Nairobi, alongside fellow lawmakers Sen. Tabitha Maureen Mutinda, who chairs the Committee; Hon. John Kiarie; Hon. Dorice Donya; Hon. Wilberforce Ojiambo; Hon. Pamela Njoki; Hon. Innocent Mugabe; and the governor of Nyeri County, Hon. Mutahi Kahiga, among others..

Hon. Job Mukoyandali, Member of the County Assembly for West Bukusu Ward, has been appointed Third Vice President of the World Scout Parliamentary Union – Kenya (WSPU-Kenya), following his official appointment by the Prime Cabinet Secretary, H.E. Musalia Mudavadi, as a member of the Union's Executive Committee, as gazetted under Gazette Notice No. 13509. The appointment was formalized during the Union's inaugural ceremony, held at the Radisson Blu Arboretum Hotel, Nairobi, under the leadership of National President, Sen. Tabitha Maureen Mutinda.

Hon. Mukoyandali will serve on the Committee alongside fellow lawmakers Sen. Tabitha Maureen Mutinda, who chairs the Committee; Hon. John Kiarie; Hon. Dorice Donya; Hon. Wilberforce Ojiambo; Hon. Pamela Njoki; Hon. Innocent Mugabe; Sen. Jackson Mandago; and the Gov-

ernor of Nyeri County, Hon. Mutahi Kahiga, among seven others.

Upon accepting the appointment, Hon. Mukoyandali expressed his appreciation for the confidence and trust placed in him by the appointing authority. He pledged to serve diligently, promote the values of Scouting, and contribute to the empowerment and development of young people across Kenya.

The World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) is an international organization that unites Scout-oriented parliamentarians from around the world, bringing them into closer contact with the World Scout Movement. Its objective is to strengthen both national Scout organizations and World Scouting by engaging parliamentarians who believe in Scouting as an effective non-formal educational method and movement.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 13509

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ACT

(Cap. 265F)

APPOINTMENT

IT IS notified for general information of the public that the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs appoints—

Tabitha Maureen Mutinda—Chairperson,

Members:

John Waweru Kiarie,
Dorice Donya Aburi,
Wilberforce Oundo Ojiambo,
Pamela Njeru Njoki,
Innocent Maino Mugabe,
Jackson Kiplagat Mandago,
Mwalimu Edward Mutahi Kahiga,
Job Mukoyandali,
Evalyne Chepkoech Tirop,
Principal Secretary, State Department for Devolution,
Principal Secretary, State Department for Youth Affairs,
Principal Secretary, The National Treasury,
Principal Secretary, Basic Education,

Secretary:

Poppins Omwenga Misoi,

as Chairperson, Members and Secretary to the Executive Committee of the World Scout Parliamentary Union Kenya.

Dated the 23rd July, 2026.

MUSALIA MUDAVADI,
Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.

Pictorials

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