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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

REF	-	Reference
NA	-	National Assembly
DDC	-	Directorate of Departmental Committees
A&L	-	Agriculture and Livestock
DR	-	Doctor
PhD	-	Doctor of Philosophy
CBS	-	Chief of the Burning Spear
MP	-	Member of Parliament
UDA	-	United Democratic Alliance
ODM	-	Orange Democratic Movement
DAP-K	-	Democratic Alliance Party of Kenya
NOPEU	-	National Ordinary People Empowerment Union
ICT	-	Information, Communication and Technology
KeFAAS	-	Kenya Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services
SMEs	-	Small Medium Enterprises
AFA	-	Agriculture and Food Authority
MAAIF	-	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
NAADS	-	National Agricultural Advisory Services
NGOs	-	Non-Governmental Organisations
MOALD	-	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
CS	-	Cabinet Secretary
KEPHIS	-	Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service
KALRO	-	Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation
CoG	-	Council of Governors
CEO	-	Chief Executive Officer
KENAFF	-	Kenya National Farmers' Federation
CSO	-	Civil Society Organisation
AIRC	-	Agriculture Information Resource Centre
TIMPS	-	Technologies Innovations and Management Practices
SRC	-	Salaries and Remuneration Commission

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This report contains proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on its consideration of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (*Senate Bill No.12 of 2022*) which was published in the Kenya *Gazette* Supplement No. 205 of 30th December 2022 and passed by the Senate with amendments on 21st February 2024. The Bill went through the First Reading on 28th February 2024 and was thereafter committed to the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock for consideration and reporting to the House pursuant to Standing Order 127.

The Bill has thirty-nine (39) clauses and one Schedule and seeks to provide for agricultural and livestock extension services and establish the Agricultural and Extension Service. The Bill proposes to put in place and agricultural and livestock service managed by a board of directors and provides for the establishment, powers, composition and functions of governing bodies to oversee Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services in the country. It also provides for assistance to farmers to gain new information and develop new abilities and to apply directly on the farm the latest scientific Knowledge through transfer of technology.

Following placement of advertisements in the print media on Friday, 8th March 2024 seeking public and stakeholder views on the Bill pursuant to Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Committee received one memorandum from the Council of Governors.

The Committee also invited stakeholders vide letter REF: NA/DDC/A&L/2023/054 dated 25th September 2024 for a stakeholders' engagement meeting on the Bill which was held on 15th October 2024 and on 14th November 2024 with three (3) stakeholders making oral presentations before the Committee.

The stakeholders were in support of the Bill, noting that its enactment will play a key role in ensuring that extension services are entrenched in the sector. They observed that in adopting the Bill, the country can unlock the full potential of agricultural, livestock, and fisheries sectors through the provision of suitable extension and advisory services to farmers, leading to increased income for them, job creation, and overall economic growth across the country.

The Council of Governors noted that the sovereign power of the State is vested in the two levels of government, that is, the National Government and county governments whose distinctness is recognized in Article 6 (2) of the Constitution. It was therefore important to ensure that all legislation is cognizant of the fact that agriculture is a fully devolved function under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.

The Committee on its part observed that the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (*Senate Bill No.12 of 2022*) will play a key role in ensuring that extension services are taken closer to the people. Members of the Committee noted that the Bill will help foster coordination and collaboration in extension services by National Government, County Governments, non-governmental organization, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors; to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity and improved benefits; to enhance coordination and collaboration through improving research-extension-clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chain; and for the continuous and sustained research on extension services.

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings. The Committee also thanks the

Agriculture and Food Authority, the State Department for Industry, the Council of Governors, and the Cotton Ginners Association for submitting their views on the Bill.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee and the Committee Secretariat who made useful contributions towards the preparation and production of this report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 199 (6), it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its consideration of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (*Senate Bill No.12 of 2022*).

It is my pleasure to report that the Committee has considered the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No.12 of 2022) and has the honour to report back to the National Assembly with the recommendation that the Bill be **approved with the amendments provided in the Schedule under Chapter Seven of this report.**

Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, CBS, MP
Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock

CHAPTER ONE

1 PREFACE

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is one of the fifteen Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under **Standing Order 216** whose mandates pursuant to the **Standing Order 216 (5)** are as follows:

- i. To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
- ii. To study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;*
- iii. To study and review all the legislation referred to it;**
- iv. To study, access and analyse the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
- v. To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
- vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 204 (Committee on appointments);*
- vii. To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
- viii. To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- ix. To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- x. To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

1.2 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

2. In accordance with the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider agriculture, livestock, food production and marketing.
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

4. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises of the following Members:

Chairperson

Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, CBS, MP
Tigania West Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP
Konoin Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP
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Jubilee Party

Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP
Kwanza Constituency

Ford Kenya Party

Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
Matayos Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
Sigowet/Soin Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Jared Okello Odoyo, MP
Nyando Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
Tigania East Constituency

NOPEU Party

Hon. David Kiplagat, MP
Soi Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
Gatundu South Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP
Lamu County

Independent Member

Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP
Embu County

UDA Party

Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP
Borabu Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP
Mumias East Constituency

DAP-K Party

Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP
Wajir West Constituency

ODM Party

1.4 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following staff:

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Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

Mr. Victor Kanda Kilimo
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Brigitta Mati
Legal Counsel I

Mr. David Ng'eno
Principal Research Officer II

CPA Robert Ng'etich
Fiscal Analyst II

Mr. Gerald Kadede
Legal Counsel II

Mr. Muhumed Shillow
Research Officer III

Ms. Zainabu Sora
Serjeant-at-Arms I

Ms. Edith Chepngeno
Media Relations Officer III

Mr. Erastus Lotuk
Public Relations Officer III

Mr. Dickson O. Oloo
Audio Assistant

CHAPTER TWO

2 BACKGROUND OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES IN KENYA

2.1 INTRODUCTION

6. Extension is an instrument to facilitate development and it ranges from the transfer of technology to participatory problem-solving educational approaches, which aim at reducing poverty and enhancing community involvement in the processes of development.
7. Effective public extension and advisory services have the potential to improve agricultural productivity; net farm income; and food security amongst resource-poor farmers.
8. Kenyan farmers had traditionally benefited from two types of extension systems: The Ministry of Agriculture extension system, focusing mainly on food crops; and commodity-based systems run by government parastatals, private companies, and cooperatives which dealt mainly, but not exclusively with commercial crops such as coffee and tea.
9. Various approaches were used to deliver extension services such as the farmer-groups approach, farmer-to-farmer approach, commodity-based approach, and individual farm visits.
10. Extension services have been focusing on increasing production only and now there is need to incorporate marketing, climate change, soil and water management, and barriers affecting the adoption of agricultural innovations.
11. Recently, ICT-based agricultural extension methods such as iCow, *Mkulima* Young, Digi-Farm, M-Farm, etc have emerged. The internet, mobile phones, and mass media channels can be used to relay farmer challenges to the extension workers and in turn give feedback through the same channel.
12. The challenges facing extension in Kenya include low capacity for extension services; low funding; weak research-extension linkages; poor collaboration and coordination; inadequate policy, legal, regulatory, and institutional framework, and lack of quality assurance for extension services.
13. Government research institutions are poorly resourced in terms of personnel, funding, and equipment. Consequently, agricultural extension has fallen steadily in the recent past.
14. Weak coordination of plural extension services has been a challenge leading to the dissemination of conflicting extension messages to clients, duplication of efforts, and wastage of resources. The Kenya Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (KeFAAS) has been formed to improve coordination and reduce such duplication.
15. There exist professional associations such as the Kenya National Farmers' Federation, Society of Crop Agribusiness Advisors of Kenya, Kenya Livestock Producers Association, and Kenya Veterinary Association. The committee may consider the role of such associations in the Bill.
16. Extension service providers need a standard approach and objectives that feed into an overall national goal.

2.2 POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE

17. The National Agricultural Sector Extension Policy 2012 adopted a sector-wide approach to providing extension services.
18. The Agricultural Policy 2021 recognizes the challenge of uncoordinated research by government institutions, the private sector, and international research organizations in Kenya due to the lack of a common vision for research and development. Policy statements thus aim to set a national agricultural research agenda, develop infrastructure, improve funding, provide research dissemination channels, and enhance collaboration between the aforementioned groups.
19. The Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy seeks to launch three (3) knowledge and skills-building programs focused on technical and management skills in the field for two hundred (200) national and county government transformation leaders, one thousand (1000) farmer-facing SMEs, and three thousand (3000) extension agents.
20. Under the promotion of scheduled crops in the Crops Act, the functions of AFA can contribute to extension service, especially sections 8(b), 8(f), and 8(h) on marketing, research linkage, and farmers training. Additionally, section 13(g) of the Crops Act provides that AFA shall regulate farmers' training and provision of extension services.

2.3 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

21. **Ethiopia** has the highest farmer-extension agent ratio in Africa and has invested well in its extension system leading to higher adoption of modern agricultural inputs. Productivity increases in Ethiopia are driven by technologies adopted and the expansion of cultivated areas.
22. Although substantial progress has been made in recent years, the country still faces several challenges including overburdened agents, under-resourced farmer training centres, over-standardized services, and poor research-extension linkages.
23. **Uganda**, like Ethiopia has farmer training centres. The current agricultural extension system in Uganda is pluralistic. The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) provides overall leadership, management, and coordination of the extension system; while the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) provides funding and technical support to extension service providers.
24. Local Governments are responsible for planning and implementing extension services at the local level and the private Sector delivers extension services to farmers on a contractual basis. NGOs also play a role in providing extension services, particularly to resource-poor farmers.
25. The challenges of Agricultural Extension in Uganda are limited funding, lack of qualified personnel, multiple actors leading to a fragmented extension system, and limited access to information and technologies.
26. **Brazil** has a decentralized extension model where federal and state agencies collaborate, with states receiving funds to deliver free technical assistance and extension services to farmers. Government programs play a big role, but private firms and farmer organizations also offer specific technical advice.

27. Some programs promote practices that improve yields without harming the environment. Recent policies prioritize supporting smaller-scale family farms.
28. A variety of approaches are used, including training sessions, field demonstrations, farmer-to-farmer extension, and participatory methods that consider both traditional and scientific knowledge.

CHAPTER THREE

3 OVERVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

3.1 INTRODUCTION

29. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill 2022, is a Bill for an Act of Parliament to make provision for the regulation, practice, and standards of Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services.
30. The Bill seeks to establish the Livestock Extension Services Board, to provide a framework for extension services.
31. The Bill further seeks to promote national and county agricultural and livestock extension services, policy, and strategy.

3.2 OBJECTS OF THE BILL

32. The objective of the Bill is to provide a framework to:
 - a) foster coordination and collaboration in extension services research by the National Government, county governments, NGOs, learning institutions, research bodies, and other non-state actors;
 - b) promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through increased production and sourcing of competitive markets;
 - c) continue and sustain research on extension services for the development of the agriculture and livestock industry;
 - d) adopt a sector-wide approach to the provision of extension services; and
 - e) provide financial support to the various players in the extension service.

3.3 INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK PROPOSED IN THE BILL

33. Clause 6(1) establishes the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service, whose functions in addition to the development of National Policy and Standards for extension services, are to:
 - a) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya;
 - b) increase the long-term productivity of agriculture and livestock industry while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which the agricultural economy depends on;
 - c) develop new uses and products for agricultural commodities and develop alternative production methods for new crops; and
 - d) improve risk management in the agriculture and livestock industry.

3.4 REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

34. Clause 4(1) tasks the Cabinet Secretary to develop an agricultural and livestock extension services policy and review at least every five years. The county executive committee member responsible for agriculture will develop a county-specific extension services strategy guided by the national agricultural extension policy whereas Clause 37 provides for county-specific legislation.
35. Clause 39(1) provides that the Cabinet Secretary may, on the recommendation of the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or concerning any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

3.5 IMPACT OF THE BILL

36. The Bill is likely to improve extension services and hence agricultural and livestock production and productivity by upscaling knowledge and skills to improve food security and livelihoods among livestock keepers and the overall contribution to the National economy.

3.6 CLAUSE BY CLAUSE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

37. **Part I (clauses 1 to 3)** of the Bill provide for preliminary provisions, that is the short title, interpretation of terms as used in the Bill and objects of the Bill.
38. **Part II (clauses 4 to 6)** of the Bill provide for the Cabinet Secretary to formulate and publish in the *Gazette* an agriculture and livestock extension services policy at least once every five years. It also provides for the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to agriculture to formulate and publish in the *Gazette* a county-specific extension service strategy.
39. **Part III (clauses 7 to 13)** of the Bill establish the Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, headquarters of the Service, and functions of the Service. It provides for the Board of Directors, composition of the Board, qualification and appointment of the Board members their tenure, and vacation from office.
40. **Clauses 14 to 20** of the Bill provide for the functions of the Board, committees of the Board, delegation by the Board, and remuneration of members of the Board. It also provides for appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and their functions and the procedure for removal from office of the Chief Executive Officer.
41. **Clauses 21 to 25** of the Bill provide for recruitment of staff of the Board, protection from personal liability, common seal, signing authority, and conduct of meetings of the Board in accordance with the Schedule to the Bill.
42. **Part IV (clauses 26 to 31)** of the Bill provide for the role of county governments, recruitment of extension service officers, their qualifications, their registration, and the register of extension service providers maintained by each county and publicizing of extension services by the county government.
43. **Part V (clauses 32 to 36)** of the Bill contain provisions on funds of the Board, annual estimates and accounts and audit of the accounts, annual reports, and the financial year of the Board.

- 44 **Part VI (clause 37 to 39)** of the Bill contain provisions on county-specific legislation, adherence to the set rules, and the power to make regulations
- 45 **First Schedule** of the Bill contains provisions relating to the conduct of business and affairs of the Board.
- 46 The Bill concerns county governments in terms of Article 110 (1) of the Constitution as it contains provisions that affect the functions and powers of county governments as set out in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution

CHAPTER FOUR

4 STAKEHOLDERS VIEWS/COMMENTS ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE BILL (*SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022*)

47. Following the call for memoranda from the public through placement of advertisements in the print media on 8th March 2024 and vide a letter REF: NA/DDC/A&L/2024/054 dated 10th October 2024 inviting stakeholders for a meeting, the Committee received memoranda from the following stakeholders:

- a) The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development;
- b) The Council of Governors;
- c) The Kenya National Farmers Federation; and
- d) The Agriculture Information Centre

The stakeholders submitted as follows:

4.1 THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

Through their written memorandum, reference MOALD/CS/ADM/13/6(34) dated 15th October 2024, the Ministry proposed the following amendments to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022:

Long Title

48. Amend the long title including advisory services in the interpretation of extension services because advisory services form a core part of extension and include information such as those in inputs.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the core function of the Bill is extension service through the establishment of the Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service, advisory is one of the functions of the Service.

Clause 2

49. Provide definition of "*extension service*" as established in section 6, as an agricultural extension service that offers technical advice on agriculture and livestock to farmers, and also supplies them with the necessary inputs and services to support their agricultural and livestock production. This is to provide clarity.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the definition is limiting the scope of the extension service.

Clause 3

50. Amend paragraph 3 (a) to read as follows, "*to foster coordination and collaboration in extension services by National Government, county governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors for proper coordination and collaborations*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the provision in the Bill is sufficient.

51. Amend paragraph 3 (b) to read as follows, "*to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through increased production and marketing linkages; this is because the sourcing of competitive markets is the responsibility of producers and marketing agents*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was adopted with amendments.

52. Delete paragraph 3 (e) because the Bill does not include any section that is referring to provision of financial support to the various players in the extension service.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The Proposal was adopted.

Part II

53. Delete Part II because the Kenya Agricultural Sector Extension Policy 2023 was approved in December 2023 and provides for all that are identified in this Part. Policy and Strategy development is better managed administratively.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The Proposal was rejected because Part II of the Bill provides for formulation and gazettment of an agricultural and livestock extension services policy at least once every five years, for the implementation and standard delivery of extension services by the county governments. The existing policy may be changed or modified to adapt to current trends on extension service.

Clause 8

54. Amend sub-clause 8(1) to read as follows, "*Regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services*" this is to provide clarity on the functions of the service and to avoid overlaps with other institutions like KEPHIS, AFA and KALRO.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was adopted

Clause 9

55. Amend the clause to read, "*Chairperson to be appointed by the President and membership be as per Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals. Align appointment of Board members with the Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was adopted and the Committee proposed an amendment for the chairperson to be appointed by the President in line with the *Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals*.

Clause 14

56. Amend by moving these functions to clause 8 of the Bill. The Board functions should be as provided in *Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals*

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected since it is important for the Bill to clearly outline the functions of the Board.

Clause 18

57. Amend sub-clause 18 (1) to read as follows, "*There shall be a chief executive officer of the Service who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.*" The Chief Executive Officer is for the institution which is the Service but secretary to the Board to provide clarity.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because management of the Service is vested in Board of Directors under clause 9 hence the Chief Executive Officer being responsible for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Board under clause 19 is the CEO of the Board and not the Service.

58. Amend sub-clause 18 (3) to read as follows, "*The Chief Executive Officer shall hold office for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for another one further term*". This is to provide clarity.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the practice is for the CEO to hold office for a renewable five-year term whereas board members hold office for a renewable three-year term.

59. Amend paragraphs 18 (3) (a) to (e) to read staff of the service.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the management of the Service is vested in Board of Directors under clause 9. The Board may employ such officers, agents and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Board under clause 21 hence the staff are for the Board.

Clause 21

60. Amend sub-clause 21 (3) to read as follows, "*staff of the service*" to provide clarity.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the management of the Service is vested in Board of Directors under clause 9. The Board may employ such officers, agents and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Board under clause 21 hence the staff are for the Board.

Clause 23

61. Amend the side note to read as follows, "*common seal of the service*" to provide clarity.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the management of the Service is vested in Board of Directors under clause 9.

Clause 26

62. Amend paragraph 26 (1) (f) to read as follows, "*Improve on safe production and processing of and adding of value to agricultural and livestock produce*". This is limiting yet there are more agricultural and livestock produce that need to be included.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the provision in the Bill is sufficient

63. Amend paragraphs 26 (2) (a) to (e) to provide for the functions to the Service. For national uniformity, the functions are better handled at the Service level. Some extension service providers work across counties.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the functions fall under the role of county governments which have a significant role to play considering that extension service is a devolved function. The functions are better performed at the county level.

Clause 27

64. Amend the Bill by deleting the entire clause because hiring of county public staff is provided for in other instruments. The provision is also only limiting to Public Service while there are other institutions also offering extension services.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the clause provides for county governments to competitively recruit and appoint such extension services officers as it may consider necessary for the proper and efficient implementation of the Act without going into details of the procedure for appointment. This is a standard requirement of the Act.

Clause 28

65. Amend the clause to read as follows, "*the training should be in agriculture and livestock related course for not less than two years and in addition to undertake an Extension service induction course at Kenya School of Agriculture or similar institution as approved by the service*". The provision is not adequate due to general use of term certificate. There are Degree, Diploma and general Certificate practitioners who are qualified in agricultural specialty course and only need to undergo a training programme in extension to provide the services.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because sub-clause 2 provides that county governments may prescribe additional qualifications through legislation for employment as an extension service officer other than the mandatory certificate in extension service from a tertiary institution recognized in Kenya. Extension service is very broad and the specific qualification for the specific sectors cannot be narrowed down to in the Act.

Clause 29

66. Amend sub-clause 29 (1) (2) by deleting the term "*private entity*" because a private entity may not possess requisite qualifications. Recognition should focus on professionals.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The Proposal was rejected because there are other non-governmental organisations that provide extension services in their private capacity. There is need to recognise and register them as private entities for the benefit of farmers who would want to procure their services. The Bill recognizes the registration of persons and entities.

67. Amend by introducing a new sub-clause 29 (3) that reads, "*The County Executive Committee Member shall provide the Service with an updated register of extension service providers annually*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because clause 29 deals with registration of extension service officers whereas the register of extension service providers is under clause 30 and not clause 29.

Clause 31

68. Amend by deleting sub-clause 31 (2) because the spirit of clause 31 is to publicize extension service while 31 (2) is carrying actual extension messages. Extension messages are time/period specific and are best provided by specific means.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because clause 31 deals with publicizing of extension services, sub-clause 32(2) outlines the bare minimum information that must be published on the website and other platforms maintained by the county government and not the actual extension message.

Clause 37

69. Amend to provide for making of regulations in the areas under sub-clause 37 (2). The proposed county specific legislation are Regulations under the Act and for uniformity in the country, they are better developed at the National level.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was adopted with amendments to allow counties to make county specific legislations without limiting the counties on what to legislate on. However, county specific legislations are different from the national government regulations made by the Cabinet secretary hence cannot be made at the national level but are legislated by the respective county assemblies.

Clause 38

70. Amend to provide for procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines not prescribed in the Bill. Requirements for compliance are only possible to already prescribed procedures.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines cannot be included in the Act but are better off in the regulations.

Clause 39

71. Amend sub-clause 39 (1) to read as follows, "*The Cabinet Secretary may, on consultation with the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act*" The Cabinet Secretary will be able to exercise the delegated power in line with Statutory Instruments Act, 2013.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is better placed to advise the Cabinet Secretary on extension service since that is one of their roles and considering that extension service is devolved, the recommendation of the Service and county governments is sufficient.

72. Amend sub-clause 39 (2) to read as follows, "*Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may make regulations in regards to the following*" The opening statement guides only on minimum standards yet other areas will also be covered.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because it is rewording the clause without any substantial change. The provision in the Bill is sufficient.

73. Amend the Bill by deleting paragraph 39 (2) (d) because it is beyond the scope of this law.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was adopted with amendments to allow the Cabinet Secretary to make guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service and not remuneration of extension service officers. The guidelines are to cushion farmers who procure the services of independent entities registered by the counties.

4.2 THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

74. In their memorandum, Ref. No. COG/6/48Vol.61 (65) dated 28th March 2024, the CEO, Ms. Mary Mwiti, informed the Committee that the CoG was in support of the Bill. She proposed the following amendments to the Bill:

Title of the Bill

75. Amend the title of the Bill to read as follows; "*Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)*". This is for incorporation of the fisheries sector into provisions of the Bill.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because fisheries does not fall under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and might create a contradiction with regards to the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

Long title

76. Amend the long title of the Bill to read as follows: "*An Act of parliament to provide for agricultural, livestock, and fisheries extension services, role of National and county governments and for connected purposes*". This is for incorporation of the fisheries sector into provisions of the Bill.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because fisheries does not fall under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and might create a contradiction with regards to the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

Clause 2

77. Amend by deleting definitions of the words "*Board*" and "*Chief Executive Officer*". They were opposed to the establishment of the Service as the provision of agricultural, livestock, and fisheries extension services is a function fully devolved to county governments. Creation of the Service therefore claws back on devolved functions.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is established as a national body to ensure uniform standards in the provision of extension service with the county governments having specific roles in their respective counties.

78. Amend definition of the word "*extension services*" to read as follows, "*Extension services means Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Extension Services*". This is for incorporation of the fisheries sector into provisions of the Bill.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because fisheries does not fall under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and might create a contradiction with regards to the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

Clause 4

79. Amend sub-clause 4 (1) to read as follows, "*The Cabinet Secretary shall formulate and publish in the Gazette an agricultural, livestock, and fisheries extension services policy*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because fisheries does not fall under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and might create a contradiction with regards to the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

Part III

80. Amend the title of Part II to read as follows, "*Role of the National Government*".

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is established as a national body to ensure uniform standards in the provision of extension service with the county governments having specific roles in their respective counties.

81. Delete clauses 6, 7, 8(1), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is established as a national body to ensure uniform standards in the provision of extension service with the county governments having specific roles in their respective counties

82. Amend sub-clause 8(2) functions of the National Government.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is established as a national body to ensure uniform standards in the provision of extension service with the county governments having specific roles in their respective counties

Justifications for the proposed amendments in Part III

83. The proposed establishment of the Agricultural and Livestock National Parastatal Service raises concerns about its Constitutionality. The Fourth Schedule to the Constitution designates provision of agricultural, livestock, and fisheries extension services as functions fully devolved to county governments.
84. The Council opines that the creation of this National parastatal appears to be an overreach and a potential clawback on the devolved functions. Empowering county governments is a cornerstone of Kenya's devolution framework. By taking overextension services, this parastatal could undermine the ability of counties to address the specific agricultural needs of their sectors and hinder their progress toward food security and economic growth.

Part V

85. Amend the Bill by deleting Part V to align with recommendations of CoG.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was rejected because the Service is established as a national body to ensure uniform standards in the provision of extension service with the county governments having specific roles in their respective counties

4.3 THE KENYA NATIONAL FARMERS FEDERATION

In a meeting with the Committee held on 15th October 2024, Ms. Mary Gekani, Research Policy, Lobby and Advocacy Officer, KENAFF, proposed the following amendments to the Bill:

86. Definition of the extension services needs to be included in the interpretation of terms. There is need for a clear definition of the services; are the services only limited to advisory on farm inputs/factors of production? Does it include monitor the farmers' productivity and monitor their consumer rights of the products for example the farm chemicals they use and its impacts on their produce, and environment. 2. Part II clause 4(2) (b, d and e); Stipulate for provision of adequate support and capacity development for growers and other stakeholders in mung bean industry. There is need to amend this to speak to all agricultural crops.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The statement is misplaced since it is addressing a different Bill dealing with Mung Beans and not extension services. This might a have been a mix up or a typographical error or omission.

87. Clause 8: there is need to incorporate monitoring impacts of farm inputs use as one of the responsibilities of the extension services, and ensuring farmers rights are well taken care of to ensure the quality of products farmers use is safe for both their safety and the environment. Extension officers could also be mandated to enforce the agricultural regulations and any person contravening the guidelines held accountable for their actions.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was taken into consideration in the roles of the Service and the roles of county governments however extension officers cannot enforce regulations and guidelines, there are relevant bodies to undertake the task.

88. Clause 8c: development of new uses and new products for agricultural commodities and alternative production method to develop new crops: This is mandates of KALRO and Biosafety Authority. Extension services could be involved in the monitoring of the impacts of the new agricultural commodities and the new production methods.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was considered and an amendment introduced by the Committee to include a representative of the umbrella body of the farmers' organizations and the Director General of KALRO in the Board.

89. Extension services board needs to incorporate the representatives from the Natural resources, conservation and or environment, veterinary and representation from the NGO and CSO who are involved in agriculture.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was considered and an amendment introduced by the Committee to include a representative of the umbrella body of the farmers' organizations and the Director General of KALRO in the Board. The Bill has also provided for recognition registration of private entities that provide extension services under clause 29.

90. The bill needs to have provisions for the adoption of regulated. the e-extension services and how they will be

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was taken into consideration and the inclusion of information technology in extension service interrogated by the Committee. As a result, the committee introduced two new parts in the Bill; Part IV (A) and IV (B) introducing a Data Centre and Diagnostic Centre in the Bill to incorporate the use of information technology in extension service.

91. What is the implementation and the monitoring strategy for the extension services?

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The Committee introduced two new parts to the Bill on inclusion of the use of technology and establishment of a data centre and diagnostic centre to centralize all data on extension service for dissemination.

92. The scope of the agriculture and livestock extension services should also consider aquaculture and apiculture.

Committee's Observation/Recommendation

The proposal was considered but the challenge is that fisheries is not under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development hence there might be a conflict on the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

4.4 AGRICULTURE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

93. In a meeting with the Committee held on 14th November 2024, Mr. Festus Njogu, Assistant Director at AIRC, informed the Committee that the roles of AIRC are:
- a) Documenting, producing and disseminating technical agricultural information products through mass media platforms to farmers, extension workers, and other stakeholders;
 - b) Collecting, processing, disseminating, storing and repository of agricultural information from research institutions, universities, relevant state agencies and other stakeholders across the agricultural sector;
 - c) Collaborate with relevant agencies to produce and disseminate information on agricultural priority value chains, Technologies Innovations and Management Practices (TIMPS) within and outside the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development;
 - d) Document and share the progress, success stories and impacts of various agricultural development initiatives for shared learning;

- e) Carryout tailor-made capacity building courses on selected topics in ICT for agriculture, agricultural information and knowledge management;
 - f) Production and airing of radio programs to inform farmers and other stakeholders and also create interactive platforms of knowledge sharing;
 - g) Host the main library for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.
94. Considering the above roles, AIRC is a key source of information from institutions like KALRO and KHEPIS and any other institution whose materials are relevant to the public. These roles cut across all the agriculture and livestock value chains.

CHAPTER FIVE

5 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS


The Committee observed as follows on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill 2022 (*Senate Bill No.12 of 2022*):

1. The Bill will foster coordination and collaboration in extension services by National Government, county governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors;
2. The Bill will promote sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity and improved benefits;
3. The Bill will enhance coordination and collaboration through improving research-extension-clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chain;
4. The Bill will foster a continuous and sustained research on extension services for the development of the agricultural and livestock industry;
5. The Bill will develop a sector-wide approach to the provision of extension services which will enable access to appropriate quality services from the best service providers and attain higher productivity as well as increased incomes and standards of living; and
6. The Bill will provide financial support to the various players in the extension service sector.

CHAPTER SIX

6 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee having considered the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill 2022 (*Senate Bill No.12 of 2022*) recommends that the House approves the Bill with amendments as proposed in the Schedule in Chapter Seven of this Report.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

7 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Committee proposed the following amendments to be considered by the House during the Committee Stage:

Clause 3

1. THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(b) to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity and improved benefits;”

Justification

Sourcing of competitive markets is not a function of extension service.

(b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
“(c) to enhance coordination and collaboration through improving research, extension and clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chain;”

Justification

To enhance the objects of the Bill

(c) by deleting paragraph (e)

(d) by inserting the following new clause immediately after subclause (2)—

3A. In the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers conferred on the Service by this Act, the Service shall be guided by—

- (a) The national values and principles of governance set out in Article 10 of the Constitution;
- (b) accountability and focus on citizens;
- (c) simplicity and practicability;
- (d) productivity and income generation;
- (e) social inclusivity, non-discrimination and equity;
- (f) modernization and use of new technology;
- (g) consistency and predictability; and
- (h) technical and financial sustainability.

Justification

To introduce the guiding principles to be adhered to in the implementation of the Bill

Clause 4

2. **THAT**, Clause 4 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately paragraph (a)—
“(ab) *capture the new technologies and innovations to progressively modernize extension services;*”
- (b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.

Justifications

- a) **To ensure that the national extension policy captures modern technological innovations to ensure that extension service is modernized.**
- b) **To put emphasis on the county government and county executive committee member.**

Clause 5

3. **THAT**, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) in by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.
- (b) in subclause (3) in by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.

Justification

To put emphasis on the county government and county executive committee member.

Clause 8

4. **THAT**, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after the opening statement is subclause (1)—
(aa) Regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services;
- (b) in subclause (1) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d)—
“(e) *create and manage a national agriculture and livestock extension data centre that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable; and*
(f) *Monitor and moderate linkages between the Service.*”
- (c) in subclause (2)—
 - (i) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately before paragraph (a)—
“(aa) *advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to agricultural extension services;*”
 - (ii) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefore the following new paragraph—

“(b) undertake research and support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and promote extension service to improve economic activities;”

(iii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture and livestock industry;”

(iv) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (k)—

“(l) encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in a simple and easily accessible digital system;

(m) encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;

(n) establish partnerships and networks with relevant regional, continental and international research extension training bodies;

(o) develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in agricultural extension services;

(p) coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technology, innovations and management practices through continuous inventions from ongoing and completed government funded program projects; and

(q) secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform extension services; and

(r) carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.”

Justifications

- a) To ensure that the Service manages and maintains an agriculture and livestock data centre as a central digital storage where data on agriculture extension service research is stored
- b) Introduce research on extension service as a function of the Service;
- c) Incorporate the use of technology in extension service; and
- d) Enrich the functions of the Service by including important functions that have been omitted.

Clause 10

5. **THAT**, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in sub clause (1)—

(i) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;”

(ii) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(b) one person appointed by the Council of County Governors who shall be the vice-chairperson of the Board;”

(iii) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(e) the managing director of the National Agriculture and Livestock Service Information Centre;”

- (iv) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(f) *the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;*”
- (v) by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(g) *one person representing an umbrella body of the farmers’ organizations nominated by the Cabinet Secretary;*”
- (b) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
“(2) *The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (a), (b), (g), (f), (h) and (i) by notice in the Gazette.*”

Justifications

- a) **To ensure that the Chairperson is appointed by the President and not the CS;**
- b) **To ensure that the vice-chairperson is appointed by the Council of County Governors;**
- c) **To include director of the National Agriculture and Livestock Service Information Centre as member of the Board;**
- d) **To include the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization as a member of the Board; and**
- e) **To include representation from an umbrella body of farmers’ organizations in the Board.**

Clause 11

6. THAT, Clause 11 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the opening statement and substituting therefor the following new opening statement—
“(1) *A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (b), (g), (f), (h) and (i) if that person—*”
 - (ii) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
“(c) *has at least three years’ experience in management for the vice-chairperson or a member and at least ten years for the chairperson in matters relating to agriculture, livestock extension service or any other relevant field;*”
- (b) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d)—
“(a) *is declared to be of unsound mind; or*
(b) *has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.*”
- (c) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (2)—
“2A. *In appointing the chairperson and members under this section, the Cabinet Secretary shall observe the principle of gender equity, regional and ethnic balance, and equal opportunities for the youth and persons with disabilities, and ensure that not more two-thirds of the members of the same gender.*”

Justifications

- a) To ensure correct reference to members of the Board;
- b) To include qualifications of member of the Board; and
- c) To introduce the principle of gender equity, regional and ethnic balance, and equal opportunities in appointment of the Board.

Clause 12

7. THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 12—

12B. The Chairperson or a member may be removed from office only for—

- (a) being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, in the case of a member, and the Cabinet Secretary in the case of the Chairperson;
- (b) contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other law;
- (c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office;
- (d) being an undischarged bankrupt;
- (e) being convicted of a felony; or
- (f) being incompetent or neglecting duty.

13B. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the relevant appointing authority shall appoint a new Chairperson or member, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Justification

To introduce the procedure for removal of the Chairperson or member of the Board and the procedure for filling a vacancy

Clause 14

8. THAT, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (1)—

- (i) by deleting the word “*economics*” appearing in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word “*benefits*”;
- (ii) by deleting the word “*economics*” appearing in paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the word “*benefits*”;
- (iii) by deleting the word “*continuing*” appearing in paragraph (h) and substituting therefor the word “*continuous*”; and
- (iv) by inserting the words “*on extension service delivery*” immediately after the word “*industry*” in paragraph (i);

(b) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.

(c) by inserting the following new clause immediately after subclause (1)—

14B. (1) The Board shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board has power to—

- (a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;
- (b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;
- (c) receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;
- (d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;
- (e) open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and
- (f) invest any of its funds not immediately required in a manner and purpose provided in the Act.

Justifications

- a) **To enhance clarity of the functions of the Board by ensuring that the functions reflect the mandate of the Board; and**
- b) **To introduce the powers of the Board in the Bill.**

Clause 16

9. **THAT**, the Bill be amended in Clause 16—

(a) by numbering the existing clause as subclause (1)—

(b) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1)—

(2). A delegation under this section—

- (a) shall be subject to any conditions as the Board may impose;
- (b) shall not divest the Board off the responsibility concerning the exercise of its powers or the performance of the duties delegated to it; and
- (c) may be withdrawn, and any decision made by the person to whom the delegation is made may be withdrawn or varied by the Board.

Justification

To provide clarity on the powers of the Board to delegate.

Clause 19

10. **THAT**, Clause 19 of the Bill be amended—
- (a) by inserting the words “*the accounting officer*” immediately before the word “*responsible*” in paragraph (a);
 - (b) by inserting the words “*custodian of all records*” immediately before the word “*of*” in paragraph (b); and
 - (c) inserting the words “*the head of secretariat and*” immediately after the word “*be*” in paragraph (c);

Justification

To provide clarity on the functions of the Chief Executive Officer.
Clause 20

11. **THAT**, Clause 20 of the Bill be amended—
- (a) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c)—
“*(ca) is incompetent or neglects duty;*”
 - (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (e)—
“*(fa) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.*”
 - (c) by deleting paragraph (f).

Justification

To provide clarity on the grounds for removal of the Chief Executive Officer.

Clause 26

12. **THAT**, Clause 26 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” appearing in subclause (2) and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.

Justification

To put emphasis on the county government and not the County Executive Committee Member since the Bill is a national legislation.

CLAUSE 27

13. **THAT**, Clause 27 of the Bill be amended—
- (a) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” appearing in subclause (1) and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.
 - (b) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection (1), the county government shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed to the further devolved units and the resolution centres.”

Justifications

- a) **To put emphasis on the county government and not the County Executive Committee Member since the Bill is a national legislation; and**
- b) **To make reference to the correct devolved units under the county governments.**

Clause 30

14. **THAT**, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” appearing in subclause (1) and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.
- (b) in subclause (2)—
 - by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” appearing in paragraph (a) subparagraph (vi) and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.
- (c) in paragraph (b) by inserting the following new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iv)—
 - “(v) *the geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover*”.
- (d) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.

Justifications

- a) **To put emphasis on the county government and not the County Executive Committee Member since the Bill is a national legislation; and**
- b) **To include geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover in the register of extension service providers.**

Clause 31

15. **THAT**, Clause 31 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the words “*county executive committee member*” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “*county government*”.
 - (ii) By inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
 - “(c) *position of functional technology and data centres*.”
- (b) in subclause (2) by inserting the words “*as per the tallies of the data centres*” immediately after the word “*county*” in paragraph (a).

Justifications

- a) To put emphasis on the county government and not the County Executive Committee Member since the Bill is a national legislation; and
- b) To include position of functional technology and data centres as part of the information to be publicized in the county website.

NEW CLAUSES

16. THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part IV(A) and Part IV(B) and immediately after Clause 31—

PART IV(A)-NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE DATA CENTER

31A. (1) There is established a Data Centre to be known as the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre.

(2) The Centre shall serve as a centralized digital storage in which data on agricultural extension services research is stored.

(3) The Centre shall contain agricultural extension services research data from—

- (a) Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation;
- (b) universities;
- (c) agricultural research institutes;
- (d) agricultural professionals;
- (e) farmer organization;
- (f) international agricultural research organisations; and
- (g) any other relevant organization.

(4) The Centre shall be easily accessible and user friendly.

31B. The functions of the Centre shall include to —

- (a) receive, analyse, process and sort out agricultural challenges as relayed by farmers through the diagnostic with a view of proposing solutions;
- (b) promote scientific and technological advancements by highlighting on the available improved agricultural varieties and technologies;
- (c) store agricultural research data;
- (d) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education and benefits;
- (e) establish extension planning and information sharing platforms;
- (f) test promising technologies from research on the farmers' fields and promote relevant ones for mass adoption;
- (g) strengthen the agricultural research - extension - farmer- linkage;
- (h) design and supervise on-farm adaptive research trials;
- (i) ensure better quality research for the development of appropriate up-to-date technologies and innovations oriented to farmers' needs;
- (j) enable the synchronized processing of agricultural data and information; and

(k) facilitate co-ordination and partnership among agencies involved in agricultural research.

31C. (1) The Centre shall be administered by the Service.

(2) The Service shall establish a digital platform for data storage.

(3) The Service shall ensure maintenance of the integrity and security of the Center.

31D. (1) All county governments shall be users of the Centre.

(2) Any person or entity may apply to the Centre through the Registrar for registration as a user of the Centre.

(3) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form.

(4) The Service shall —

(a) issue a notification of registration to a registered user of the repository; and

(b) maintain an electronic register of the registered users of the Centre.

(5) The Service may—

(a) reject an application under this section where a person fails to meet the conditions specified in the Regulations or any other law;

(b) deregister a person registered under this section, where the person—

(i) contravenes the conditions specified in the Regulations made under this Act or any other law; or

(ii) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other relevant law relating to improper access to or interference with the Centre.

PART IV(B)–AGRICULTURE AND LVESTOCK DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

31E. (1) Each county government shall establish an Agriculture and Livestock Diagnostic Centre.

(2) The diagnostic centre shall serve as the primary agricultural extension services diagnostic center.

(3) The diagnostic centre shall be funded by the county government.

31F. The functions of the diagnostic centre are to—

(a) diagnose prevailing farming problems in the county;

(b) relay the diagnosed farming problems to the data centre for obtain appropriate solutions;

(c) simplify and relay complex solutions for use by farmers and other value chain actors;

(d) act as a link between farmers, extension service providers and the data centre;

(e) empower farmers to access and utilize agricultural extension services;

(f) promote farmer groups and high-level farmer organizations to develop capacity to manage farming enterprises;

(g) to support the private sector to develop capacity for delivery of agricultural extension services;

(h) foster farmer education;

(i) promote scientific and technological advancements in agricultural extension services;

(j) provide essential public services through consultations and online support, aimed at enhancing farmers' capabilities;

(k) receive request for information and data on abnormal occurrences for solutions;

(l) interpret farmers' request and relay solution;

(m) act as a link between the national, regional and international research generating centres; and

(n) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

31G. (1) The Diagnostic Centre shall be administered by the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar shall coordinate and collaborate with extension services officers in the delivery of the Center's services.

Justifications

- a) To introduce the incorporation of technology in the Bill by establishing a National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre, its functions, administration and registration of users; and
- b) To establish an Agriculture and Livestock Diagnostic Centre in each county, its function and administration.

Clause 33

17. **THAT**, Clause 31 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words "*National Assembly and Senate*" appearing in subclause (3) and substituting therefor the word "*Parliament*".

Justification

To replace the National Assembly and Senate with Parliament since both Houses are known as Parliament.

Clause 35

18. **THAT**, Clause 35 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words "*but not being more than six months*" immediately after the word "*approve*" in subclause (1).

Justification

To ensure that the Cabinet Secretary cannot delay submission of the annual report and publications for more than six months.

Clause 37

19. **THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 37 and substituting therefor the following new Clause—
"37. A county government may make county specific legislations on extension services so long as they are not in conflict with this Act or any regulations made under this Act."

Justification

To ensure that the Bill does not limit the counties on the county specific legislations to legislate on.


Clause 39

20. **THAT**, Clause 39 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(d) guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers".

Justification

To ensure that the Cabinet Secretary gives guidelines on remuneration and does not set remuneration since that is the work of SRC.

SIGNED  DATE 18/02/2022
HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, CBS, MP
CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

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**ANNEX ONE:
ADOPTION
SCHEDULE**



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION - 2025

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

ADOPTION SCHEDULE

We, the undersigned Honorable Members of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock today, Thursday, 13th February 2025 do hereby affix our signatures to this **Report on the Consideration of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)** to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity:

S/NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUITHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, CBS, MP - CHAIRPERSON	
2.	HON. BRIGHTON LEONARD YEGON, MP - VICE-CHAIRPERSON	
3.	HON. SABINA WANJIRU CHEGE, CBS, MP	
4.	HON. FERDINAND KEVIN WANYONYI, MP	
5.	HON. GEOFFREY MAKOKHA ODANGA, MP	
6.	HON. JUSTICE KIPSANG KEMEI, MP	
7.	HON. JARED ODOYO OKOLO, MP	
8.	HON. LAWRENCE MPURU ABURI, MP	
9.	HON. DAVID KIPLAGAT, MP	
10.	HON. GABRIEL GATHUKA KAGOMBE, MP	
11.	HON. MONICAH MUTHONI MARUBU, MP	
12.	HON. PAMELA NJOKI NJERU, MP	
13.	HON. PATRICK KIBAGENDI OSERO, MP	
14.	HON. PETER KALERWA SALASYA, MP	
15.	HON. YUSSUF MOHAMED FARAH, MP	

**ANNEX TWO:
MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE'S
SITTINGS**



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION - 2025

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 2ND SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD ON THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2025 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 22, 5TH FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, CBS, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP | | |
| 11. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
2. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP
3. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
4. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Laureen Wesonga | - | Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mr. Victor K. Kilimo | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 3. CPA Robert Ng'etich | - | Fiscal Analyst II |
| 4. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 5. Mr. Shadrack Musyoki | - | Research Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Dickson O. Oloo | - | Audio Assistant |

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Adoption of the Agenda

3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. **Consideration and Adoption of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)**
6. **Consideration and Adoption of the Proposed Livestock Insurance Bill, 2024**
7. Any other Business
8. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2025/006: PRELIMINARIES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at twenty-eight minutes past ten O'clock with prayer by the Chairperson.

The Agenda was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP and seconded by Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2025/007: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This agenda was differed.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2025/008: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

The Legal Counsel, Mr. Gerald Kadede, reported that the amendments proposed by the Committee to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) were agreeable as they were not changing the meaning of the Bill.

Consequently, the report on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) was adopted having been proposed by Hon. David Kiplagat, MP and seconded by Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2025/009: CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED LIVESTOCK INSURANCE BILL, 2024

OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROPOSED BILL

The Committee made the following observations on the proposed Bill:

1. The Bill is discriminative as it only provides for livestock insurance to pastoralists in arid and semi-arid areas, the First Schedule to the Bill lists counties perceived to be arid and semi-arid leaving out other counties. Article 27(1) of the Constitution provides that every person is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law. The long title of the Bill provides that the Bill is an Act of Parliament to regulate and provide for livestock insurance to pastoralist in arid and semi-arid areas in Kenya. There is no justification for discrimination of pastoralists in other parts of Kenya and other Kenyans who keep livestock.
2. Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to provide a framework for purchase of fully subsidised livestock insurance covers to protect pastoralists in arid and semi-arid areas against losses during dry seasons. The Committee was of the opinion that an insurance ought to be on an unforeseeable risk. Droughts are predictable during certain periods before

they actually occur hence do not amount to unforeseeable risk. It is therefore a risk that can be mitigated in advance before it occurs.

Issues raised by the Office of the Attorney-General

3. The Committee also took cognizance of the the following issues raised by the Attorney-General:
 - (a) Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to regulate issuance of insurance cover to pastoralists without taking into consideration provisions of the Insurance Act, creating a potential conflict in the insurance sector;
 - (b) Potential conflict between the Livestock Insurance Board established under Clause 4 of the Bill and the Insurance Regulatory Authority, the Kenya Reinsurance Corporation of Kenya and the Kenya Deposits Insurance Corporation;
 - (c) The potential conflict between the objects of the Bill and section 3A of the Insurance Act which mandates the Insurance Regulatory Authority to regulate the insurance industry in Kenya;
 - (d) Establishment of the Livestock Insurance Fund under Clause 19 of the Bill is contrary to Section 24 of the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A); and
 - (e) The inconsistency of Clause 29 of the Bill to the provisions of Article 47 on fair administrative action and Fair Administrative Action Act (Cap. 7L)

RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED BILL

From the above observations, the Committee recommended that the proposed Livestock Insurance Bill, 2024 should not be published.

The above observations and recommendation were adopted by the Committee having been proposed by Hon. David Kiplagat, MP and seconded by Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/010:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture was out of the country on official business and the formal meeting would therefore not take place as planned.
2. The 2025 Budget Policy Statement had been submitted to the National Assembly and would be committed to committees for consideration during the House Sitting in the afternoon.
3. The Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023) had been passed by the Senate without amendments and will therefore proceed to H.E. the President for assent.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/010:

ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at thirty-six minutes past eleven O'clock. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th February 2025 in Committee Room 12, New Wing, Main Parliament Building, at 10.00 am.

SIGNED:  DATE: 18/02/2025
HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUITHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, CBS, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION - 2024

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 48TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2024
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 26, 5ND FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER, PARLIAMENT
BUILDINGS AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
2. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP
3. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
4. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
5. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

A. COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Victor K. Kilimo | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 2. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 3. Mr. Shadrack Musyoki | - | Senior Research Officer III |
| 4. Ms. Edith Chepngeno | - | Media Relations Officer III |
| 5. Ms. Zainabu Zora | - | Serjeant-at-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Dickson O. Oloo | - | Audio Officer |

**B. KENYA AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
(KALRO)**

1. Mr. Salim Kinyimu - Director ICT
2. Ms. Brenda Waithaka - Ag. Assistant Director, Legal Services

C. AGRICULTURE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE (AIRC)

1. Mr. Festus Njogu - Assistant Director
2. Ms. Cecilia Loru - ICT Officer Services

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. **Meeting with Kenya Agriculture & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Agriculture Information Resource Centre (AIRC) and Council of Governors (COG) to consider the Agricultural & Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)**
6. **Consideration of the report on the discrepancies raised by tea Farmers in Bomet, Nyamira and Kisii Counties on 2023/2024 bonuses.**
7. Any other Business
8. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/218: PRELIMINARIES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at sixteen past ten O'clock with prayer by the Chairperson, Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP followed by a round of introductions.

The agenda was adopted with the following amendments having been proposed by Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP and seconded by Hon. Pamela Njoki, MP, the committee agreed to consider the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) and defer the consideration of the report regarding the discrepancies raised by tea Farmers in Bomet, Nyamira and Kisii counties to a later date since the committee had stakeholders from Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization and Agricultural Information Resource Centre (AIRC); and also, to allow the Hon. Members to attend Speaker's *Kamkunji* later at 11.00 am.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/219: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The agenda was deferred to next Sitting.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/220: CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE DISCREPANCIES RAISED BY TEA FARMERS IN BOMET, NYAMIRA AND KISII COUNTIES.

The agenda was deferred to a later date.

1. Agricultural Information Resource Centre (AIRC)

Mr. Festus Njogu, the Assistant Director, Agricultural Information Resource Centre (AIRC) informed the committee that their sources of information are institutions like KALRO and KHEPIS and any other institution whose materials are relevant. Their work cuts across all the agriculture and livestock value chains.

The institution has two centers Kenya Agriculture Information and Knowledge Centre and the Information Centre Revolving Fund. These two bodies were created by an executive order as departments in the ministry of Agriculture in 1993.

Roles of the Agricultural Information Resource Centre - AIRC

- i. Documenting, producing and disseminating technical agricultural information products through mass media platforms to farmers, extension workers, and other stakeholders.
- ii. Collecting, Processing, Disseminating, Storage and Repository of agricultural information from research institutions, universities, relevant state agencies and other stakeholders across the agricultural sector.
- iii. Collaborate with relevant agencies to produce and disseminate information on agricultural priority value chains, Technologies Innovations and Management Practices TIMPS within and outside the ministry of Agriculture and Livestock development.
- iv. Document and share the progress, success stories and impacts of various agricultural development initiatives for shared learning.
- v. Carryout tailor-made capacity building courses on selected topics in ICT for Agriculture, Agricultural Information and Knowledge Management.
- vi. Production and Airing of Radio programs to inform farmers and other stakeholders and also create interactive platforms of knowledge sharing.
- vii. AIRC host the main library for ministry of agriculture and livestock.

2. Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)

Mr. Salim Kinyimu, the Information Communication Technology director, Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) informed members that KALRO is the hub of agricultural and livestock research in the country after the amalgamation of KARI, Sugar Research Fund and Tea Research Fund.

KALRO has 17 Institutes and 52 centers in Kenya. They do research on technologies, use and transfer of those technologies to reach out to its stakeholders. They have developed County

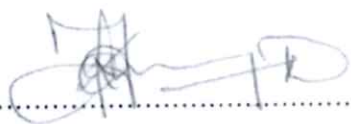
specific interventions in agriculture. KALRO embraces digital technology to partners with youths at the counties through agri-preneur model which intergrades market data, technology information management and farmers data.

Resolution

The chair explained how important their roles were in regards to the Agricultural & Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022). Both Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and Agricultural Information Resource Centre (AIRC) were tasked to draft a model on how technology can be used as a tool for extension services and report back to the committee on Tuesday 19th November 2024.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/222: ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 10.00 am at a venue to be communicated.

SIGNED:  DATE: 28/11/2024

**HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK**



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION - 2024

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 45TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD AT HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, ROOM GARDEN SUITE 3, MACHAKOS COUNTY ON WEDNESDAY, 31TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
2. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
3. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
4. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
5. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Victor K. Kilimo | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 2. Mr. David Ngeno | - | Principal Research Officer |
| 3. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 4. Mr. Muhumed Shillow | - | Research Officer III |
| 5. Ms. Zainabu Zora | - | Serjeant-at-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Danton Kimutai | - | Audio Assistant |

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. Clause by Clause Consideration of the Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2023)
6. Clause by Clause Consideration of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)
7. Any other Business
8. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/203: PRELIMINARIES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at five minutes past three O'clock with prayer by the Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP, then he invited the legal counsel to continue from where the meeting had stopped.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/204: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda was deferred.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/205: CLAUSE BY CLAUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

1. Clause 14; Adopt clause 14 with amendments
 - a) Amend Clause 14(c) by replacing the word *economics* with *benefits*
 - b) Amend Clause 14(e) by replacing the word *groups* with *players*
 - c) Amend Clause 14(g) by deleting the words '*pertaining to*' and replace with *where we have gaps in extension services.*
 - d) Edit clause 14 (h) to replace the word *continuing* with *continuous.*
 - e) At Clause 14(2) replace the words *county executive* with *county government.*
 - f) At Clause 14(3) insert subheading

Powers of the board

The Board shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

- (2) *Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board has power to—*
 - (a) *control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;*
 - (b) *determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;*
 - (c) *receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;*
 - (d) *enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;*
 - (e) *open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and*
 - (f) *invest any of its funds not immediately required for its purposes in the manner provided in the Act.*

2. Clause 15; Agreed to
3. Clause 16; Agreed to
4. Clause 17; Agreed to
5. Clause 18; Amend to add
'The Chief Executive Officer shall be an ex-officio member of the Board but shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Board. 'to clause 18.
6. Clause 19; add to the functions of the chief executive the following subclauses
 - (a) *be the accounting officer;*
 - (b) *head the Secretariat;*
 - (c) *be the custodian of all records of the Board;*
7. Clause 20; add to the conditions of the removal of the chief executive
 - (a) *incompetence or neglect of duty;*
 - (b) *any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.*
8. Clause 21; Agreed to
9. Clause 22; Agreed to
10. Clause 23; Agreed to
11. Clause 24; Agreed to
12. Clause 25; Agreed to
13. Clause 26; Agreed to
14. Clause 27; Adopt with amendments
Amend 27(2) by deleting the words 'grassroot level' and replacing it with 'further devolved units or levels'
15. Clause 28; Agreed to
16. Clause 29; Agreed to
17. Clause 30; Adopt with amendments
Amend 30(2)(a) by adding "scope that each extension service officer can cover"
18. Clause 31; Adopt with amendments
Amend 31(1) by replacing 'County Executive' with 'County Government' and introduce a diagnostics centre to be named agriculture and livestock diagnostics resolution centre domiciled at the county.
Amend 31(2)(a) to read 'the most common pests and diseases as per the tallying at the diagnostics centre'
"The County Executive Committee Member shall designate a public officer within the County Public Service as a Registrar of extension services officers and providers, who shall keep and maintain the register in which the names of persons and entities suitably qualified under this Act shall be entered as soon as is practicable."
19. Clause 32; introduce clause 32 which reads registration of extension service officers
 - (1) *An extension services officer or a private entity that intends to provide extension services shall register with the respective county government in which they intend to provide the services.*
 - (2) *An application for a registration shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.*

(3) *An extension services officer or private entity offering extension services who intend to change any particulars furnished in the application for registration shall notify the registrar of the change of details within seven days of the occurrence of the change.*

(4) *All changes in the particulars registered shall be entered in the register by the Registrar as soon as is practicable after receipt of notification thereof.*

20. Clause 33; introduce clause 33 Register of extension service providers

1. *The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register of—*

- (a) *extension services officer registered in the respective county; and*
- (b) *private entities providing extension services in the respective county.*

(2) *The register under subsection (1) shall include the following—*

(a) *in the case of an extension services officer—*

- (i) *name;*
- (ii) *identification details as per the identification documents;*
- (iii) *contact details;*
- (iv) *qualifications;*
- (v) *information on current status of employment; and*
- (vi) *such other information as may be prescribed in the county legislation; and*

(b) *in the case of a private entity—*

- (i) *name of the entity;*
- (ii) *number and details of extension services officers employed by the entity;*
- (iii) *area of specialty; and*

location of the entity's headquarters and branches.

21. Clause 34; Introduce clause 34 Publication of extension services

Each County Executive Committee Member shall publish on a website maintained by the county government and on such other platform as the County Executive Committee Member may consider appropriate, information on the—

- (a) *extension services available in the county; and*
- (b) *extension services officers delivering the services within the county.*

(2) *The information published under subsection (1) shall include—*

- (a) *emerging pests and diseases that may affect crops and livestock in the county;*
- (b) *the major challenges faced by farmers and the action required to prevent or mitigate such challenges;*
- (c) *the preventive and curative measures available to the farmers;*
- (d) *information about resources available to support farmers within the county; and*
- (e) *such other information relating to extension services that the County Executive Committee Member may consider necessary.*

(3) *The information under subsection (1) shall be accessible to the residents of the county and shall be published in a format that is easy to understand*

Introduce part 4 which reads: -

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE DATA CENTRE

22. Introduce clause 35 that reads,

2. (1) *There is established a Data Diagnostics Center to be known as the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services data Centre.*

(2) *The data centre shall serve as a centralized digital storage in which information on agricultural extension services research is stored and shared.*

(3) *The data centre shall contain agricultural extension services research data from—*

- (a) *Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization;*

- (b) Universities;
 - (c) Agricultural research institutes;
 - (d) agricultural professionals;
 - (e) farmer organization;
 - (f) international agricultural research organizations; and
 - (g) any other relevant organization.
- (4) The data Centre shall be easily accessible and user friendly.

23. Clause 36; introduce clause 36 Functions of the diagnostics data center

3. The functions of the data center shall include to —
- (a) receive, analyses, process and sort out agricultural challenges as relayed by farmers through the resolution centers with a view of proposing solutions;
 - (b) promote scientific and technological advancements by introducing improved agricultural varieties and technologies;
 - (c) store agricultural research data;
 - (d) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education and benefits;
 - (e) establish extension planning and information sharing platforms;
 - (f) bridge the gap between government policies and farmers' needs by facilitating sustainable agricultural development and ensuring a robust support system for Kenya's farming community;
 - (g) test promising technologies from research on the farmers' fields and promote relevant ones for mass adoption;
 - (h) strengthen the agricultural research - extension - farmer- linkage;
 - (i) design and supervise on-farm adaptive research trials;
 - (j) ensure better quality research for the development of appropriate up-to-date technologies and innovations oriented to farmers' needs;
 - (k) enable the synchronized processing of agricultural data and information; and
 - (l) facilitate co-ordination and partnership among agencies involved in agricultural research.

24. Clause 37; introduce clause 37 Administration of the Data Diagnostics Center

- (1) The data centre shall be administered by the Service.
- (2) The Service shall establish a digital platform for data storage.
- (3) The Service shall ensure maintenance of the integrity and security of the data center.

25. Clause 38; Introduce clause 38 Registration of Users

4. (1) Any person may apply to the Service through the Registrar for registration as a user of the data centre.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form.
 - (3) The Service shall —
 - (a) issue a notification of registration to a registered user of the data centre; and
 - (b) maintain an electronic register of the registered users of the data centre.
 - (4) The Service may—
 - (a) reject an application under this section where a person fails to meet the conditions specified in the Regulations or any other law;
 - (b) deregister a person registered under this section, where the person—
 - (i) contravenes the conditions specified in the Regulations made under this Act or any other law; or

(ii) *is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other relevant law relating to improper access to or interference with the data centre.*

26. Clause 39; Introduce clause 39 Fees

The Service may—

- (a) *subject to approval by the Cabinet Secretary, charge fees for its services as may be prescribed; and*
- (b) *facilitate, through the Repository, the collection of any other dues as agreed upon by relevant government ministries, departments or agencies as provided for under any written law.*

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/206:

ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th November at 10.00 am at committee room on the second floor, Continental House.

SIGNED:  DATE: 12/11/2024

HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUITHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION - 2024

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 44TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD AT HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, ROOM GARDEN SUIT 3, MACHAKOS COUNTY ON WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
2. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
3. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
4. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
5. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Victor K. Kilimo | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 2. Mr. David Ngeno | - | Principal Research Officer |
| 3. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 4. Mr. Muhumed Shillow | - | Research Officer III |
| 5. Ms. Zainabu Zora | - | Serjeant-at-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Danton Kimutai | - | Audio Assistant |

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. **Clause by Clause Consideration of the Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2023)**
6. **Clause by Clause Consideration of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)**
7. Any other Business
8. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/199: PRELIMINARIES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at twenty-five minutes past nine O'clock with prayer by the Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP. The Chairperson then welcomed members for the morning session. The Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2023) was briefly discussed by members and a decision was reached to put it on hold to allow for further consultations with the ministry.

The chair introduced the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) for discussion. Members were informed that there was a missing link between research institutions, technology and innovations, extension services, farmers, NGOs, international, national and county governments. The Chair informed members the need to enhance the Bill. Its at this point that the committee decided that as they discuss the Bill there was need to invite Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and Agricultural Information Centre (AIC) and County Governments.

Members noted that as it is the Bill from senate does not take into consideration technology. Members also noted that the Bill would be substantially influenced by the National Assembly Agriculture and Livestock Committee. As a result, the Chair was tasked to have a discussion with Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the house leadership. The Chair committed to organize an informal meeting between the two committees (NA Committee on Agriculture and Livestock & Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/200: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda was deferred.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/201: CLAUSE BY CLAUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

1. Clause 3; Amend to include
 - (a) *to achieve sustainable agricultural extension and advisory services for increased agricultural productivity and improved welfare of value chain actors;*
 - (b) *to enhance coordination and collaboration through improving research-extension-in agricultural and livestock products value chains.*
 - (c) *for the adoption of a coordinated and pluralistic approach to the provision of extension services*
 - (d) *for the provision of financial support to the various players in the extension services*

2. Clause 4 (2); Amend to include
Guiding principles.

"In the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers conferred on the Service by this Act, the Service shall be guided by—

- (a) The national values and principles of governance set out in Article 10 of the Constitution;*
- (b) accountability and focus on citizens;*
- (c) simplicity and practicability;*
- (d) productivity and income generation;*
- (e) social inclusivity, non-discrimination and equity;*
- (f) modernization and use of new technology;*
- (g) consistency and predictability; and*
- (h) technical and financial sustainability."*

Amend part 2 to read –

NATIONAL AND COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE POLICY AND STRATEGY

- 3. Clause 5; Adopt Clause 4 of the senate amendments as part of Clause 5 and substitute County Executive with County Government.
- 4. Clause 6; Adopt clause 5 of the senate amendments as part of Clause 6 and substitute County Executive with County Government.
- 5. Clause 7; Adopt clause 7 of the senate amendments as it is.
- 6. Clause 8(1); Adopt clause 8 of the senate amendments as it is; then add the following sub-clause
"create and manage a National agriculture and livestock extension repository that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable"
Clause 8(2); Amend by adding the following sub-clause.
 - (2) In the performance of its functions under subsection (1), the Service shall—*
 - (a) encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;*
 - (b) establish research and extension partnerships and networks with regional and international training institutions;*
 - (c) develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in agricultural extension services;*
 - (d) coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technologies and management practices through continuous inventory of the outcomes from ongoing and completed government funded projects.*
 - (e) secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform services.*
 - (f) carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.*
- 7. Clause 9; Agreed to.
- 8. Clause 10; Amend to read
 - (1) The Board shall consist of—*
 - (a) a Chairperson appointed by the president;*
 - (b) one person nominated to represent County Governments who shall be the Vice-Chairperson of the Board;*
 - (c) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry responsible for agriculture or a representative designated in writing;*
 - (d) the Principal Secretary in the Ministry responsible for livestock or a representative designated in writing;*
 - (e) director general the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization or his nominee;*
 - (f) one person representing universities and training institutions with long standing experience in agriculture and livestock;*
 - (g) one person representing farmers organizations; and*
 - (h) the Chief Executive Officer who shall be an ex-officio member and Secretary to the Board.*

9. Clause 11; Adopt clause 11 as it is in the senate Bill.

Amend by adding the sub-clauses

- (a) *'Has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the constitution or any other written law*
- (b) *Is declared to be of unsound mind*
- (c) *In appointing the Chairperson and members under this section, the Cabinet Secretary shall observe the principle of gender equity, regional and ethnic balance and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and ensure that not more than two-thirds of the members are of same gender."*

10. Clause 12; Agreed to

11. Clause 13; Agreed to

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/202: ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at twenty-four minutes past one o'clock. The next meeting will be held on 31st October at 3.00 pm at Hilton Garden Inn, Suite 3.

SIGNED:  DATE: 12/11/2024

HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION - 2024

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 41ST SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 14 ON 2ND FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Jared Odoyo Okelo, MP
2. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
3. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP
4. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP
5. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

A. COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Ms. Lauren O. Wesonga | - | Clerk Assistant I |
| 2. Mr. Victor K. Kilimo | - | Clerk Assistant III |
| 3. Mr. Gerald Kadede | - | Legal Counsel II |
| 4. Mr. Muhumed Shillow | - | Research Officer III |
| 5. Edith Chepngeno | - | Media Relations Officer III |
| 6. Mr. Collins Mahamba | - | Audio Assistant |
| 7. Ms. Nabayi Bernadette | - | Intern, Media Relations Officer |

B. KENYA NATIONAL FARMERS FEDERATION

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| Ms. Mary Gakeni | - | Research Policy, Lobby and Advocacy Officer |
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AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. Stakeholder Engagement on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)
6. Any other Business
7. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/186: PRELIMINARIES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at twenty-nine minutes past ten O'clock with prayer by the Chairperson. The Chairperson then requested everyone present in the meeting to introduce themselves.

The Committee adopted the Agenda of the meeting having been proposed by Hon. Justice Kemei, MP and seconded by Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/187: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 40th Sitting were adopted having been proposed by Hon. Yussuf Farah, MP and seconded by Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP as a true reflection of the proceedings.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/188: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

The Chairperson welcomed an official from the Kenya National Farmers Federation to present their views on the Stakeholder Engagement on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022). They submitted as follows:

Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)

Ms. Mary Kageni, the Projects Officer, KENAFF, proposed that the Bill be amended to incorporate the following issues and concerns.

1. Definition of the extension services needs to be included in the interpretation of terms. There is need for a clear definition of the services; are the services only limited to advisory on farm inputs/ factors of production? Does it include monitor the farmers' productivity and monitor their consumer rights of the products for example the farm chemicals they use and its impacts on their produce, and environment. 2. Part II clause 4(2) (b, d and e); Stipulate for provision of adequate support and capacity development for growers and other stakeholders in mung bean industry. There is need to amend this to speak to all agricultural crops.
2. Clause 8c: development of new uses and new products for agricultural commodities and alternative production method to develop new crops: This is mandates of KALRO and Biosafety Authority. Extension services could be involved in the monitoring of the impacts of the new agricultural commodities and the new production methods.

3. Clause 8: there is need to incorporate monitoring impacts of farm inputs use as one of the responsibilities of the extension services, and ensuring farmers rights are well taken care of to ensure the quality of products farmers use is safe for both their safety and the environment. Extension officers could also be mandated to enforce the agricultural regulations and any person contravening the guidelines held accountable for their actions.
4. Extension services board needs to incorporate the representatives from the Natural resources, conservation and or environment, veterinary and representation from the NGO and CSO who are involved in agriculture.
5. The bill needs to have provisions for the adoption of regulated. the e-extension services and how they will be
6. What is the implementation and the monitoring strategies for the extension services?
7. The scope of the agriculture and livestock extension services should also consider aquaculture and apiculture.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/189:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

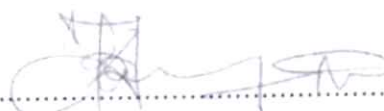
1. The Chairperson informed the meeting that the committee had a lot of pending business. The chair proposed a retreat to consider all matters before the committee.
2. The Chair proposed a field visit to some tea factories in Bomet, Kisii and Meru during the short recess.
3. Members raised concerns with how Bills before the committee was receiving a backlash and negative publicity. The committee agreed to enhance communications on Bills before the committee. The Ministry of Agriculture and Information Office should also communicate government information accurately.
4. Organize a retreat with the Ministry of Agriculture and stakeholders to address challenges facing the sector.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2024/190:

ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at five minutes to noon. The next meeting will be held on notice.

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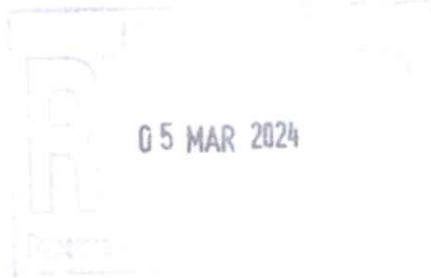


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**HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, PhD, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK**



**ANNEX THREE:
COPY OF THE
AGRICULTURAL AND
LIVESTOCK EXTENSION
SERVICES BILL (SENATE
BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)**



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PARLIAMENT

SENATE BILLS

(Bill No. 12 of 2022)

**THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022**

(A Bill published in the Kenya *Gazette* Supplement No. 205 of 30th December, 2022 and passed by the Senate, with amendments, on Wednesday, 21st February, 2024.)



**THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022
ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

Clause

PART I – PRELIMINARY

- 1—Short title.
- 2—Interpretation.
- 3—Objects.

**PART II-NATIONAL AND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES
STRATEGY**

- 4—National Extension Services Strategy.
- 5—County Extension Services Strategy.

**PART III –AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICE.**

- 6—Establishment of the Service.
- 7—Headquarters of the Service.
- 8—Functions of the Service.
- 9—Board of Directors.
- 10—Composition of the Board.
- 11—Qualification of appointment as a member.
- 12—Tenure of appointment.
- 13—Vacation of office.
- 14—Functions of the Board.
- 15—Committees of the Board.
- 16—Delegation by the Board
- 17—Remuneration of members of the Board.
- 18—Chief Executive officer.
- 19—Functions of the Chief executive officer.

20—Removal of the chief executive officer.

21—Staff of the Board.

22—Protection from personal liability.

23—Common seal of the Board.

24—Signing authority.

25—Meeting of the Board.

PART IV — ROLE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

26—Role of county governments.

27—Recruitment of extension services officers.

28— Qualification for extension services officers.

29—Registration of extension services officers.

30—Register of extension services providers.

31—Publicizing extension services.

PART V – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

32—Funds of the service.

33—Annual estimates.

34—Accounts and Audit.

35—Annual Report and Publication.

36—Financial year of the Board.

PART VI – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

37—County specific legislation.

38 —Adherence to set rules.

39—Regulations.

**SCHEDULE — PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF
BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE BOARD.**

**THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022**

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to; provide for agricultural and livestock extension services; establish the Agricultural and Extension Service; and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows —

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural and livestock Extension Services Act, 2022.

Short title.

2. In this Act, —

Interpretation

“Board” means the Board established under section 9;

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to agriculture;

“chief executive officer” means the person appointed in accordance with section 18;

“extension services”; means agricultural and livestock extension services; and

“county executive committee member” means the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to agriculture.

3. The objects of this Act is to provide for a framework —

Objects.

- (a) to foster coordination and collaboration in extension services research by National Government, County Governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors;
- (b) to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through increased production and sourcing of competitive markets;
- (c) for the continuous and sustained research on extension services for the development of the Agricultural and livestock industry;
- (d) for adoption of a sector-wide approach to the provision extension services which enables access

to appropriate quality services from the best service providers and attains higher productivity, increased incomes and standard of living to Kenyans; and

- (e) for the provision of financial support to the various players in the extension service.

**PART II— NATIONAL AND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION
SERVICES POLICY AND STRATEGY.**

4. (1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, formulate and publish in the Gazette an agricultural and livestock extension services policy at least once every five years, for the implementation and standard delivery of extension services by the county governments.

National extension services policy.

(2) In developing the National Extension Services Policy, the Cabinet Secretary shall have regard to—

- (a) the need for an effective management and implementation structure at the national and county levels of government in order to ensure the effective development of the extension services;
- (b) adequate capacity development by imparting skills, knowledge and practices in support of players in the extension services sector;
- (c) the effective participation of stakeholders and communities at the national and county levels of government;
- (d) the development of appropriate strategies and mechanisms at the national and county levels of government necessary to support the development of extension services;
- (e) the need to have a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the policy in the development and regulation of the extension services;
- (f) the resources required at the national and county levels of government for the

- effective implementation of the policy; and
- (g) the capacity building programmes and strategies needed to be carried out to ensure that extension services providers are able to respond to the needs identified for the implementation of the policy.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall periodically review the National Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services policy and may, by notice in the *Gazette*, publish a revised national agricultural and livestock extension services policy.

(4) The Cabinet Secretary, each county executive committee member and all relevant public bodies shall, when exercising or performing any statutory function, take into account and give effect to the national agricultural and livestock extension services policy.

5. (1) Each county executive committee member shall formulate and publish, in the *Gazette*, a county specific extension services strategy.

County extension services strategy.

(2) In formulating the strategy take into account the national agricultural and livestock policy formulated by the Cabinet Secretary under section 4.

(3) The county executive committee member shall periodically review the county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy and may, by notice in the *Gazette*, publish a revised county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy.

PART III – THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE

6. (1) There is established the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.

Establishment of the Service.

(2) The Service shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable or

- immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts;
- (d) borrowing and lending money; and
- (e) doing or performing all such other things or acts as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, which may be lawfully done or performed by a body corporate.

Headquarters of the Service.

7. (1) The headquarters of the Service shall be in Nairobi.

(2) The Service may establish such other offices anywhere in Kenya as it may consider necessary for the effective performance of its functions under this Act.

8. (1) The functions of the Service shall be to—

Functions of the Service.

- (a) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;
- (b) increase the long-term productivity of agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which the national and county government's agricultural economy depend on;
- (c) develop new uses and products for agricultural commodities and develop alternative production methods for the production of new crops; and
- (d) improve risk management in the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya.

(2) In the performance of its functions under subsection (1), the Service shall—

- (a) support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture industry in Kenya;
- (b) collaborate with county governments in —

- (i) improving the coordination and planning of agricultural research, extension and training programs;
 - (ii) identifying needs and establishing priorities for programs under subparagraph (i);
 - (iii) realising the implementation of national agricultural research, extension and training objectives in the respective counties; and
 - (iv) ensuring that the results of agricultural research are effectively communicated and demonstrated to users including farmers, processors, handlers, consumers who can benefit from them.
- (c) maintain and disseminate information on standards for the supply of nutritious and safe food by the county governments;
 - (d) facilitate the transfer of technology;
 - (e) encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in simple, easily accessible digital systems;
 - (f) collaborate with international entities in order to leverage on resources, priority food and agricultural interests including addressing emerging plant and animal diseases, improving crop varieties and animal breeds and developing safe, efficient and nutritious food systems;
 - (g) mobilise resources at the national level of government for investment in development and implementation of extension service programs in the counties;
 - (h) develop and coordinate intergovernmental relation mechanisms in the delivery of services

related to extension services;

- (i) provide technical assistance and capacity building to the county governments on matters relating to extension services;
- (j) approve institutions for the training of extension services; and
- (k) establish, approve and accredit programs for continuing professional development programs

9. The management of the service shall vest in the Board of Directors. Board of Directors.

10. (1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary; Composition of the Board.
- (b) the principal secretary responsible for matters relating to agriculture;
- (c) the principle secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock;
- (d) two persons with knowledge and experience in the field extension services nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (e) one person representing national farm or producer organizations nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (f) one person representing the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;
- (g) one person representing the National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers nominated by the Association;
- (h) one person representing extension services training institutions nominated by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (i) the chief executive officer.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) by notice

in the *Gazette*.

(3) The chief executive officer shall be an *ex officio* member and secretary to the Board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Board.

11. (1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (e), (f), (g) and (h) if that person—

Qualifications for appointment as a member.

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree in agriculture or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least three years' experience in management; and
- (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person is not qualified for appointment if that person—

- (a) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (b) is a member of Parliament or county assembly; or
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt.

12. A person who is appointed under section 10 shall serve for a term of three years renewable for one further term.

Tenure of appointment.

13. A person ceases to be a member of the Board if that person—

Vacation of office.

- (a) is absent, without reasonable cause, for three consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (b) becomes an officer, agent or member of staff of the Board;
- (c) resigns by giving a notice in writing addressed to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (e) is declared bankrupt;
- (g) is unable to perform the functions of office by

reason of mental or physical infirmity; or

(h) dies.

14. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to —

Functions of the Board.

- (a) make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments on the implementation of strategies, plans and policies relating to the extension services;
- (b) advise the Cabinet Secretary and the County governments on Priority areas of Extension Service programs and the role of Non-state actors and other Extension Service Providers in line with the Policy;
- (c) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education, and economics with respect to the policies and priorities and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary based on such evaluation;
- (d) review and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary on the mechanisms needed for agricultural extension technology assessment and development for the purposes of—
 - (i) performance measurement and evaluation of the implementation of the Extension services program in Kenya; and
 - (ii) the development of mechanisms for the assessment of emerging public and private agricultural research and technology transfer initiatives.
- (e) consult with industry groups on agricultural research, extension, education, and economics, and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments based on the consultation;
- (f) consult with any appropriate agencies and solicit opinions and recommendations on persons who will benefit from and use nationally funded agricultural research, extension, education services;

- (g) establish linkages with local and international training and research institutions to conduct scientific research and investigations in all areas pertaining to extension services;
- (h) coordination of agricultural research by maintaining a continuing inventory of ongoing and completed extension and research projects being conducted and funded by the government;
- (i) put in place a framework for capacity building and training of various players in the industry; and
- (j) carry out such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or conferred under any other law.

(2) The Board shall consult and collaborate with the county executive committee member in the development, promotion and regulation of the extension services in the respective counties.

15. (1) The Board may establish such committees as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers under this Act.

Committees of the Board

(2) The Board may co-opt any person to sit in a committee established under subsection (1) such persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the performance of the functions of the Board.

16. The Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee, member, officer, employee or agent of the Board, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions of the Board under this Act or under any other written law.

Delegation by the Board.

17. The members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, fees or allowances as the Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

Remuneration of members of the Board.

18. (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Board who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.

Chief executive officer.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the chief

executive officer if that person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
 - (b) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
 - (c) has at least ten years' experience in senior management; and
 - (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in chapter six of the Constitution.
- (3) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of five years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term.

Functions of the chief executive officer.

19. The chief executive officer shall be the secretary to the Board and shall, subject to the direction of the Board—

- (a) be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;
- (b) manage the funds, property and affairs of the Board;
- (c) be responsible for the management of the staff of the Board;
- (d) oversee and coordinate the implementation of the policies, programmes and objectives of the Board;
- (e) cause to be prepared for the approval of the Board—
 - (i) the strategic plan and annual plan of the Board; and
 - (ii) the annual budget and audited accounts of the Board; and
- (f) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

Removal of the chief executive officer.

20. The chief executive officer shall cease to hold office if that person—

- (a) resigns in writing, addressed to the Board;
- (b) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months;

- (c) is found liable for gross misconduct or abuse of office in contravention of any written law;
- (d) is declared bankrupt;
- (e) is unable to perform the functions of office by reason of mental or physical infirmity; or
- (f) dies.

21. (1) The Board may employ such officers, agents and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Board under this Act and upon such terms and conditions of service as the Board may determine.

Staff of the Board.

(2) The persons appointed under subsection (1) shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board and shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Board may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission determine.

(3) The staff appointed under subsection (1) shall possess such knowledge and experience as shall be determined by the Board.

22. Liability shall not attach to the Board or to any of its members, officers, agents or staff for loss or damage incurred by a person as a result of an act or omission done or made in good faith and without negligence in the performance or exercise or the intended performance or exercise of any duty or power imposed by or conferred under this Act.

Protection from personal liability.

23. (1) The common seal of the Board shall be kept in the custody of the chief executive officer or such other person as the Board may direct, and shall not be used except upon the order of the Board.

Common seal of the Board.

(2) The seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the chief executive officer and the chairperson or a person designated by the Board for that purpose on behalf of the chairperson.

24. All letters and instruments written or made by or on behalf of the Board, other than those required by law to be under seal, and all decisions of the Board, shall be signed under the hand of the chief executive officer or in the absence of the chief executive officer, a person

Signing authority.

authorized by the Board.

25. (1) The business and affairs of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set out in the Schedule.

Meetings of Board

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the Schedule, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

(3) The Board may invite any person to attend any of its meetings and to participate in its deliberations, but such person shall not be entitled to vote on any of the Board's decisions.

PART IV – ROLE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Role of county governments.

26. (1) Each county government shall—

(a) implement the National Government policy and standards relating to the extension services;

(b) regulate and promote extension services within the respective county;

(c) collect, collate and disseminate information on extension services including the appropriate technology and practices to ensure maximisation of yields and sales by stakeholders;

(d) coordinate the activities of persons, organisations and any other associations within the field of extension services;

(e) facilitate access by players in the extension services to such resources and financial support as may be necessary to promote the use and development of extension services in the respective county; and

(f) improve on the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, Kenyan food and fibre resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness.

(2) Each county executive committee member shall, in ensuring that the county government fulfils its obligations under subsection (1) —

(a) maintain an up to date register of extension

- services providers as it considers appropriate in that county;
- (b) consider applications for registration and licences;
 - (c) carry out surveillance and inspections to ensure compliance with the standards and legislation on the extension services;
 - (d) promote the organisation of all players in the field of extension services;
 - (e) provide training on extension service programs and disseminate information to stakeholders on entrepreneurial and other technical skills and values, attitude formation and socio-economic development strategies;
 - (f) collaborate with relevant institutions so as to promote access to credit and other financial services; and
 - (g) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

27. (1) A county public service board shall competitively recruit and appoint such extension services officers as it may consider necessary for the proper and efficient implementation of this Act.

Recruitment of extension services officers.

- (2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection(1), the county service board shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed at the grassroot level.
- (3) Each county government shall provide the necessary infrastructure and funds necessary for the implementation of extension services within the county.

28. (1) A person is qualified for employment as an extension services officer if the person holds a certificate in an extension services related course from a tertiary institution recognized in Kenya.

Qualification for extension services officers.

(2) A County government may through legislation, prescribe additional qualifications as it may deem necessary.

29. (1) An extension services officer or a private

Registration of

entity that intends to provide extension services, shall register with the respective county government in which they intend to provide the services.

extension services
officers

(2) An extension service officer or private entity shall furnish the officer appointed under section 30(3) with change of details within seven days of the occurrence of the change.

30. (1) Each county executive committee member shall keep and maintain a register of —

Register of
extension services
providers.

- (a) extension service officers registered in the respective county; and
- (b) private entities providing extension services in the respective county.

(2) The register under subsection (1) shall include the following—

- (a) in the case of an extension service officer-
 - (i) name
 - (ii) identification details as per the identification document;
 - (iii) contact details;
 - (iv) qualifications;
 - (v) information on current status of employment; and
 - (vi) such other information as the county executive committee member shall prescribe in county legislation.
- (b) in the case of a private entity-
 - (i) name of the entity;
 - (ii) number and details of extension officers employed by the entity;
 - (iii) area of specialty; and

(iv) location of the office headquarters and branches if any.

(3) The County executive committee member shall designate a public officer within the county public service as a registrar to keep and maintain the register under subsection (1).

31. (1) Each county executive committee member shall publish on a website maintained by the county government and on such other platform as the committee member may consider appropriate, information on the —

Publicizing
extension services

- (a) extension services available in the county; and
- (b) extension services officers delivering the services within the county.

(2) The information published under subsection (1) shall include-

- (a) emerging pest and diseases that may affect crops and livestock in the county;
- (b) the major challenges faced by farmers and the action required to prevent or mitigate such challenges;
- (c) the preventive and curative measures available to the farmers;
- (d) information about resources available to support farmers within the County; and
- (e) such other information relating to extension services that the county executive committee member may consider necessary.

(3) The information under subsection (1) shall be accessible to the residents of the county and shall be published in a format that is easy to understand.

PART V – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

32. The funds of the Service shall consist of— Funds of the Service.
- (a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the service;
 - (b) such monies or assets as may accrue to or vest in the service in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act or any other written law; and
 - (c) donations, grants, loans or gifts made to the service and approved by the Cabinet Secretary for finance.

33. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Board shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Board for that year. Annual estimates.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all estimated expenditure of the Board for the financial year concerned.

(3) The annual estimates prepared by the Board under subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling in the National Assembly and the Senate.

34. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept such books of accounts and other books in relation thereto of all its undertakings, funds, activities and property as the Cabinet Secretary may from time to time approve and shall, within a period of three months after the end of the financial year, cause to be prepared, signed and forwarded to the Auditor-General— Accounts and audit.

(a) a balance sheet showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Board; and

(b) such other statements of accounts as the Cabinet Secretary may approve.

(2) The accounts of the Board shall be examined, audited and reported upon annually by the Auditor-General in accordance with the Public Audit Act. Cap 412B.

(3) The Board shall submit to the Auditor-General all books and accounts of the Board, together with all vouchers in support thereof, and all books, papers and writings in its possession or control relating thereto, and

the Auditor-General shall be entitled to require from any member, officer, employee or agent of the Board such information and explanation as he may consider necessary for the performance of his duties.

35. (1) The Board shall, within a period of three months after the end of each financial year or within such longer period as the Cabinet Secretary may approve, submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Board during such year, and the annual balance sheet and such other statements of account as the Cabinet Secretary shall require, together with the Auditor-General's report.

Annual report and publication.

(2) The Board shall, if the Cabinet Secretary so requires, publish the report, balance sheet and statements submitted under subsection (1) in such manner as the Cabinet Secretary may specify.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall submit to the National Assembly and the Senate the reports, balance sheet and statements submitted under subsection (1), within a period of fourteen days of the receipt of the reports and statements.

36. The financial year of the service shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth of June in each year.

Financial year of the Board.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

37. Each county government may enact county specific legislation setting out –

County specific legislation.

- (a) the criteria for the registration of extension services providers within the respective county;
- (b) criteria for the issuance of a licence to an applicant within the respective county;
- (c) information required to be submitted by an applicant for registration or issuance of a licence;
- (d) process of determination of an application for registration or issuance of a licence;

- (e) the conditions for the issuance or renewal of a licence under this Act;
- (f) the grounds for the rejection of an application or cancellation of a licence issued under this Act; and
- (g) process of application for the renewal of registration and de-registration.

38. A person offering extension services shall adhere to such procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines as may be prescribed under this Act or any other written law.

Adherence to set rules

39. (1) The Cabinet Secretary may, on recommendation of the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe the minimum standards with regard to the —

- (a) training of extension services officers;
- (b) professional qualifications of extension services officers;
- (c) certification and registration with respect to extension services; and
- (d) remuneration of extension services officers.

SCHEDULE (s. 25(1))

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE BOARD

1. (1) The Board shall have at least six meetings in every financial year and not more than two months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting. Meetings.

(2) Meetings shall be convened by the chief executive officer in consultation with the chairperson and shall be held at such times and such places as the chairperson shall determine.

(3) The respective chairpersons shall preside over all meetings and in the absence of the chairperson, by a person elected by the Board as the case may be at the meeting for that purpose.

(4) The chairperson may at any time convene a special meeting of the Board as the case may be, and shall do so within one month of the receipt by the chairperson of a written request signed by at least five other members.

(5) Unless half of the members of the Board otherwise agree, at least seven days' notice of a meeting shall be given to every member of the Board as the case may be.

2. The quorum of a meeting of the Board is half of the total number of members. Quorum.

3. A decision of the Board shall be by a majority of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes; the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting.

4. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and entered in records kept for that purpose. Minutes.

5. (1) If a person is present at a meeting of the Board or respective committee at which any matter is the subject of consideration and in which matter that person is directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity, that person shall as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the meeting, declare such interest. Disclosure of interest.

(2) The person making the disclosure of interest under subsection (1) shall not, unless the Board or committee

otherwise directs, take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching on the matter.


(3) A disclosure of interest made under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) A member or employee of the Board shall not transact any business or trade with the Board.


The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022

I certify that this printed impression is a true copy of the Bill as passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 21st February, 2024.



Clerk of the Senate

Endorsed for presentation to the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of standing order 161 of the Senate Standing Orders.



Speaker of the Senate

**ANNEX FOUR:
LETTER
INVITING
STAKEHOLDERS
FOR THE
MEETING TO
DISCUSS THE BILL**



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Dear Dr. Mmainicha

REF: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022) BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is established pursuant to Standing Order 216 and is mandated *inter alia* 'to study and review all legislation referred to it'.

Pursuant to the cited mandate, the Committee is in the process of considering the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) (*copy attached*).


The Bill seeks to provide for the policy and institutional framework within which the agricultural and livestock industry operates by among others establishing the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service, which will be managed by a Board of Directors.

In compliance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, the Committee invites you for a meeting to discuss the said Bill. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10th October, 2024** in **Committee Room 26, Fifth Floor, Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings** at **10.00 a.m.**

You are requested to submit electronic copies of your submissions to the Committee through the Office of the Clerk via email address cna@parliament.go.ke by **Wednesday, 9th October, 2024** and provide twenty (20) hard copies of the submissions during the meeting.

The liaison officers for this activity are **Ms. Laureen Omusa Wesonga** who may be contacted on Tel. No. **0710820442** or email: laureen.wesonga@parliament.go.ke and **Mr. Victor Kilimo** on Tel. No. **0724587091** or email: kilimo.simon@parliament.go.ke.

Yours


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**ANNEX FIVE:
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NEWSPAPER
ADVERTISEMENT
ON PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

National News

Noble Women governors caucus to focus on mentorship

Ruto: Let's make two-thirds gender principle a reality



President William Ruto during the launch of the G7 strategy at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: PCS

He says women should be effectively represented in leadership positions across the board

BY NDUBI MOTURI

President William Ruto has said his administration is committed to achieving the two-thirds gender principle. He said he is doing this through constitutional amendments to ensure that women are effectively represented in leadership positions in various arms of government.

Ruto, who joined the seven women governors at the launch of the G7 strategy in Nairobi, urged MPs to support the proposals aimed at making the principle a reality.

"In the Bill that will be tabled in Parliament, we will ensure that more women are elected to Parliament for representation. This will be the official position of the Kenya Kwanza coalition and all MPs are expected to support the Bill. We have spoken to many leaders, including men, and for the first time they are committed to this cause," he said.

The Head of State has also called on political parties to support women leaders, revealing that the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) is planning to introduce new rules in its constitution to alternate gender when holding candidates for governorship and the presidency in the upcoming elec-

tions. "We have to lead from the front as a party and we have to make rules that when Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and I have decided on our line-up, we must also agree that if a man is the presidential candidate in our party, a woman must be the deputy and if a woman is the candidate, the running mate must be a man. And we have to cascade it down to the governors. We must be conscious and deliberate about it, otherwise it will not happen," Dr Ruto said.

The seven women governors led by Council of Governors Chairperson Anne Waiguru, said the caucus will focus on mentorship programmes. The caucus is currently focusing on increasing the number of women governors to at least 16 in the 2027 polls.

Ms Waiguru also called on the Head of State to support women in various capacities, especially in winning the presidential seat.

"We fully support the President to achieve his 10-year development vision and immediately after his two terms, there is no oth-

We must also agree that if a man is the presidential candidate in our party, a woman must be the deputy...

President William Ruto



er promise to support anyone else. We urge him to hold the hand of a woman so that she can also clinch the top seat in this country because as women we are ready," said Ms Waiguru.

Previous legislative attempts to implement the two-thirds gender principle have stalled due to lack of support from MPs.

In 2020, former Chief Justice David Maraga recommended that Parliament repeal the law because it did not meet the two-thirds requirement.

The National Dialogue Committee report adopted by Parliament has recommended the implementation of the two-thirds rule as a way of ensuring gender parity in electoral processes.

A multi-sectoral working group on the two-thirds gender principle, led by Gender Cabinet Secretary Aisha Jumwa, last week submitted a report, which is currently before Parliament, with a number of recommendations on how to achieve gender parity.

The report recommends a constitutional amendment to appoint 53 more women to the National Assembly and two more to the Senate to meet the constitutional threshold.

It also proposes the amendment of the Political Parties Act 2011 to establish the Women's Inclusion and Political Participation Fund to finance the training, mentoring and empowerment of women seeking elective positions.

The team also recommended that the Electoral Act 2011 be amended to provide for the submission of party lists that meet the gender rule.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- THIRD SESSION (2024)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF-

1. THE UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 79 OF 2023);
2. THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2024);
3. THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2024);
4. THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022);
5. THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 13 OF 2022);
6. THE START-UP BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 14 OF 2022);
7. THE LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 4 OF 2023);
8. THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 7 OF 2023); AND
9. THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 9 OF 2023);

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Amendment) (No. 5) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 79 of 2023); the Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024); the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2024); the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022); the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022); the Start-up Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022); the Learners with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2023); the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023); and the Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) have been read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED THAT:

1. The Universities (Amendment) (No. 5) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 79 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Gatiriu, MP, that seeks to amend the Universities Act, 2012 to limit universities from offering certificate and diploma courses.
2. The Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024) is a Bill sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'uwa, EGH, MP. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Public Audit Act, 2015 to align it with the Constitution as per the decision rendered in *Transparency International (TI Kenya) v Attorney General & 2 others [2018] eKLR* declaring sections 4(2), 6, 12, 17(1), 18, 27, 40, 42, and 70 of the Public Audit Act 2015 unconstitutional. The Bill further seeks to update the provisions of the Public Audit Act, 2015 to enhance efficiency in the performance of the Auditor's duties.
3. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2024) is a Bill co-sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'uwa, EGH, MP, and the Leader of the Minority Party, the Hon. Oplio Wandayi, EGH, MP that seeks to give effect to some of the recommendations and views of the public that were submitted during the recent national dialogue discourse facilitated by the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO). The Bill seeks to—
(a) amend the First Schedule to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act, 2011 to increase the membership of the selection panel from seven to nine to accommodate a wide spectrum of stakeholders and interest groups;
(b) amend section 6 of the Act to include additional professional qualifications for appointment as a member of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;
(c) amend section 10 of the Act to provide that the secretary of the IEBC shall hold office for a term of three years that is renewable once;
(d) replace the current Fifth Schedule to the Act to provide for the procedure for delimitation of boundaries in an updated Schedule; and
(e) delete obsolete provisions and make consequential amendments intended to align the Act to the decision of the court in *Katiba Institute & 3 Others v Attorney-General & 2 Others [2018] eKLR*.
4. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP that seeks to provide for agricultural and livestock extension services; and to establish the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.
5. The Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Enoch Kijo Wambua, MP that seeks to provide for the development, regulation and promotion of the mung beans sector.
6. The Start-up Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Crystal Asige, MP. The Bill seeks to establish a framework to encourage growth and sustainable technological development, entrepreneurship, employment, create a favourable environment for innovation; and attract Kenyan talent and capital.
7. The Learners with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2023) is a Bill co-sponsored by Sen. Margaret Kamar, MP and Sen. Crystal Asige, MP that seeks to provide a legal framework for the actualization of the right to education for learners with disabilities at all levels of education.
8. The Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Crystal Asige, MP that seeks to provide the institutional framework for protecting, promoting and monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide incentives and reliefs that give effect to Article 54 of the Constitution.
9. The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Crystal Asige, MP that seeks to give effect to Article 7(3)(b) of the Constitution on the promotion and development of the use of Kenyan Sign Language. The Bill provides for the inclusion of sign language in the education curriculum and the use of sign language in legal proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees listed below—

NO.	BILL	COMMITTEE
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CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

8th March 2024

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THE JUDICIARY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY

TENDER NOTICE

The Judiciary invites sealed bids from eligible tenderers to offer the following works and services:

Tender Number	Description	Tender Security (Kshs.)	Pre Bid Conference	Tender Opening Date
JUD/01/051/2023-2024	Provision of Cleaning Services for the Judiciary under a Framework Contract for a period of three (3) years (Reserved for Youth)	Tender Securing Declaration Form	13 th March, 2024 at 10.00am View the link: https://shorturl.at/bzhs0	25 th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
JUD/01/052/2023-2024	Proposed Completion of Amagoro Law Courts	Kenya Shillings One Million Only (Kshs. 1,000,000.00)	13 th March, 2024 at 2.00pm View the link: https://shorturl.at/bzhs0	26 th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
JUD/01/053/2023-2024	Provision of Conference Facilities under a framework contract for a period of three (3) years	Kenya Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only (Kshs. 100,000.00)	14 th March, 2024 at 10.00am View the link: https://shorturl.at/bzhs0	27 th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Interested and eligible candidates may view or obtain tender documents from the Judiciary's website: www.judiciary.go.ke and from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) website: www.tenders.go.ke. Any request for clarifications must be made in writing at least five (5) days prior to the tender closing date. All clarifications and addenda will be posted on the Judiciary and PIIP websites. Tenderers are encouraged to attend virtual pre-bid conferences as scheduled above. Tenderers are also encouraged to visit the sites to familiarize with the scope of the works and Services as applicable.

Prices quoted shall be inclusive of all taxes and must be expressed in Kenya Shillings that shall remain valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days from data of the tender closing. Tenderers must also be accompanied with a Tender Securing Declaration Form or a Tender Security as indicated above valid for a period 150 days from the date of tender closing and in the form of a guarantee from Institutions approved by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) addressed and payable to the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary. Tenderers MUST ensure ALL pages of the tender documents are duly paginated sequentially.

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the respective tender number and description and deposited in the Tender Box located at the Main Gate, Supreme Court Building Entrance, City Hall Way, Nairobi or addressed and posted to:

CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY
ATT: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
P.O BOX 30041-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA

to be received on or before the dates indicated above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the designated tenderers representatives at the Boardroom located at the 2nd floor, Room 74, Supreme Court Building or as may be advised. Late tenders shall be rejected.

PAUL N. MAINA, OGW, 'NDC' (K)
Ag. DEPUTY CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY



KENYA NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY (2001) LIMITED

SALE OF 1413 PLOTS DERIVED FROM PLOT L.R MN/397/1 BAMBURI - (KWABULO)

Kenya National Assurance Company (2001) Limited and Kencent Holdings Limited are offering for sale 1413 Plots derived from L.R Number MN/397/1 Bamburi (Kwa Bulo) through competitive bidding. This offer is open to everyone including those to whom the offer had been made earlier but for whatever reason failed to take up the offer.

The bidding procedure

(a) Bid forms

Interested parties can obtain bid documents from the company office situated in **Social Security House, Mombasa 1st Floor Room 103, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs 1000/=**. The form will describe the Plot and indicate the reserve price.

(b) Completion of Bid Forms

The Bid for each plot must be made in a separate bid form clearly indicating the plot number, the name of the bidder and the amount offered. Incomplete bid forms will be rejected.

(c) Submission of Bids

Completed bid forms should be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the **Principal Officer, Kenya National Assurance Company (2001) Limited** and shall be deposited in the **Tender Box** at the **KNAC (2001) Limited Offices situated in Social Security House, Mombasa, 1st Floor, Room 103 Reception Area**. All bids should be received on or before **2nd April, 2024 at 10.00 A.M.** Any submission received after the deadline will be disqualified.

(d) Opening of Bids

Bidders and their representatives who may choose to attend are invited to witness the opening of the bids at the company offices **situated at Social Security House, Mombasa, 1st Floor, Room 103 at 10.00 A.M on the 2nd April 2024**. The Company reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

NB: Those who responded to the earlier offer and have fully paid for their plots are invited to collect their titles.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- THIRD SESSION (2024)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF-

1. THE UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 79 OF 2023);
2. THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2024);
3. THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2024);
4. THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022);
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7. THE LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 4 OF 2023);
8. THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 7 OF 2023); AND
9. THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 9 OF 2023);

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Amendment) (No. 5) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 79 of 2023), the Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024), the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2024); the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022); the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022); the Start-up Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022); the Learners with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2023); the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023); and the Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) have been read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House.

IT IS NOTIFIED THAT:

1. The Universities (Amendment) (No. 5) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 79 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by **Hon. Benjamin Gathuru, MP**, that seeks to amend the Universities Act, 2012 to limit universities from offering certificate and diploma courses.
2. The Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024) is a Bill sponsored by the **Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP**, the purpose of the Bill is to amend the Public Audit Act, 2015 to align it with the Constitution as per the decision rendered in *Transparency International (T.I Kenya) v Attorney General & 2 others [2018] eKLR* declaring sections 4(2), 8, 12, 17(1), 18, 27, 40, 42, and 70 of the Public Audit Act 2015 unconstitutional. The Bill further seeks to update the provisions of the Public Audit Act, 2015 to enhance efficiency in the performance of the Auditor's duties.
3. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2024) is a Bill co-sponsored by the **Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP**, and the **Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Opio Wanjau, EGH, MP** that seeks to give effect to some of the recommendations and views of the public that were submitted during the recent national dialogue discourse facilitated by the **National Dialogue Committee (NADCO)**. The Bill seeks to—
(a) amend the First Schedule to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act, 2011 to increase the membership of the selection panel from seven to nine to accommodate a wide spectrum of stakeholders and interest groups;
(b) amend section 6 of the Act to include additional professional qualifications for appointment as a member of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;
(c) amend section 10 of the Act to provide that the secretary of the IEBC shall hold office for a term of three years that is renewable once;
(d) replace the current Fifth Schedule to the Act to provide for the procedure for delimitation of boundaries in an updated Schedule; and
(e) delete obsolete provisions and make consequential amendments intended to align the Act to the decision of the court in *Katiba Institute & 3 Others v Attorney-General & 2 Others [2018] eKLR*.
4. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP** that seeks to provide for agricultural and livestock extension services; and to establish the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.
5. The Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Enoch Kilo Wambua, MP** that seeks to provide for the development, regulation and promotion of the mung beans sector.
6. The Start-up Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022) is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Crystal Asige, MP**. The Bill seeks to establish a framework to encourage growth and sustainable technological development, entrepreneurship, employment, create a favourable environment for innovation; and attract Kenyan talent and capital.
7. The Learners with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2023) is a Bill co-sponsored by **Sen. Margaret Kamar, MP** and **Sen. Crystal Asige, MP** that seeks to provide a legal framework for the actualization of the right to education for learners with disabilities at all levels of education.
8. The Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Crystal Asige, MP** that seeks to provide the institutional framework for protecting, promoting and monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide incentives and reliefs that give effect to Article 54 of the Constitution.
9. The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Crystal Asige, MP** that seeks to give effect to Article 7 (3)(b) of the Constitution on the promotion and development of the use of Kenyan Sign Language. The Bill provides for the inclusion of sign language in the education curriculum and the use of sign language in legal proceedings.

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8th March 2024

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ANNEX SIX:
COPY OF THE
MATRIX

THE PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL & LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022

CLAUSE	PROPOSING ENTITY	PROVISION IN THE BILL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
Short Title	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS (CoG)	Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill	Amend the short title of the Bill to read as follows— “Agricultural, Livestock and Fisheries Extension Services Bill”	To provide for the incorporation of the fisheries sector into the provisions of the Bill. The Council opines that this should be the national legal framework governing provision of extension services in the three sectors. This should therefore be replicated in all the other provisions of the Bill.
	CoG	AN ACT of Parliament to; provide for agricultural and livestock extension services; establish the Agricultural and Extension Service; and for connected purposes.	Amend the long title of the Bill to read as follows— “AN ACT of Parliament to; provide for agricultural, livestock and fisheries extension services, role of National and County Governments; and for connected purposes.”	We further oppose the establishment of the Service as the provision of agricultural, livestock and fisheries extension services is a function fully devolved to the County Governments. The creation of the Service therefore claws back on devolved functions.
Long Title	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK (MOALD)		Introduce interpretation for extension services to also include advisory services.	Advisory services form core part of extension and include information such as those in inputs.
2	CoG	"Board" means the Board established under section 9;	Delete the definition of “Board”	
		"chief executive officer" means the person	Delete the definition of “chief executive officer”	

		appointed in accordance with section 18;		
		“extension services” means agricultural and livestock extension services	Amend the definition of “extension services” to read as follows— “extension services” means agricultural, livestock and fisheries extension services”	
	MOALD		An agricultural extension service offers technical advice on agriculture and livestock to farmers, and also supplies them with the necessary inputs and services to support their agricultural and livestock production.	The definition is inadequate, provide clarity.
3(a)	MOALD	(a) to foster coordination and collaboration in extension services research by National Government, County Governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors;	Amend to read as follows— (a) to foster coordination and collaboration in extension services by National government, County Governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors;	Extension services research has implication of research that is undertaken by research organizations/institutions such as KALRO. National government, County Governments, non-governmental organizations, learning institutions, research bodies and other non-state actors are all extension service providers and what is required among them is coordination and collaboration.
3(b)	MOALD	(b) to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through	Amend to read as follows— (b) to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders	The sourcing of competitive markets is the responsibility of producers and marketing agents.

		increased production and sourcing of competitive markets;	through increased production and marketing linkages;”	Extension service provider may be implied as marketing for the producer.
3(e)	MOALD	(e) for the provision of financial support to the various players in the extension service.	Delete clause 3(e)	The Bill does not include any section that is referring to provision of financial support to the various players in the extension service.
4(1)	CoG	(1.)The Cabinet Secretary shall, formulate and publish in the Gazette an agricultural and livestock extension services policy at least once every five years, for the implementation and standard delivery of extension services by county governments.	Amend to read as follows— “(1)The Cabinet Secretary shall, formulate and publish in the Gazette an agricultural, livestock and fisheries extension services policy at least once every five years, for the implementation and standard delivery of extension services by county governments.”	
PART III-	CoG	THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE Clauses 6-25	Amend Part II of the Bill as follows— (i) Amend the title to read as follows— “PART III. ROLE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT” (ii) delete clauses 6, 7, 8(1), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 in their entirety.	The proposed establishment of the Agricultural and Livestock Service as a National Government parastatal raises concerns about its constitutionality. The Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya clearly designates the provision of agricultural, livestock, and fisheries extension services as functions fully devolved to County Governments. The Council opines that the creation of this National parastatal appears to be an overreach and a potential claw

			(iii) Amend clause 8(2) to be the functions of the National Government: 8. The Role of the National Government	back on the devolved functions. Empowering County Governments is a cornerstone of Kenya's devolution framework. By taking over extension services, this parastatal could undermine the ability of counties to address the specific needs of their agricultural sectors and hinder their progress towards food security and economic growth.
PART II	MOALD	NATIONAL AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES POLICY AND STRATEGY.	Delete Part II	The part provides for development of policy and strategy which is adequately provided for in the existing policy process. Kenya Agricultural Sector Extension Policy 2023 was approved in December 2023 and provides for all that are identified in this Part. Policy and Strategy development is better managed administratively.
8(1) Marginal notes	MOALD	Functions of the Service.	Amend the marginal notes to read as follows— “Regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services”	Clause 8(1) is too broad and goes beyond extension service provision and the scope of the Bill. This is intended to provide clarity on the functions of the service and to avoid overlaps with other institutions like KEPHIS, AFA and KALRO.
9	MOALD	Composition of the Board.	Amend clause 9 as follows— Chairperson to be appointed by the President and align membership to	Align appointment of Board members with the Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals.

		Chairperson is proposed to be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and members are ten, which is an even number.	the Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals.	
14	MOALD	Functions of the Board	Amend to include the functions in clause 8.	The listed functions are the functions of the service. The Board functions should be as provided in Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals.
18(1)	MOALD	(1.) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Board who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.	Amend to read as follows— “(1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Service who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.”	The Chief Executive Officer is for the Institution which is the Service but secretary to the Board. To provide clarity.
8(3)	MOALD	(3.) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of five years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term.	Amend to read as follows— “(3) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term.”	Align term of the Chief Executive Officer with the Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals.
19	MOALD	Functions of the chief executive officer. (a) to (e) refer to the Board in place of Service.	Amend to read staff of Service.	To provide clarity

21 Marginal notes	MOALD	Staff of the Board	Amend the marginal notes to read as follows— “Staff of the Service.”	To provide clarity.
23	MOALD	Common Seal of the Board.	Amend to read as follows— “Common seal of the Service”	To provide clarity.
26(1)(f)	MOALD	(f) improve on the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, Kenyan food and fibre resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness.	Amend to read as follows— “(f) improve on safe production and processing of and adding of value to agricultural and livestock produce.”	Value addition to Kenyan food is limiting and there are more agricultural and livestock produce that need to be included.
26(2)	MOALD	Function (a) to (e) are given to the County Executive Committee Member	Amend to provide functions (a) to (e) to the Service.	For national uniformity, the functions are better handled at the Service level. Some extension service providers work across counties.
27	MOALD	Recruitment of extension service officers.	Delete clause 27	Hiring of County Public Staff are well provided for in other instruments. The provision is also only limiting to Public Service while there are other institutions also offering extension services.
28(1)	MOALD	(1.)A person is qualified for employment as an extension services officer if the person holds a certificate in	The training should be in agriculture and livestock related course for not less than two years and in addition to undertake an extension service	The provision is not adequate due to general use of term certificate. There are Degree, Diploma and general Certificate practitioners who are qualified in agricultural specialty

		an extension services related course from a tertiary institution recognized in Kenya.	induction course at Kenya School of Agriculture or similar institution as approved by the service.	course and has and only need to undergo a training programme in extension to provide the services.
29(1)&(2)	MOALD	(1.)An extension Services officer or a private entity that intends to provide extension services, shall register with the respective county government in which they intend to provide services. (2.)An extension service officer or private entity shall furnish the officer appointed under section 30(3) with change of details within seven days of the occurrence of the change	Amend by deleting the term Delete term "private entity" in 29(1) and (2).	Private entity may not possess requisite qualification. Recognition should focus on professionals.
30(2)(b)	MOALD	(b) in the case of a private entity— (i) name of the entity;	Amend to read— “(b)in the case of a private entity (i) data on the institution;”	
30	MOALD	New Clause	Amend clause 30 introducing the following new subclause— “The County Executive Committee Member shall provide the Service	Provide for sharing of registration data with the Service.

			with an updated Register of extension service providers annually”	
31	MOALD	Publicizing extension services.	Delete clause 31	Extension messages are time/period specific and are best provide by specific means of provision of extension
PART V	CoG	PART V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Clauses 32-34	Amend by deleting the entire PART V of the Bill.	To align with the CoG recommendations on establishment of the Service.
37	MOALD	County specific legislation	Clause 39(2) provides for making of regulations	The proposed County Specific legislation are Regulations under the Act and for uniformity in Country they are better developed at the national level.
38	MOALD	(38.) A person offering extension services shall adhere to such procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines as may be prescribed under this Act or any other written law.	Amend to provide procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines not yet prescribed under this Act.	The section is referring to procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines not yet prescribed under this Act. Requirement for compliance is only possible to already prescribed procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines under any legislation.
39(1)	MOALD	(1.)The Cabinet Secretary may, on recommendation of the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or	Amend by replacing the words “on recommendation of” with the words “in consultation with” to read as follows— “(1)The Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Service and	The Cabinet Secretary will be able to exercise the delegated power in line with the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013.

		expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.	the county governments ,make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.”	
39(2)	MOALD	(2.) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe the minimum standards with regard to the—	Amend to read as follows— “(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may make regulations in regards to the following—“	The opening statement guides only on minimum standards yet other areas will also be covered.
39(2)(d)	MOALD	(d) remuneration of extension services officers	Delete	Beyond the scope of this Law. The Cabinet Secretary may prescribe the minimum standards with regard to the remuneration of extension services officers.

ANNEX SEVEN:
WITNESS
ATTENDANCE
SCHEDULES FOR
STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT
MEETINGS



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION – 2024
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

WITNESS ATTENDANCE REGISTER

AGENDA: (1.) Meeting with Kenya Agriculture & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Agriculture Resource Information Centre (AIRC) and Council of Governors (COG) to discuss the Agricultural & Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)

DATE: 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

VENUE: COMMITTEE ROOM 26 ON 5ND FLOOR, BUNGE TOWERS

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - ²⁰²³ SECOND SESSION - 2024
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

WITNESS ATTENDANCE REGISTER

AGENDA: *Stakeholder Engagement on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)*

DATE: ^{OCTOBER} 10TH ~~AUGUST~~ 2024

VENUE: ^{COMMITTEE Room 14, 2ND FLOOR, BUDGE TOWER} ~~FIFTH FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE~~

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