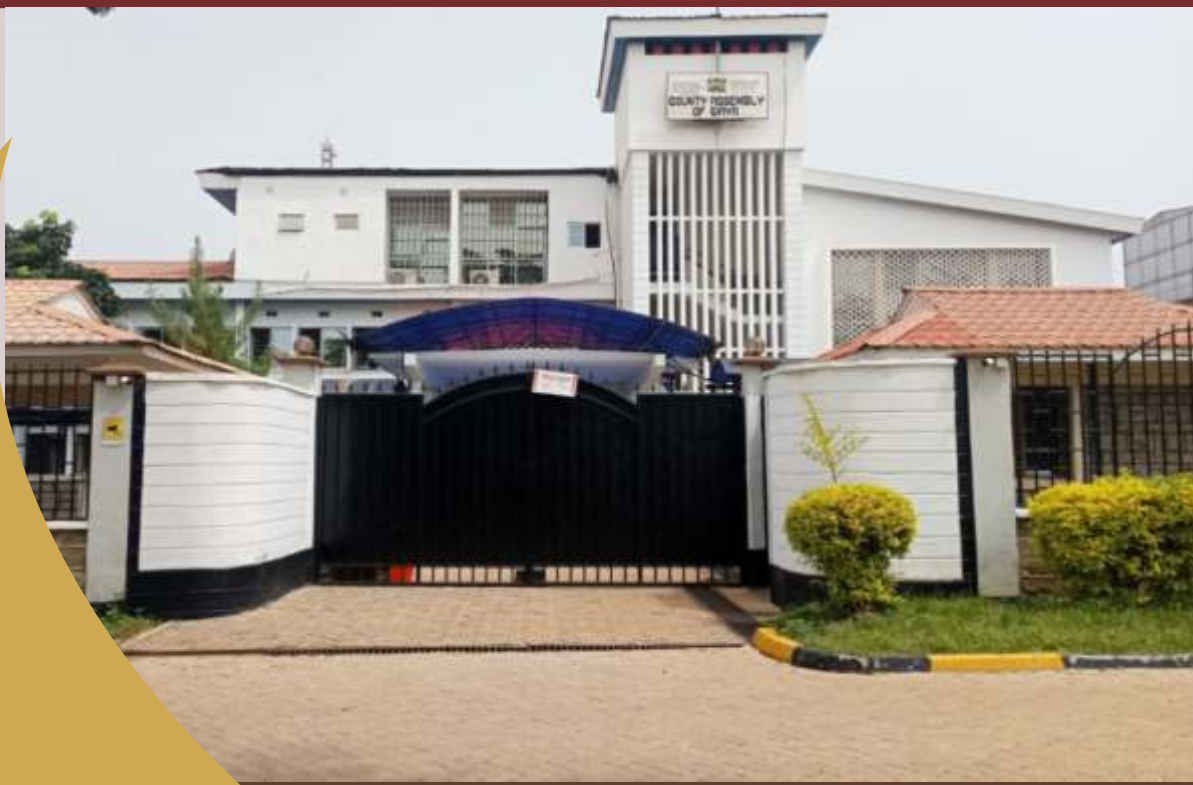




BUNGE OUTLOOK



Highlights

Inaugural sitting of the
3rd County Assembly

Swearing in of
Members (First Sitting
of the 3rd Assembly)

Election of the Speaker of the 3rd
Assembly

- Address by the Governor
- Election of the Deputy Speaker
- Know your MCA's
- Committees (mandate, leadership.
- Terms used in Legislative Assembly
- House leadership

Foreword



I am pleased to introduce to you the 1st issue of the County Assembly of Siaya Bunge Outlook in this 3rd Assembly. My sincere congratulation goes to all our new Members for making it to the third Assembly. Our dear Members feel welcomed to the County Assembly of Siaya as you deliver your constitutional mandates.

This initiative is part of the County Assembly of Siaya Outreach strategy to disseminate information to its wider public as required by law. The newsletter will highlight all the Activities relating to the roles of the legislatures and other key developments done by the Assembly.

In this first issue we shall focus on the activities that took place from the month of August to October; taking into cognizant that this was the period when new members were being received. The key highlights for this edition include: The Address by the new governor H.E Governor James Orengo, the swearing in of Members of the 3rd Assembly, election of the speaker and the deputy speaker, the House leadership, the new Assembly committees with their chairs, induction of Members and the composition of the current House leadership.

In our quest to reach out to the public through various mediums, we shall be publishing the newsletter and sharing it with our partners and the public. It is our believe that you will enjoy reading the newsletter as you keep a breast with the undertakings of the County Assembly.

We value your feedbacks for the improvement of its operations.

Mr. Erick Ogenga

Ag. Clerk of the County Assembly of Siaya

GOVERNOR JAMES ORENGO ADDRESSES INAUGURAL SITTING OF THE 3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY



Governor James Orenge

addressing the House during the official opening of the Assembly

In a Sitting presided over by House Speaker, Hon. George Okode, the Governor underscored the need for the Assembly and the Executive to embrace collegiality, remarking that intentional collaboration between the Executive and the Assembly will create a favourable working environment that shall enrich development and service delivery.

On Tuesday, 11th October, 2022, Governor James Orenge addressed the formal opening of the 3rd County Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 13(1) and 18(1) of the County Assembly Standing Orders.

“You, as a County Assembly, must exercise your powers robustly without let or hindrance. It is my deeply held conviction that for Siaya to reap the fruits and democratic dividends of devolution, good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability and for us to attain sustainable development, the legislative authority, which is vested in the County Assembly, must be respected, upheld, defended and protected.

I will never seek to make you an appendage of the county executive,” remarked the Governor.

He further commended House Speaker George Okode for the overwhelming confidence bequeathed upon him by the MCAs to preside over the affairs of the County Assembly for the third uninterrupted term. Governor Orenge congratulated members for making it to the August House , and asked for their cooperation in enriching his vision.

In appreciation of the Assembly’s oversight role, the Governor committed to ensure that all County Executive Committee Members appear before House Committees when invited or summoned.

In the spirit of further entrenching devolution and taking resources to the people at the grassroots, the Governor reiterated his administration’s support to actualize the Ward Fund within the arm pit of the law and realities of the resource envelope.



Among those who graced the occasion were Senator Dr. Oburu Odinga, Deputy Governor William Oduol and Siaya Woman Representative Dr. Christine Ombaka.

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Members of the 3rd County Assembly were sworn-in on Tuesday, 20th September, 2022



**Hon. Andrew Omwende
MCA Sigomere Ward**



**Hon. Obiero Otare
MCA Siaya Township Ward**



**Hon. Sylvester Madialo
MCA Usonga Ward**



Hon. Edwin Martin
MCA Ugunja Ward



Hon. William Kinyanyi
MCA Yala Township Ward



Hon. Adala Benard
MCA North Ugenya Ward



Hon. Booker Washington
MCA North Uyoma Ward



Hon. Odawa Vincent
MCA North Alego Ward



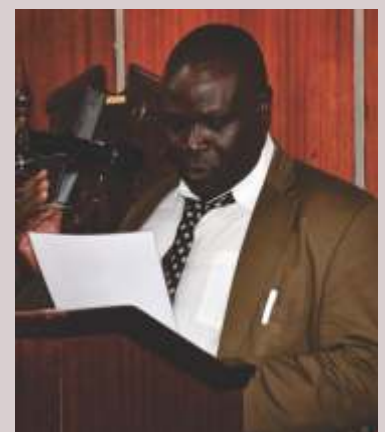
Hon. Odinga Truphosa
MCA West Sakwa Ward



Hon. Andericus Odongo
MCA West Ugenya Ward



Hon. Oduor J. Peter
MCA Ukwala Ward



Hon. Okumu Felix
MCA West Alego Ward



Hon. Arika Oliver North
MCA Sakwa Ward



Hon. Baraka Seth
MCA East Gem Ward



Hon. Oguta Justus
MCA West Uyoma Ward



Hon. Susan Okwiry
MCA West Gem Ward



Hon. Omoro Fredrick
MCA East Ugenya Ward



Hon. Otiato Francis
MCA Yimbo East Ward



Hon. Eunice Ndolo
MCA South Sakwa Ward



Hon. Angule Simeon
MCA Yimbo West Ward



Hon. Apodo John
MCA Sidindi Ward



Hon. Madowo Scholastica
MCA South East Alego Ward



Hon. Ragen David
MCA Central Alego Ward



Hon. Madingu Silas
MCA Central Gem Ward



Hon. Okeyo Mark
MCA Okeyo West Asembo Ward



Hon. Olango Bismark
MCA Central Sakwa Ward



Hon. Oluoch Philip
MCA North Gem Ward



Hon. Onguru Gordon
MCA East Asembo Ward



Hon. Adiala Michael
MCA South Uyoma Ward



Hon. Wanzila Ann



Hon. Onyango Cynthia



Hon. Rabinya Rose



Hon. Lornah Adida



Hon. Awita Emily



Hon. Arunda Wilfrida



Hon. Ochieng Dorah



Hon. Odhiambo Alice



Hon. Oinga Dorothy



Hon. Okelo Julie



Hon. Otieno Shalom



Hon. Fredrick Odhiambo

HON. GEORGE OKODE ELECTED AS SPEAKER FOR THE THIRD UNINTERRUPTED TERM



Hon. George Okode
taking oath of office in the Assembly Chambers

Hon. George Okode, MBS was on Tuesday, 20th September, 2022 overwhelmingly elected as Speaker of the Third County Assembly of Siaya after meeting the threshold of two thirds of votes of all the 40 MCAs who voted.

Hon. Okode resoundingly triumphed over his sole competitor Mr Evans Oruenjo by garnering 38 out of the 40 votes cast.

He is therefore set to serve as the County Assembly Speaker for the third uninterrupted term having been elected for the first time in March 2013.

The Speaker's position attracted 12 aspirants who picked nomination forms from the Office of the Clerk. Three candidates failed to submit their nomination papers while the other seven failed to meet the minimum requirements for nomination leaving the race to Hon. Okode and Mr Oruenj

In his acceptance speech the Hon. Speaker congratulated all the Members for being elected to the House and promised to accord them an impartial, accommodative and attentive environment to promote good governance as they perform their cardinal roles of oversight, legislation and representation.



Hon. George Okode shares a light moment with the Ag. Clerk Mr. Erick Ogenga after taking the oath of office



He further appreciated the Members for their trust and confidence in him and pledged to work and serve them equally without any prejudice.

“Hon. Members, your support and assessment of my capacity to lead you as your Speaker has been unanimous; I’m ready to serve you equally without any bias to your party affiliations. There will be no ODM, independent, UDM or FPK. There will be one County Assembly of Siaya and we shall walk this journey together,” he stated.

The Speaker affirmed his commitment to steer the Assembly in an active oversight role in the County affairs in accordance with relevant laws and statutes.



A recipient of the Presidential Honour of the Burning Spear (MBS) and an advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Speaker Okode has previously presided over the making of over 35 county laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the County Government of Siaya.



Hon. George Okode being congratulated by Mr. David Okumu Director Finance and Accounting Services

Endowed with extensive knowledge and understanding of House practices and procedures, Speaker Okode has previously served as Chairman County Assemblies Speakers Forum, Organizing Secretary County Assemblies Forum and was feted the most popular County Assembly Speaker during the 2022 County Gala Awards.

HON. ODUOR ODONGO ELECTED DEPUTY SPEAKER

West Ugenya MCA, Hon. Andericus Oduor Odongo on Wednesday, 12th October 2022 took the Oath of Office as the Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly.

The race for the Deputy Speakership had initially attracted three candidates, but after soul searching, reflections and consultations, two of the candidates withdrew their candidature in favor of the Hon. Oduor Odongo.



Hon. Oduor Odongo taking oath as the Deputy Speaker

Guided by the provisions of Standing Order Number 14 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, read together with the First Schedule of the Election Act, 2016, Speaker George Okode, in his Communication to the House, declared Hon. Odongo as the duly nominated and elected Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly of Siaya.

In his acceptance remarks soon after taking the Oath of Office, Hon. Odongo, appreciated Members for the confidence and great responsibility they had placed on him and promised to serve the House with honour, respect and diligence.

MCAS INDUCTED ON THEIR ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS



The County Assembly undertook a weeklong induction retreat for the newly elected and nominated Members of the County Assembly.

The induction took place between 25th September to 5th October, 2022.

The training was intended to: give Members an all-round exposure of the working of a Member of the County Assembly,

It also aimed to equip members with necessary skills and tools to effectively execute their mandate on legislation, representation and oversight; develop the MCAs knowledge and understanding of the operations and procedures of the House.



Governor James Orenge with Hon. George Okode shares a light moment during members induction

With key resource persons drawn from the Parliament of Kenya, the areas covered included:-

- Assembly Organization and Administrative Functions.
- House Leadership – Roles and Functions,
- The Making of an Effective Member of County Assembly
- Constitutional Knowledge and Governance; Overview of Devolution.
- Law Making and Procedural Matters; Rules of Procedures/Standing Orders; Sources of Parliamentary Practices and Procedures.

County Assembly Committee Services and Operations.

- The relationship between the County Assembly and the Office of the Controller of Budget.
- The Role of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.
- The Concept of Ethics, Integrity and Governance; Leadership and Integrity Requirements for State Officers.



KNOW YOUR MCA

Hon. Andrew Omwende

Despite his disability, the MCA elect Sigomere ward has demonstrated grit in the murky world of politics. Hon. Omwende has been active in politics for a decade. He took a first shot in politics in 2007 where he vied for a local seat and lost.

He took a second shot in 2013 in the advent of County Assemblies. He however lost the seat in 2017 to his closest rival Engineer Erick Odawa.

In the second assembly, Hon. Omwende was nominated by ODM to represent people with disabilities.

Hon. Omwende floored Hon. Odawa during the ODM primaries and later clinched the seat on August 9th, 2022. His eloquence and deep baritone voice resonated with the residents.



He remains grateful to the people of Sigomere for trusting his leadership. He said that he was up to task and will do his best to articulate the wishes of Sigomere people.

Notable contributions as the PWD representative include championing for their rights and creating opportunities for them.

Hon. Gordon Onguru

Hon. Gordon Onguru alias Sultan Agodi has in the recent past hit the headlines of Siaya political landscape since his election to the County Assembly as a ward representative.

The youthful legislator hails from Kamalumba clan in Omia malo Sublocation in East Asembo Ward

He is the brainchild of the annual sitting volleyball competition held in Ambira. The aim of the annual event is to champion inclusivity. The tournament brings PWD's from different parts of the country.

A former Paralympian Hon. Omwende says "People believe that sports are for the abled" However, he notes that sports have opened numerous opportunities. He has represented Kenya in both national and international levels.

He also notes two key figures that have shaped his thinking. He considers Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi, and Mama Ida Odinga mentors. They constantly challenge him to fight for what he believes in. He adds that Wandayi's development record in Ugunja is something to emulate. Hon. Omwende nonetheless notes that politics places PWDs at a greater risk due to the violence meted at them.



He is the eldest son in a family of four; many new him as a musician but unknown to many was his political ambition which he made public in 2022.

The musician turned legislator did not only surprise many, but his election is an inspiration to many youths. He joins the list of former musicians turned legislators such as Charles Njagua aka Jaguar.

Agodi the youthful politician aged 33 years, managed to wade through the harsh political terrain of Siaya County politics mostly dominated by the ODM party and managed to clinch the East Asembo ward MCA seat with a UDM party which came as a surprise to many. He attributed his win to prayers, hard work, his oratory skills, support by friends and fans

Education and Work Experience

Hon. Gordon started his elementary education at Powo primary school and later joined Raliew secondary school. He then advanced his education at Kisumu Institute of Management where he graduated with a diploma in community development which explains his numerous community engagement activities.



He served as a community interviewer with Kemri/CDC between 2009-2013 and later joined the County Government of Siaya as information Communication Officer for a period of one year after which he decided to join the entertainment industry.

At the Assembly, he will serve in of various key Assembly Committees including Speaker's panel, County public Investment and Accounts Committee, Sectorial Committee on Tourism, Conservation, Wildlife and Information, Sectorial Committee on lands, physical planning, Surveying and Housing.

Hon. Fredrick Odhiambo



Hon. George Okode presiding over the Swearing in of Hon. Fredrick Odhiambo

Hon. Fredrick Odhiambo went about his normal routine as a cobbler in Masiro, Ugenya Sub County. The 47-year-old would later learn that he was nominated by ODM to represent persons with disability at the Assembly. The news came as a shocker since Hon. Odhiambo believed one must lobby to be picked as a nominee.



Deputy Governor Hon. William Oduol congratulating Hon. Fredrick Odhiambo

He was sworn on 11th October, 2022 in by the Speaker following a gazette notice. He intimated that he first set foot into the Assembly precincts during the pre-swearing in of members and never imagined he would visit the Assembly as an honorable member.

He thanked the party for making his dreams come true and added that he still hasn't come to terms to being referred to as "mheshimiwa"

He pledged to represent fully and champion the rights of PWDs. "I am one of them and I understand all that they need," he said. The nominated MCA who dropped out of school following his father's demise said he will articulate issues in Swahili. The cobbler honed his craft from a friend in order to make a living.

Hon. Odhiambo's nomination received backing from Hon. Andrew Omwende the MCA elect Sigomere ward who said that the legislator has been an ardent supporter of ODM party leader Raila Odinga and Siaya Governor James Orengo.

3RD ASSEMBLY HOUSE COMMITTEES

Committees in the Assembly draw their mandate from: the Constitution, the County Governments Act, the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act, the Public Audit Act, the Public Finance Management Act.

The Constituencies Development Fund Act, among other statutes and the Standing Orders provide for the functions, powers, privileges and immunities of Committees of the Assembly.

THIRD ASSEMBLY - COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

NO.	NAME OF COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
1.	General Oversight	Hon. George Okode
2.	House Business	Hon. George Okode
3.	Procedure & Rules	Hon. George Okode
4.	Appointments	Hon. George Okode
5.	Powers And Privileges	Hon. George Okode
6.	Chairpersons' Panel	Hon. George Okode
7.	Liaison	Hon. Andericus Odongo
8.	Selection	Hon. Edwin Martin
9.	Public Investment & Accounts	Hon. William Kinyanyi
10.	Budget And Appropriation	Hon. Sylvester Madialo
11.	Implementation	Hon. Philip Oluoch
12.	Delegated Legislation	Hon. Cynthia Akinyi
13.	Health Services	Hon. Silas Madingu
14.	Education	Hon. Oliver Arika
15.	Roads And Public Works	Hon. Bismark Olango
16.	Water And Environment	Hon. Justus Oguta
17.	Governance & Adm	Hon. Vincent Odawa
18.	Finance And Trade	Hon. Mark Okeyo
19.	Wildlife And Tourism	Hon. Dorothy Oinga
20.	Agriculture	Hon. Fredrick Omoro
21.	Lands	Hon. James Otare
22.	Justice And Legal Affairs	Hon. Francis Otiato
23.	Welfare	Hon. Scholastica Madowo

TERMS USED IN A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1. **Standing Orders:** These are rules that govern procedures of the House and its Committees.
2. **Order paper:** It's a daily publication in the Assembly which lists the business of the House on a particular day, published and circulated by the Table office.
3. **Communication from the Chair:** These are messages or rulings by the Speaker on an important matter for the Members information or on an important question asked by a Member.
4. **Bill:** A bill is a legislative proposal introduced to the Assembly after it has been published in the Kenyan Gazette. Bills are meant to introduce a new legislation or to amend.
5. **Motion:** This is a formal proposal by a member for the House to make a decision on a matter.
6. **Petition:** It's a written prayer by an individual or a group of people that seeks the intervention of the House to a matter and makes resolutions with regards to the concerns raised.
7. **Speaker's rules:** These are rules by the Speaker to regulate conduct of members of the Assembly and orders regulating admission and conduct of visitors in the precincts of the Assembly.
8. **Committee of the whole House:** This is the entire membership of the House sitting as a committee. It only considers matters referred to it by the House which includes Bills at committee stage or budget estimates. All Bills that have received a second reading are referred to a committee of the whole House for consideration and review

HOUSE LEADERSHIP AT A GLANCE



3RD COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA HOUSE LEADERSHIP



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Speaker of the County Assembly



Hon. Andericus Oduor Odongo, MCA
Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly



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