

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA



## FOURTH SESSION - SECOND ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS BY H. E. CORNEL RASANGA AMOTH, GOVERNOR SIAYA COUNTY IN SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

#### **HONOURABLE MEMBERS,**

You will recall that I gave notice of today's special sitting to the Members of the County Assembly by Gazette Notice No. 494 which was published in the Kenya Gazette on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 pursuant to Section 30 (2), (j) and (k) of the County Governments Act 2012, and County Assembly Standing Order No. 19 (1) and (2) , and upon request by the County Executive vide a letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, that the Governor shall address a special sitting of the Assembly on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10:00 am.**

#### **Honourable Members,**

Section 30 (2) (k) of the County Governments Act, 2012 obliges a Governor of a County Government to deliver Annual State of the County Address.

Accordingly, the address by the Governor should contain but not limited to the following; -

- (a) A Report on the measures taken in the realization of the National Values referred to in Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;-
- (b) An annual Report on the Implementation Status of County Policies and Plans pursuant to Section 30 (2) (j) of the County Government Act, 2012,
- (c) A Report on the Performance of the County Executive Committee and Public Service to the County Assembly for consideration pursuant to Section 47 (3) of the County Government Act, 2012

(d) A Report on Citizen Participation in the affairs of the County Government pursuant to Section 92 (2) of the County Government Act, 2012,

(e) Any other information that the Governor may deem fit.

**Honourable Members,**

Based on the above statutory requirements, it is evident that the State of the County Address can only be delivered in the Assembly to give it legitimacy for consideration by the House.

Therefore it goes without saying that the content of such an address when delivered outside the Assembly remains foreign to the Assembly and therefore cannot form part of the Business of the House for debate.

It is for this reason that the President under Article 132 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, addresses special sittings of Parliament once every year and may address Parliament at any other time.

**Honourable Members**

Under our Standing Orders No. 19 (1), the Governor shall address a Special Sitting of Assembly once every year and may address the House at any other time. At the conclusion of the Governor's address, the sitting shall stand suspended or adjourned as the Speaker may direct until such time or to such day as may be specified by the Speaker

Under Standing Order No. 21 (3), (4) as soon as practicable thereafter, a Member may lay the address on the table of the House but the debate of the motion shall not exceed four (4) sitting days.

**Honourable Members,**

I also notice that there is need for such an occasion to be opened to the General Public both physically and virtually as much as we observe the traditions of delivery of the County address in the chamber.

Today, I appreciate the innovation that has ensured that members of the public have gathered within the precincts but outside the chambers to follow these proceedings.

Going forward, I will spearhead future innovations or legislation to ensure that State of the County Address can alternatively be delivered on a rotational basis in the six sub counties by the Assembly Gazetting Special Sittings in appropriate Sub County Venues commonly known as "Bunge Mashinani."

**Honourable Members,**

Last but not least, I wish to thank everyone who has turned up for this Special Occasion, the Clergy, Political Leaders, Representatives of National Government, County Executive Members, Civil Society Groups, and members of the General Public.

Lastly, as we are all aware, we are operating under difficult times due to the ongoing global Covid-19 Pandemic. May I call upon members and everybody to be vigilant and adhere to existing directives and protocols on Covid-19 Control and Prevention.

Finally, I now welcome. H. E Cornel Rasanga Amoth to deliver State of the County Address.

**I thank you!**

**HON. GEORGE O. OKODE, MBS**  
**SPEAKER, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA**