COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 11th November, 2025

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9:00 am

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair

PRAYER

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you back from the short recess which commenced which commenced on 22nd October, 2025 and concludes today Tuesday 11th November, 2025 in accordance with the approved calendar of the County Assembly, and Pursuant to Standing Order 30.

We now resume business session for the fourth session part six and, it is imperative that the Assembly expedites the consideration and conclusion of all pending business to ensure effective legislative and oversight work.

Hon. Members, as you reconvene; I wish to draw your attention to several pieces of pending business that require immediate prioritization; Finance Bill, 2025, Annual Development Plan 2025, Supplementary Budget Financial Year 2025/2026, these matters are central to the County's governance and development agenda. I urge all Members to give these items the highest attention so that they are concluded without further delay.

Honorable Members, I wish to highlight the County Assembly Sports Association games now scheduled from 22nd to November 28th, 2025 under the theme "strengthening legislative bonds through sports and culture" all Members are encouraged to participate fully in the discipline they represent and to engage in the game with discipline, team work and a spirit of excellence, your active participation will contribute to fostering healthy competition and feasibility for County Assembly. Members are reminded to coordinate with the Assembly's secretariat regarding team registration, official track suit, County flag banners and other requirements as communicated by CASA to ensure full participation.

Hon Members, I also wish to highlight the on-going efforts to bring legislative work closer to the people as recently demonstrated by the *Bunge Mashinani* session during the Maa cultural and tourism festival in Amboseli edition in Kimana gate. The initiative jointly attended by leaders and participants from across the Maa Counties provide a vibrant platform for cultural dialogue, civil engagement and participatory governance. Leaders lauded the initiative and emphasized the importance of making *Bunge Mashinani* a recurring feature in future edition of the Maa cultural festival, reinforcing the Assemblies commitment to transparency, inclusivity and citizen engagement.

Let us therefore resume the business of this session with focus, cooperation and urgency to ensure that all pending matters are concluded efficiently while also actively engaging in the upcoming CASA games to strengthen inter counties legislative bonds, I thank you.

QUESTION AND STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, it is notified that the Speaker has approved the following request for statement today Tuesday November, 11th, 2025 and 9: 30 AM Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1):

Statement No. 017/2025; requested by Hon. Stacy Nareyo (MCA Special Elect) to the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources, regarding the alarming and dangerous erosion along the river originating from Loikas and flowing through Sunrise and Loresho estates in Maralal Municipality.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Thank you Hon Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, I rise to request from a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources regarding the alarming and dangerous erosion along the river originating from Loikas and flowing through Sunrise and Loresho estates in Maralal Municipality.

Hon Speaker, it has come to the attention of residents of this House that the said river has undergone extensive erosion downstream becoming increasingly deep and wide. The situation has posed danger to human lives, livestock and also to the nearby properties especially in Sunrise and also Loresho estates. The expanding river channel also threatens public infrastructure including access roads and drainage systems within Maralal Municipality Hon. Speaker.

FURTHER, the river has become a dumping site for waste and refuse worsening pollution and posing a public health hazard. It is also noted that residents downstream depend on this river for domestic water use Hon. Speaker which will expose them to risk of waterborne diseases.

ADDITIONALY, unregulated human settlement and development of plots along the riverbank raises concerns about environmental compliance and enforcement. It is unclear whether such developments have received the necessary approvals from the National Environment and

Management Authority (NEMA) has required by the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999.

Hon. Speaker, this situation raises serious concerns about environmental degradation, urban planning, public safety and also public health within Maralal Municipality. The following legal frameworks are relevant to this matter:

1. Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees every person the right to clean and a healthy environment.
2. Section 5 of the County Governments Act, 2012 mandates County Governments to promote sustainable development and environmental protection.
3. The Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999, require mitigation and prevention of adverse environmental effect including soil erosion and pollution control.
4. The Urban areas and Cities Act, 2011, section 36, requires Municipalities ensure proper storm water management, sensitization, sanitation and sustainable land use planning.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:

1. Whether the County Government has conducted any survey of the river erosion within Maralal Municipality.
2. What immediate intervention are being undertaken to control the erosion, stop dumping and also to protect the nearby residents and also the properties.
3. Whether the Department of Environment and Public works has budgeted for remedial works such as gabion construction, riverbank stabilization and drainage improvement.
4. Whether the National Environment and Management Authority has issued any environmental approvals from the on-going or planned developments along the riverbanks.
5. What long term measures the County Government plans to implement to prevent further erosion, pollution and contamination of water used by residents downstream.
6. Whether the County Government has engaged the Maralal Municipality Board to develop a coordinated Urban Plan to protect and restore river ecosystem.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

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I will just like urge the Chairperson of Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources to take this matter with urgency because the properties along the river are being affected by erosion and maybe by the next five years those plots will not be there, it will be a river, I think this matter should be considered and addressed immediately, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker. The matter raised by the Hon. Member is a concern for the entire people within the Maralal Municipality and the questions asked will be coordinated between several Departments and the Municipality, I request the Hon. Member to give the Committee two weeks to make efforts to coordinate the Departments and for the Department to report on the raised questions.

I promise to bring the response on 25th November, 2025 at 2:30 PM, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Dube, I know you want to talk about CASA,

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Mheshimiwa Spika, tarehe 22 Novemba, 2025 tutakua tunahudhuria CASA na bado tutakuwa na michezo hata tarehe 25 Novemba, 2025.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Nareyo, can we put one week after 25th November, 2025, Hon. Lemartile one week after 25th November, 2025? so that it will be three weeks from now; that is 2nd.

Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): 2nd December 2025 at 2:30 pm.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Nareyo is that okay? Hon. Jane you raised up your hand.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Nakinyi Jane): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to comment on that though a date has been given; there was a time that we asked about the erosion at Sunrise, there is a big gully and I contacted the Water and Natural Resources Department. I wanted to tell the Chairman on Lands Committee to inquire about that because there is confusion. The Water Department said they are not part of the Municipality, maybe the Chair for Lands to inquire on the issue between the two Departments, thank you.

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The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): We will inquire so that if it is under Lands because I know it is part of Municipality then the Chairman Lands will seek response from Lands Department but if it will be under Water then Hon. Lemartile will seek response from the Water Department. Hon. Lemartile.

Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on a different issue since you have concluded on that…

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): Just take your seat. I have concluded that we will get the response on 2nd of December, which is the conclusion we are making. Hon. Lemartile you can raise.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Mr. Speaker I think there was a Statement I raised on the Health Department on resin dispensary and during the time when they were supposed to respond; there was a letter read by a Committee Member explaining that they will bring a response on 5th November so the Departments should follow their commitments and we need to know why they have not brought that response up to now, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): Chairman Health there was that response and I remember there was a communication read by Hon. Nakinyi that the CEC is in tour with the Governor in Samburu North. We want to know if you have the response so that it can be fixed in the afternoon. Hon. Leitoro.

Chairperson, Committee on Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah)**:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to confirm that I have not received the response from the Department but I want to commit that I will report back here today at 2:30 pm on the same issue, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Chairman. Hon. Silapia.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also have a Statement I sorted on 22nd October concerning the Gilati borehole where the Department brought unsatisfactory response. The Speaker of that day ruled that the Department to appear before this House to answer on the concerned issues. It was due on the first week of November but we had

the issue of MAA so we have that issue pending. I am not satisfied which shows the Department is ignoring the concerns of Wamba North people by denying them water all along, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemartile I know that is your Department but I want to clarify Hon. Silapia that appearance of the CECs in this House is being determined by the House business Committee to fix the date and not the Speaker at that moment. Let me get a clarification from the Chairman so that we can make afresh decision on the same.

Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the Member has put it clearly that the Member was not satisfied with the response given and the direction given is to summon the Department to come and give more clarity. That is what the Hon. Member has been asking and it is beyond the Chair. It is the directive of the Speaker of the day that the Department should come and give more clarity, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think what is failing this House is the House Business Committee because if the Speaker rules then they should have that ruling so that it can enable them so that it can make it to the Order Paper. If they are going to ignore then we also have a right to ask here. On that day the Speaker ruled that the Department appears before this House and answers, that is why I am doing a follow up on that. I have been following up but the issue is the House Business Committee, if the House Business Committee are not ready to serve these people of Samburu then let them say because we are tired of asking Statements day and night and there is no response just because of the House Business Committee.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker I just want to add my voice about the concern of the efficiency of this Hon. House; you are in charge and in control of everything in this Hon. House, whenever you give a ruling or direction here the clerks of the day notes and it is tracked In the process that the process will take place whereby the Business Committee has to make sure that as you have ruled there now and the date that you have put and it must be there, not for them to rule or to give order of tis Honorable House Mr. Speaker.

They are just facilitating, we are not here at the mercy of the Committee it is a process. Whenever you give a direction here it must be taken seriously and it must be honored. When you

give a ruling here and the process must take place and the answer must come to this Honorable House whenever the date you have given Mr. Speaker.

It is the clerk to track that the date given is being honored Mr. Speaker because when you come here we know that our business has been given attention of a certain date, when you come here we are not at the mercy of the Business Committee. Just an advice Mr. Speaker, giving the voice that here we are not at the mercy of any Committee, we have given the 15 wards minds to you give the Order when you give to the Business Committee it is the all the 15 minds to them for the 15 wards to take place Mr. Speaker. If they are not working if any step is not working it means that there is something wrong somewhere but in all you are in charge, thank you.

MCA Suguta Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker I thank the Members for their contribution but I am a Member of House Committee and there is no report that has been brought before us that has not been approved, so if the information has not been brought to the House Business that means there is no time we will deliberate on it. On the issue of failure of the Committee on the House Business that report has not come before that Committee and it is in order to raise that House Committee is not working.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Ahsante Bw. Spika, nimesimama hapa, Kwa sababu nilikuwa na Statement ambayo sasa hivi inamaliza mwaka na Bw. Spika Statement yangu ilikuwa ya Tarehe 8/10/2024, sijawahi pata response ya ukweli hadi sasa. Hizi barabara za Porro ndio ilikuwa Statement yangu ningeuliza ni haki kweli kwa watu wa Porro mimi nikiuliza watu wa Porro inamaliza mwaka? Itakuwa kweli ni haki na hizi barabara niliuliza kwa sababu zililipwa na hazikufanyika, na mwaka sasa inaisha kama hatujapata habari za ukweli. Ninaomba nijue ukweli ya hii Statement yangu nimeuliza kama barabara zitarudi kufanywa au ni nini inaendelea. Kwa kuwa pia ninazo majina za kampuni zile zililipwa asante.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Esther before we respond to that I want to clarify on Hon. Silapias' case and it is stated out in our Standing Orders. Hon. Lorunyei is not the Speaker that determines but what it states that the procedures for calling Accounting Executive Committee Members before this House is set out under Standing Order No. 48-52 a Member submits a written question to the clerk which the Speaker approves under Standing Order No. 49.

Once approved it is forwarded to the CECM and scheduled by the Business Committee giving the CECM at least seven days' notice.

The CECM must appear in person, submit a written response and it goes like that…so the Member who has a Question should write to the clerk and they should write the Question to the clerk after there the Speaker now forwards, after the Speaker forwarding then the Business Committee set a date that the CECM will appear, it is not the sitting Speaker that determines the House Business Committee.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker we are in the same page, but the idea comes from the Order of the Speaker once you give an Order the process rolls. The clerks knows that they will the information to the county clerk, the boss because the boss is the one to write to the Department Mr. Speaker. The process still ongoing, we always give a notice of seven or fourteen days. It is a process Mr. Speaker. Once you give an order things roll from the tail to the conclusion or to the head, thank you.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you very much. The House Business Committee will have a meeting after this and we are going to revisit the same, Hon. Esther I now want you to ask your Question, kindly. *(silence)* Ningetaka uulize swali lako ndio tuendelee toka hapo.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante Bw. Spika, nilikuwa nimeuliza ya kwamba nilikuwa na Statement ya barabara mbili za Porro Bw. Spika ambayo nilikuwa nimeuliza Tarehe 8/10/2024 na sijawahi pata majibu au jawabu la kweli na pia nimefuatilia nikaona barabara hizo zilikuwa zimelipwa na hazijawhi tengenezwa hadi sasa na sijapata habari ya kuridhisha. Nimeuliza hapa ya kuwa watu wa wadi ya Porro hawana umuhimu kweli kwa sababu Statement imekaa almost one year,si haki kwa wakaazi wa Porro na ndio na ndio maana nimeongea hapa ya kuwa sijawahi pata jawabu ya ukweli za hizo barabara nilikuwa nimeuliza Bw. Spika. Wala haijawahifanywa na zilikuwa zimelipwa, asante.

Thank you Hon. Esther, clerk assistants watauliza tena maswali hayo kama haijajibiwa vizuri let them do a written letter to the CECM incharge of roads alafu wajibu by next week Tuesday.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante Bw. Spika na tunataka jawabu hilo kabisa kwa hiyo wiki imekaa sana.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, the time being 27 minutes to 11 O'clock and there being no any other business this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 11th November, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.