

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018  
The House Met at 2:50 PM  
*[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amos Kiptanui) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**NHIF BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION**

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amos Kiptanui):** Honourable Members, I want to bring to your attention that there is an internal memo from the Human resource department and it is addressed to all Honourable members of the County Assembly and staff dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Reference: National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) Biometric Registration; ‘This is to inform you that the NHIF staff will be in the Assembly precincts, committee room number three, conducting biometric registration for you to be registered. The following are required: original I.D card and two, the NHIF card. Kindly, let us cooperate for them to serve us better.

MEMORANDUM OF REASONS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, HON. JACKSON KIPLAGAT  
MANDAGO ON APPROPRIATION BILL, BILL NO. 6, 2018

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable members, I have another communication, that we are in receipt of Memorandum of reasons by His Excellency the Governor of Uasin Gishu Hon. Jackson Kiplagat Mandago and this is in relation with the Appropriation Bill (Bill No. 6), 2018 that this County Assembly approved on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, during its special sitting, and the Governor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July returned the Bill as it is the procedure; Honourable members, that whenever His Excellency is not in agreement with the content of any Bill - and for this case it is the Appropriation Bill - it is returned to the Assembly with a Memorandum of reasons and I want to confirm that we are in receipt of the same. I want to commit it to the relevant Committee of Budget and Appropriation and I want to believe that the Chair will expedite the dispensation of this Bill so that it can be taken for assent by His Excellency the Governor.

**THE UASIN GISHU COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CIDP) 2018-2022**

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Members, we are also in receipt of the Uasin Gishu County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022. So, I want to commit the same to the Committee of Budget and Appropriation for further deliberations and considerations.

Thank you.

Clerk!

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## PAPERS LAID

**Temporary Speaker:** There is a slight hitch and I want to give Honourable Barbengi to table papers.

Honourable Jeruto Barbengi!

COMMITTEE ON ICT AND E-GOVERNMENT FIRST REPORT ON BENCHMARKING AT UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AND MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY AND MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA

*(Hon. Jeruto Barbengi – Chair, ICT and E-Government Committee)*

**Hon. Barbengi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I beg to table the Committee of ICT and E-Government's first report on benchmarking at University of Nairobi and Management University of East Africa. I can see that there is typo error of Total Kenya. It is not supposed to be there.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Hon. Jeruto Barbengi laid the Report at the Table)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Jeruto Barbengi.

Next Order, Clerk!

## NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE ON ICT AND E-GOVERNMENT'S FIRST REPORT ON BENCHMARKING AT UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AND MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY AND MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA

*(Hon. Jeruto Barbengi – Chair, ICT and E-Government Committee)*

**Temporary speaker:** Honourable Cheruto Barbengi.

**Hon. Barbengi:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

**That** this County Assembly do adopt the first report of the Committee of ICT and E-Government on the benchmarking at the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and tabled in the House on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018, with or without amendments.

Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable members, let us go now to our Supplementary Orders of the day in your next page.

Honourable Jeruto Barbengi; under Motions!

**Hon. Barbengi:** Mr. Speaker, this is the report of the Committee on ICT and E-Government: The County Government of Uasin Gishu, County Assembly on benchmarking at the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and tabled in the House on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 with or without amendments.

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*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable Jeruto Barbengi! I would expect you to have learnt how to go about that. We are in Motion and now you are supposed to read this Motion as it is and then you can now expound by going to the details contained in the report.

So, proceed, Honourable Jeruto Barbengi.

**Hon. Barbengi:** I am sorry for that, Mr. Speaker. Motion:

That this County Assembly do adopt the first report of the Committee of ICT and E-Government on the benchmarking at the University of Nairobi and the Management University of Africa dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and tabled in the House on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, with or without amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on ICT and E-Government first report on the benchmarking at the University of Nairobi and the Management University of Africa.

The second page is the table of contents and abbreviations, Preface is 4, Committee Membership, Committee Mandate, Executive Summary, Committee Objectives, Committee Findings, Committee Recommendations and Acknowledgement; those are the contents of the Report.

### **Abbreviations**

CBD - Central Business District

CISCO- Computer Information System Company

UoN - University of Nairobi

MUA - Management University of Africa

IUAP - Internet Acceptable Use Policy

IP - Internet Protocol

ERP - Enterprise Resource Planning

GIS - Geographical Information System

### **Preface**

On behalf of the members of the Committee on ICT and E-government, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this Honourable House the Committee's report on the benchmarking at the University of Nairobi, Chiromo Campus and the Management University of Africa from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

### **Committee Membership**

The Committee on ICT and E-government as constituted by the House comprises of the following members:

1. Hon. Jeruto Barbengi - Chair person
2. Hon. Samora Machel - Vice Chair
3. Hon. Patrick Bundotich- Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lelei - Member
5. Hon. Jenny Too - Member

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6. Hon. Gilbert Bett - Member
7. Hon. Alice Rono - Member
8. Hon. Edwin Korir - Member
9. Hon. Joel Rugut - Member
10. Hon. Joan Bittok - Member

### **Committee Mandate**

The committee on ICT and E-government is one of the Select Committees established under Standing Order No.191 which provides that;

- a. The committee shall investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b. Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation. Also, there is need to study and review all county legislations referred to it;
- c. Study, assess and analyse the relative success of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared to their stated objectives, investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.

## **THE REPORT ON BENCHMARKING AT UoN AND MUA, NAIROBI COUNTY**

### **Executive Summary**

The committee resolved to go for benchmarking to University of Nairobi, Chiromo Campus and Management University of Africa from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The aim was to learn how ICT can promote information sharing, transparency and accountability and reduce bureaucracy within the county through networking. Through proper networking, accessibility and utilization of ICT services by the public can be achieved.

### **Committee Objective**

The objective of the committee was to learn how networking can be achieved to;

- a) Improve plenary operations, quality of audio visual records, prevent occurrence of technical hitches and ensure immediate back up during debates in the County Assembly.
- b) Ensure that ICT correlates to its function through improved network functionality and information system services.
- c) Create a reliable platform through which information can be shared, research done and develop project tracking systems through networking.

### **Committee Findings**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee on ICT and E-government found out that;

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- a) Internet connectivity is required for WiFi installation - this is to ensure that devices are not tied to a fixed location within a property hence there will be no interruption to internet connection. Those using laptops, tablets and mobile devices can access internet in a much more convenient and flexible manner.
- b) Fibre connectivity- will aid boost networking through internet connection.
- c) Internet Service Provider (ISP) is needed for a reliable network i.e. Safaricom. The services include internet access, internet transit, domain name registration, Usenet service and collocation (data centre facility)
- d) Infrastructure such as server room and space is required- a server will ensure reliable storage and back up of data
- e) Growth in internet pervasiveness will create room to interact, communicate and do business within the county. As a result innovators, farmers and entrepreneurs will be able to do online marketing and sell their ideas and products.
- f) Network access points of good quality are needed to enhance efficient service delivery.
- g) Fibre optic network is paramount in enhancing online services.
- h) The power injectors are put in place in case of power outage provides an alternative powering option to local power.
- i) Access points are procured from vendors – CISCO (the access points have one year warranty) and are much efficient.
- j) IP address is issued by service providers to give identity to a networked device.

### **Committee Recommendations**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee recommends the following:

- a) Automation of systems should be done in the County Assembly by adding more microphones to ensure digital delegate systems for all the Honourable Members in order to enhance effective communication during deliberations. Use of electronic voting system should be introduced to ensure credibility, transparency and reliability during voting in the House.
- b) Reliable ERP to be set up to ensure departmental functions use a system of integrated applications to manage business and automate office functions related to technology services and human resources.
- c) The county government should map all the county resources through GIS in order to make informed decisions, collect more resources by establishing a GIS lab which will improve efficiency in terms of decision making.
- d) There is dire need to have different types of network access points such as UniFi and Ubiquiti which are of good quality and are affordable. Wireless hotspots should be set up within the CBD and in the townships. With rapid development of ICT within the county, a competitive landscape for innovation and E-commerce will be created. This will enable entrepreneurs and farmers to access online services such as payment of business permits and land rates and other county services with ease.
- e) The County government Wi-Fi should be secured and have a shared password/ key to control traffic that might affect services if the users are too many through IUAP so as to protect the users from inappropriate or illegal activities that might prompt cyber crimes. In

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regard to this there should be proper server installation to control database of all users to be able to identify those abusing the internet.

- f) The County government should set up more digital display screens at strategic points (Nandi Gardens, Eldoret main stage) in order to do advertisements and pass information to a multitude of residents at once.
- g) The County government should equip the Sub-County ICT data centres with enough computers and fibre optic network to enable users access online services in *mashinani*.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I find this Report being very important to this County....

- h) The County government should ensure proper networking in the Sub- County hospitals and dispensaries in order to expand the Health Management Information System (HMIS) to ensure quick service delivery.
- i) The County government should have supportive policies and legislations in networking to ensure access of all information and knowledge by the public.
- j) The County government should organize staff capacity building in order to meet the various ICT needs, use of ICT and access to information.
- k) Members of County Assembly should also be trained on basic ICT skills to enable them cope with the dynamic technology and reduce bulk by doing away with paperwork.

### **Acknowledgement**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on ICT and E-government wishes to appreciate the office of the Speaker, office of the Clerk to County Assembly, the Committee on ICT and E-Government led by the chair Hon. Jeruto Barbengi – that is me - for their cooperation and teamwork. The committee also extends its gratitude to UoN, Chiromo Campus and MUA in Nairobi County that gave us a platform to have in depth learning on how proper networking can be achieved to improve service delivery.

The committee recommends that this County Assembly adopts the First Report on ICT and E-government benchmarking with or without amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is my prayers that this House do adopt this Report since when we visited those places, we were able to learn a lot of things that would be of great benefit to this County and the County Assembly at large. For example, the University of Nairobi has placed their Wi-Fi network at designated areas for example, at the field where when the students are at the field they are able to do their research in a specific place where Wi-Fi is very strong and the research will be faster. We also learnt that, that the University of Nairobi has a control server in Nairobi and it serves Mombasa, Eldoret and all their other campuses all over the country, and they are able to control cyber crimes that may happen. Anybody that is doing any business that is not in line with what is required by the university can be detected by what is happening there.

We also managed to learn that when you place the servers in a place; for example in Eldoret you install at Nandi Gardens, anybody who will be there will be to benefit from the Wi-Fi that is available there. Also, in Management University of Africa (MUA), we also realized that when they are they are doing their applications and maybe somebody wants to apply for a course at their school, it is easier since when you are just within the periphery of the compound, you can access the internet but the internet is managed that they have a shared password. That password

is limited; not everybody is able to access the internet. It is specific people that can use so that it is not congested and whoever is doing good work there, you are able to benefit from the internet.

Mr. Speaker, we also realized that if you adopt the same in our County; Uasin Gishu being an agricultural area, our farmers will be able to market their produce very well and they will be able to research for their products and even sell these products outside Africa as well as the world at large.

I call upon Honourable Samora to second this Report. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Samora!

**Hon. Samora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this first Report on ICT. In addition to Wi-Fi installation, we really urge the County of Uasin Gishu to install the Wi-Fi within our CBD so that the students, the youth and even the Honourable members can as well do their research.

Secondly, there are so many online jobs that can benefit our unemployed youth. They can do the jobs and can get the earnings from there. With those few remarks, I stand to second this first Report on ICT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Samora.

So, I now want to propose a question.

*(Question proposed)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Ensuing debate!

Honourable Julius Sang, Member representing Megun ward!

**Hon. Sang, K:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to give my input to this first report on ICT. You realize that this is a very important function of the County Government and also the County Assembly and the Report on ICT is very good, it is elaborate. They have given the objective which is the purpose of them going to benchmark in these two institutions.

Mr. Speaker, I have read this report...

*(Point of Order)*

**Temporary Speaker:** What is out of Order, Honourable Hillary Rono?

**Hon. Rono:** Mr. Speaker, I find the Honourable member from Megun ward to be out of Order to give some explanation whereas he has not stated whether he is supporting or opposing...

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable Hillary! You are out of order. It doesn't matter whether you start by stating your intention; you can build your case and eventually state your position. Proceed, Honourable Julius!

**Hon. Sang, K:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for protecting me. I was actually highlighting some of the very important issues that I have seen in this report and I think I will give my position afterwards. I was saying that this is a very important report they have given us in detail

what they went for out there and what they saw and the observations they have made, and the recommendations. However, Mr. Speaker, I realized that the membership in this Committee is not in the House. So I tend to see that either they are not serious; they are telling the House that they are not that serious or they are telling the House that they have given us the Report that they don't believe in. But, Mr. Speaker, I do support this Report. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Julius.

Honourable Barbengi, I want to believe that you have made your submission and so you will be given the right of reply and you will get the opportunity to give your final submission.

Honourable Gilbert Tenai!

**Hon. Tenai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to give my contributions on this benchmarking trip to the University of Nairobi and the Management University of Africa. I was going through this Report and I found that it is indeed something which most consumers... We are being told that are savvy of issues to do with internet. I want to say that majority of the writings here are web-generated because this Report tells us that the Committee visited the University of Nairobi and the other University called Management University and I want to say that the Committee didn't tell us whom they met at the university of Nairobi, who took them through the study they went to see. They never told us whom they met at the Management University.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the committee objective I part (a) they wanted to improve plenary operations, quality of audio visual records, prevent occurrence of technical hitches and ensure immediate back-up during debates in the County Assembly. In their recommendations, I have not seen something that backs that objective. In objective number two; 'ensure that ICT correlates to its function through improved network functionality and information system services.' In that one, they have gone outside their objective to talk of the farmers and in their objectives they did not say they were actually investigating something that will assist the Executive.

The third is 'to create a reliable platform through which information can be shared, research done and develop project tracking systems through networking.' I can see in their recommendations there is nothing which backs what they wanted to do and therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to ask the Committee what exactly they went to learn at the University of Nairobi. Going from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is close to six or seven days. I can say on 2<sup>nd</sup> they travelled and on 8<sup>th</sup> they came back, that is five days. I want to see the quality, the value for money on the five days that these members sat in the University of Nairobi trying to be in conformity with what is...

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable Gilbert! Are you debating the contents of the Report or you are auditing how they did spend their time? Please, let us restrict ourselves to the contents of the Report, not on any other issues outside the context.

**Hon. Tenai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Part of the audit is actually to support my rejection of this Report and that is actually why we should audit. It is part of what we are doing in this House; to make sure that what is spent from this House corresponds with what is brought to this



House. Not just a matter of going there, sitting there and enjoying your stay there and just bringing us a Report which in my opinion; nobody has even signed this Report, Mr. Speaker Sir.

*(Point of Order)*

**Temporary Speaker:** What is out of order, Honourable Hillary?

**Hon. Rono:** Mr. Speaker, I find the Honourable Member not in order to start criticizing the other Honourable Members instead of criticizing the Report itself. The Honourable Members of the committee know they have done what they were supposed to be doing.

*(Applause)*

So, the Honourable Member should only deal with the Report. It is not in order, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Hillary. Honourable Gilbert Tenai, kindly restrict yourself to the contents of this Report. Either you are in support or in rejection and build your case from there, so that you do not spur some reaction from the other Members.

**Hon. Tenai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I think the Report and the Members of the committee are one thing and the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to say that I reject this Report totally. It does not give us the value of what we intended to get; it does not give us the exact things that they went to learn from that University, or it is either they did not go to that University. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I reject this Report totally.

**Temporary Speaker:** Well said. Honourable Member representing Segero/ Barsombe Ward!

**Hon. Yego:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to make my contributions towards the Motion. I want to start from the first page; that is the cover page; it was actually a benchmark at the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa. Going to the recommendations part, Mr. Speaker Sir, you realize that some parts have been recommended out of the benchmark.

Similarly, Mr. Speaker Sir, the objective of the committee visiting the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa is not in line with part of the findings and the recommendations of the Committee. I want to say categorically that there is a place at the committee findings; (h) that the fibre optic network is paramount in enhancing the online services. So, from the objective it has not been actually indicated that they were going to investigate or to go to see the fibre optic network or have the clear reason as to why they went to the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa.

Also, it is actually logical, Mr. Speaker Sir, to say that you cannot go to the benchmark basically to come out with a recommendation or a finding that we need to increase these microphones in this House.

Also, I wish to say that there is also part of the recommendation part (i); the County Government should have supportive policies; so, where did they come up with the policies in the University? Where can we relate a university with a County Government, Mr. Speaker Sir? I stand to oppose the Motion. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you very much.

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Honourable David Singoei, and I want to request Members of the Committee to really defend their Report. Proceed, Honourable David Singoei!

**Hon. Singoei:** Honourable Speaker, thank you so much for the opportunity that you have given me. Honourable Speaker, I am beginning to think that it is either the Members of these committees that are not serious with their work or it is either the clerks that are failing these committees, and the committees are failing to actually sit and analyze their Reports.

Honourable Speaker, from the very beginning, I want to register my appreciation of the objective of this Report as it is written. Because I want to believe that a committee on ICT should actually do benchmarking on what is stated in page 5.

In the executive summary, Hon. Speaker, the Report says; 'the aim was to learn how ICT can promote information sharing, transparency and accountability, reduce bureaucracy within the County through networking. Through proper networking, accessibility and utilization of ICT services by the public can be achieved.' Now, you see the statement and what they actually intent to do is very clear; but the statement is not flowing. Honourable Speaker, as I read, it is not flowing because we do not know where the issue of bureaucracy is coming from. 'Proper networking, accessibility and utilization of ICT services by the public can be achieved.' What does that mean?

But if the aim was really to find out how ICT can promote information sharing, that is very brilliant. I think that is why this Committee went out. But for transparency and accountability, and to reduce bureaucracy, is what I do not know.

Honourable Speaker, if you come now to the Committee's objective, - I want to believe; not the mandate of the committee - the objective of going to Nairobi was to learn how networking can be... I do not know whether can be used to achieve or can be achieved to? I do not know; that is not a complete statement. It is something that is hanging in balance but nonetheless, if you say improve plenary operations, I agree. 'Quality of audio visual records, prevent interference and technical itches and ensure immediate back-up during debates in the County Assembly,' that is agreeable. 'Ensure that ICT correlates to its functions through improved network, functionality and information system services', it is agreeable. 'Create a reliable platform through which information can be shared, research done and develop project tracking systems through networking.' I think Honourable Speaker, these objectives are very valid. I want to agree with Honourable Edward that the objectives of this Committee are not tallying with the findings. I want to believe these findings are the observations; what they saw in Nairobi. It is either the wording or these are things that were copied from somewhere. I do not know, because when it says the Committee on ICT and E-government found out; found out is what they found out; isn't that what it is? Internet connectivity is required; now, if you went and found out that internet connectivity is required, it means it is not there, is required for Wi-Fi installation: meaning they did not find it but they saw it fit themselves to say it is required. Fibre connectivity will aid; 'will aid' does not mean it is actually aiding; if it is installed, it will aid in boosting networking through internet connection; meaning it is not existing. 'Internet service provider is needed for a reliable network'; if it is needed, it means it is not there but it is actually needed. 'Infrastructure; a server room and space are required.' A server will ensure a reliable storage and back-up of

data. So, everything here is actually in the present and future tense. It is something that is required; it is in the future and it is the findings of the Committee.

I expected, Honourable Speaker, that when these Members arrived at the University of Nairobi and Management University of Africa, that internet connectivity with the Wi-Fi, for example is installed is actually in place; that is what they found, that it is actually in place. If you go to like (d) 'the growth in internet pervasiveness will create room to internet'... everything will! 'Will' meaning it is expected to happen, and how did you find that out? Honourable Speaker, I want to say that these people actually went to these places but it is either they were let down by the committee clerk or they themselves did not even go through this Report.

Honourable Speaker, this is an Honourable House that when we pass this Report, it becomes a public document and we do not want the public assuming that we are not serious in what we do. I do not want to object this Report because I see the content is very good; even the aim of this Report is very good. But can we ask the Committee to withdraw this Report, go and sit, and write it the way it should be and bring it back. We will support this Report because the content is there but the way it really is being done? How can you say; it is required, it will aid and it will do this? Meaning actually it is not in place. If you found that for internet connectivity to take place, a Wi-Fi installation is required; then tell us that Wi-Fi is there and internet there is working. So, we are now confused, Honourable Speaker, because we do not know whether what is being written here... when we say the power injectors are put in place in case of power outage, provides an alternative powering option; maybe these are the recommendations because that is what you saw in the other place and that we need to have something like that here, because that is what you saw on the other side. What I am reading is something that you either assumed it should be in the places that you went because it is the Committee's findings. What did you actually find out?

Honourable Speaker, I am not - because it is almost every day that I stand here and I oppose Reports, It is not very fair but I cannot approve this; I cannot say I support this because it is not really a Report that... Because, when all of us have agreed with this Report, it becomes a document of this House and it was read, understood and accepted by all the Honourable Members. Whether you like it or not, you are part of this Report. That is the reason it is brought to the House or has to go through and accepted and adopted. So Honourable Speaker, I am just saying that this Report still requires a lot of work. Can we request the mover of this Motion to withdraw it and go back, and ask the Members majority of whom are not here and I think if that has been the case, the Chair is really in trouble because she does not get the support of the Members. I do not know whether they attend the meetings or not. I do not know whether they went with you to Nairobi or not, because according to this, the Report has not been signed, meaning even you yourself the Honourable Member who actually proposed this, is not committed in terms of signing.

Honourable Speaker, that is my stand. I do not really approve or support this document the way it is. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Singoei, but I want to bring to your attention that the signatures are in the last page of this Report, so let that not be an issue. I am seeing the hand of Honourable Joan Bittok.

**Hon. Joan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to congratulate the Committee on ICT for the good job they have done. Though most of us have opposed this Report, they actually did their best compared to other Reports.

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Bittok!

*(Laughter)*

It is not in order for you to make a predetermined position. Who told you that most of the Members.... I have not put the question. So, kindly contribute to the Motion not on who has done this and who has not done this. Proceed!

**Hon. Joan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir...

*(Point of Order)*

**Temporary Speaker:** What is out of order, Honourable David Singoei?

**Hon. Singoei:** Mr. Speaker, when I checked this Report, Honourable Joan who is on the Floor is a Member of this Committee and she is confirming to us. I do not know whether she is in order to confirm to us that they actually did, meaning she was not part of the committee.

*(Applause)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Joan, you are a Member of the Committee and we least expect you to make such statements, and I want this to be very clear to the Members of the Committee that they did give their report in this committee. So long as there is no alternative view or dissenting view, you are supposed to defend your Report. This is your Report, so Honourable Joan proceed!

Honourable Joan!

**Hon. Joan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to give my input on first Report on ICT and E-Government that the universities which we visited are doing the best; they have the proper network and, if we apply the same to this County, especially when we put in our sub-county hospitals as we have seen in the recommendations part (h); that the County Government should ensure proper networking in the sub-county hospitals and dispensaries in order to expand the Health Management Information System (HMIS).

I was privileged, Mr. Speaker Sir, as a Member of this committee to have visited the sub-county hospitals few months ago with the Health Committee, and we realized that the network is very poor in our sub-county hospitals and dispensaries. So, if we implement the same in our County, it will really help because we found out that in those hospitals, patients queue for long due to poor networking. If we implement the same as in University of Nairobi and Management University, actually our County will go far.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I support this Motion.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you very much.

I have seen your hand, Honourable Gilbert Bett. Kindly proceed!

**Hon. Bett:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support this Motion moved by Honourable Jeruto Barbengi who is our Chair. I would like to say that actually we went for the benchmarking in the University of Nairobi, Chiromo Campus and we found that operationalization of ICT in the institution is at its peak. We found out that if Uasin Gishu County does the same, it would be good because as you can see on the Executive Summary, on transparency and accountability; I hope you remember that we had problems in Uasin Gishu County on the issue of revenue collection, and since we automated revenue collection, we have improved a lot and I am seeing that, that is the way forward. As we know, ICT has helped us especially in the Central Business District areas. When we move to committee findings, you will see in (b); ‘fibre connectivity will aid boost networking through internet connection,’ and I say, Mr. Speaker Sir, that if we do so, our County will not remain the same.

I stand to support the Motion, Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker:** Thank you very much. Honourable Hillary Rono!

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to make my contributions. As you have seen, Mr. Speaker, it is for the first time when I, Member of Kipkenyo Ward is contributing towards a Motion whereas handling the Report on my hands, meaning that today, is my day to contribute while checking some information in the Committee’s Report.

First of all, I would like to thank the Committee on ICT and E-Government for the good work done. We are supposed to appreciate these Honourable Members. Even though you can say some of the wordings in this Report is not right, there are some very nice issues which this Committee has seen and has proposed to this County Government of Uasin Gishu so that we can do what others are doing in the issue of ICT.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Committee most of the Members of ICT and E-Government are in the Committee on Trade and Members of the Trade committee are not with us. That is the reason why most of them are not around. Mr. Speaker, in the wisdom in Honourable Member for Ngenyilel... You know sometimes I think why the Honourable Member for Ngenyilel is a criticizer of almost everything? But today with the little English I understand, I have tried to go through the findings of the Committee and I found that some of the findings are like comparing; they are not findings but comparison between what is happening in Nairobi and what is happening here in Uasin Gishu.

*(Applause)*

For example; (i) reads; ‘the power injectors are put in place in case of power outage provides an alternative...’ Mr. Speaker, you see these ones it seems the Honourable Members or this Committee was trying to tell us in Uasin Gishu County, that when we are implementing this Report, these are the things we are supposed to be doing in our own Uasin Gishu County because ours systems are not up to standard.

So, Mr. Speaker, because I love this Report, and I know the Honourable Chair to this Committee understands that these recommendations; and when the County Government of Uasin Gishu will implement these recommendations, Uasin Gishu will not be the same again, I want to urge the

Chair - and I know she will do it - to withdraw the Report so that in the next few days she brings back the Report so that we can approve.

*(Applause)*

This is because I have seen almost each and every Member is for this Report but those English wordings; and Mr. Speaker, we are not English people. Sometimes accept; we are not English men, Mr. Speaker! Yeah! Thank you very much. I sincerely, Madam Honourable...

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable! Are you in support or you are in...

**Hon. Rono:** Madam *Mheshimiwa*, please withdraw. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker...

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** No! Order, Honourable Hillary! Are you in support of this Motion or you are opposing it?

**Hon. Rono:** I am supporting but be withdrawn for now, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

*(Laughter)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable Hillary! There is nothing of that kind; you either support or you oppose.

Honourable Jeruto Barbengi!

**Hon. Barbengi:** Mr. Speaker Sir, may I take this opportunity to request that let us go back and put this Report in simple English that these Members understand also.

*(Laughter)*

And wait for a day when all the ICT Committee Members will be available, because according to me, this Report is perfect but it is only that we used quality English, because ICT is very...

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Malel:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker!

**Temporary Speaker:** Order! Order! Honourable Barbengi!

Honourable Sarah Malel!

**Hon. Malel:** Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Honourable Member to say that she is taking back the Report to put the English that we can understand? Does it mean that we do not understand English that has been written in this?

**Temporary Speaker:** What is it Honourable, Noah Kemboi?

**Hon. Kemboi, N:** Just for the purpose of information; that is to the Honourable Chair, with due respect, some of us were teachers and teachers of English, and therefore, I just wanted to say here that when I looked at this Report, this is a Report generated from the computer.

**Temporary Speaker:** You are out of order, Honourable Noah Kemboi.

*(Laughter)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Jeruto Barbengi, proceed!

**Hon. Barbengi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. That information concerned Honourable Member who confessed himself that he has little English; it was for his sake.

*(Temporary Speaker interjected)*

**Temporary Speaker:** Order, Honourable Barbengi!

**Hon. Barbengi:** Yes!

**Temporary Speaker:** Do you want to withdraw or you want to defend this Report? Please!

**Hon. Barbengi:** I withdraw.

**Temporary Speaker:** Okay. Thank you.

Honourable Members, I want to believe the mover of this Motion has withdrawn this Motion...

**Hon. Kigen:** Point of order!

**Temporary Speaker:** So, at that point it ends as such.

**Hon. Kigen:** Point of order! Point of order!

**Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Members, I want to invoke Standing order No. 48; that a notice of Motion may be withdrawn by Members who gave the notice, but notice of the same Motion may be given again either by the same Member or by any other Member. So, Honourable Members that Motion can be reintroduced again at the convenience of the mover or any other Member of the Committee. So, it ends as such, and I want to request Members of this Honourable House who have their Reports pending, kindly do enough to avoid such kind of fate that we are witnessing here because we really value each and every Report that comes before this House.

*(The Motion was withdrawn)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Temporary Speaker:** Since there is no other business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow 9:30AM.

The House rose at 3:50PM