

## ORPP conducts election monitoring for re-scheduled polls

**T**eams of Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) conducted the last round of its general election monitoring from 28th to 31st August 2022 for eight (8) elective positions; two

(2) gubernatorial, four (4) for Member of National Assembly and two (2) for Member of County Assembly.

The election was held on the 29th August, 2022 following postponement and scheduling of the date of the election by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) announced vide Kenya Gazette notices.

Areas contained in an IEBC's published in a Special Issue of Kenya Gazette notice no. 9948, Vol. CXXIV- No. 169 of 23rd August, 2022 were Mombasa and Kakamega for gubernatorial; Kitui Rural, Kacheliba, Pokot South and Rongai (Members of National Assembly); Nyaki West and Kwa Njenga Wards for Members of County Assemblies.

Teams comprising of a section of staff from the headquarters, joined their counterparts in the regions and complemented by the County/ Constituency Monitors in the monitoring of exercise segmented into pre-polling activities, polling, counting and tallying and eventual declaration of results. The outcomes of each were relayed real-time for consolidation using now in place ORPP's election monitoring mobile application.

Preliminary reports from the different areas on location indicated smooth running across the areas through the plan-

ning, voting and declaration of winners save for low turnout that marred most of the areas. Teams also camped at respective tallying centres to witness the announcement of the winners.



Some of the voters being guided on procedure of voting Pokot West constituencies and Nyaki West ward of Imenti North, Meru County

In the contest, political parties candidates carried the day with only one independent candidate clinching an MCA seat in Kwa Njenga ward of Embakasi South Constituency.

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Declared winners by respective IEBC's returning officers included Abdulswamad Nassir (Governor, Mombasa); Fernandes Odinga Barasa (Kakamega), both of the Orange Democratic Movement Party; Titus Lotee Kacheliba (Constituency) of Kenya Union Party (KUP) was declared the winner of Kacheliba parliamentary seat in West Pokot County. David Mwalika (Kitui Rural) of Wiper Party, Kenya Union Party (KUP) David Pkosing (Pokot South), parliamentary election; United Democratic Party (UDA) Paul Kibet Chebor (Rongai Constituency) Kirima Kimondo (Nyaki West ward) and; Francis Kiragu Kimondo Independent candidate for Kwa Njenja ward also won the elections respectively.



Declaration of Abdulswamad Nassir has the governor elect for Mombasa county.

“It was a tight race as I was competing against 16 candidates in the race. I attribute my win to the electorates unwavering trust in me and my political support and commit to work with all that leaders in the ward including those lost in this race”, noted the MCA-elect, Kirima Mubichi accompanied his counterparts UDA's elected leaders and party

officials at the Kaaga Constituency Tallying centre after being declared the winner.

The ORPP monitoring exercise follows a successful country-wide for the polls held in 9th August, 2022 that has generated insights critical for subsequent policy direction.



Nyaki West MCA-elect, Kirima Mubichi after being declared the winner.

During this period exercise, a number of independent local and international observers were witnessed that included the national and local-based media, Independent Policing Oversight Authority, National Gender and Equality Commission, European Union among others.

## It is adieu to ORPP's long serving Reckoner

**A**ssistant Accountant General, John Mwai Macharia has exited ORPP service after serving the Office since its establishment. He returns back to his “mother yard” having completed his secondment period in line with paragraph B.33 of the Public Service Human Resource Policies and Procedures Manual, 2016 and Guidelines for Secondment in the Public Service, 2016.

In his farewell message to staff through Official WhatsApp group, Macharia appreciated the times shared with ORPP fraternity. “ My time to exit ORPP has come, I wish to convey my gratitude to those who made my stay wonderful. Probably there might have been misunderstanding, it was not intentional but just looking for perfection. I wish ORPP fraternity well in everything you do”, stated his message to staff in part.



**John Macharia shares a cake with Registrar of Political Parties. Looking in are; John Macharia receives ORPP information pack from Head of Human Resource, Jacqueline Kosgei (right) Registrar of Political Parties (second right) and Assistant Registrar, Ali A. Surraw (left) on 23rd August, 2022**

Staff joined in sending best wishes to him, thanking him for the times and service offered to the Office that for the last half-decade has made strides and reputational mark in the country. Registrar, Ann Nderitu led in the commendations noting of the Macharia's lead in laying solid foundation for Accounts department from its nascent times. “ The Office really appreciates you for setting up the Account systems, spearheading writing of Finance and Accounting Manual and many more.

These efforts have enabled the Office bag two Financial Reporting ( FiRe) awards in the last three years. Your good work and talent and faith in God will always create a way for you”, Registrar congratulated. Others echoed the Registrar's sentiments acknowledging his contribution to the positioning ORPP as a leading public brand in the country. “Thanks for the time we served together ... I wish you well and God's abundant blessings in your future endeavours”, CPA Florence Biryra said. His professional counterpart, Joshua Kimulu noting that he had learnt a lot from him. “You are a great person... your work and that of your team is wholeheartedly appreciated, seen and felt”, noted Joshua Ngala. Many more staff wished him well “I wish you well sir”, succinctly capped Victor Matheka.

Prior to his exit, the Registrar and Assistant Registrar, Ali Surraw held consultations and farewell meeting for the seasoned Accountant . Macharia's service spans many years, during which he has served in different public service capacities.



## OTHER ORPP MOMENTS OF THE MONTH IN BRIEF

### Commitment to inclusivity in electoral and governance process a done deal

The Registrar of Political Parties Ann Nderitu joined other players for the launch of the Charter of Inclusion spearheaded by CRAWN Trust organization on 2nd August, 2020 in Nairobi.

She outlined the affirmative action ORPP had taken to ensure inclusivity such as; ensuring compliance of the 2/3 gender representation in political parties membership and leadership; Amendments of the Political Parties Act especially section 25 which expands the eligibility of Political Parties to qualify for Political Parties Fund based on the number of Special Interests Groups among others.



Registrar of Political Parties signs the inclusion Charter document at Desmond Tutu conference center, Westlands Nairobi.



Officials of CRAWN Trust together with Registrar of Political Parties (Centre) in a group photo at Desmond Tutu conference centre on 2nd August, 2022

The overall goal of the Charter was to contribute to the building of a just, inclusive and democratic society, founded on an informed and empowered citizenry. In her part,

the Registrar termed the Charter as a progressive document which is the right move towards inclusion and equality.

All organizations representatives signed the inclusion Charter document as a commitment to promoting inclusivity in electoral, political and governance process in Kenya.

### Study visit to ORPP on general election preparedness

Deliberations between Registrar, Ann Nderitu, CBS with Regional International Government Organization delegation on a study visit to ORPP took place on 3rd August, 2022. The Registrar talked about ORPP's regulatory model included guidance to political parties for their optimal participation in elections, an effort that had seen 78 political parties field candidates in different elective posts in the 9th August, General Elections shaped the deliberations. A raft of other initiatives such as recently developed parties' Agents training materials and concluded trainings; ORPP's planned general election monitoring exercise from 5th to 10th August 2022 and other insights were also cross-shared.

Separately the Registrar held discussions with Dr. Kabue Chairperson IEBC Inclusion Committee on participation of PWDs in the concluded general elections.



Regional International Government Organization pay a courtesy call to the Registrar of Political Parties in her office on 3rd August, 2022

## ORPP lauded for contribution in the general election

To firm up plans for different institutional observer missions, Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS and Assistant Registrars; Ali Surraw and CPA Florence Birya attended high level consultations with The Commonwealth Observer Group.

The Registrar briefed on capacity building of party organs and targeted groups, regular guidance to political parties on the electoral processes, training of party chief Agents, hosting a number of observer mission groups as some key milestones made.

In the polls, ORPP conducted election monitoring from 8th to 12th August, 2022 as one of the lead institutional observers.



Assistant Registrar , Ali A. Surraw (right) Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu (second right) pose for a photo with officials of Common Wealth election observers on their visit.



A discussion meeting between officials of Common Wealth Election Observers and senior ORPP officials together with Registrar of Political Parties at Serena hotel conference, Nairobi.

## Zimbabwe Election Support Network catch up with ORPP on election monitoring preparedness

Discussions held revolved around actions taken by ORPP in preparation for the general election. Some cited were the ongoing countrywide monitoring of Tuesday 9th general election from 6th to 12th August, training of parties' agents; capacity building to party organs, and targeted groups among other initiatives.



Officials of ZESN hold a discussions with Registrar of Political Parties at ORPP headquarters boardroom.

The Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS assured of deepened collaboration between Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), ORPP, and other stakeholders in the Kenyan election stakeholders' to broaden the country's democratic space achieved by independent institutions.



Registrar (center), Assistant registrar, Ali A. Surraw (back right) pose for a group photo with Officials of ZESN

The delegation was briefed on an online tool and other methodologies developed by the office and being employed in the monitoring of tomorrow's general election.



## A symbolic gesture for a peaceful free and fair tally ahead of the 9th general election

Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS as one of the leaders at the helm of an election-bound entity together with other stakeholders, witnessed the lighting of 'Olympic Touch', a symbolic gesture and commitment by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) for peaceful free and fair polls. The fare was preceded by a press status briefing of election pre-poll day preparations and incidence reports gathered at the time across the country.

The Registrar was in the company of her guest and counterpart Ms. Leila Osman Ibrahim the Registrar of Political Parties Sudan.



IEBC chairman, Wafula Chebukati lights up the 'Olympic touch' as a gesture of peaceful free and fair conduct ahead of the general elections on the 8th August at the Bomas of Kenya.



Registrar of Political Parties (third from right) together with Registrar of Political Parties Sudan, IEBC senior officials and political parties representatives at the Bomas of Kenya ahead of the general election.

### PICTURE SPEAK

## ORPP monitoring moments for 2022 general election



1. ORPP Nairobi based team monitoring elections within Kiambu, Nairobi and Kajiado counties. 2. Kenyans queue to exercise their democratic right as voters on 9th August, 2022. 3. Agano party presidential candidate casts his vote at Upperhill secondary polling station, Kibra constituency.



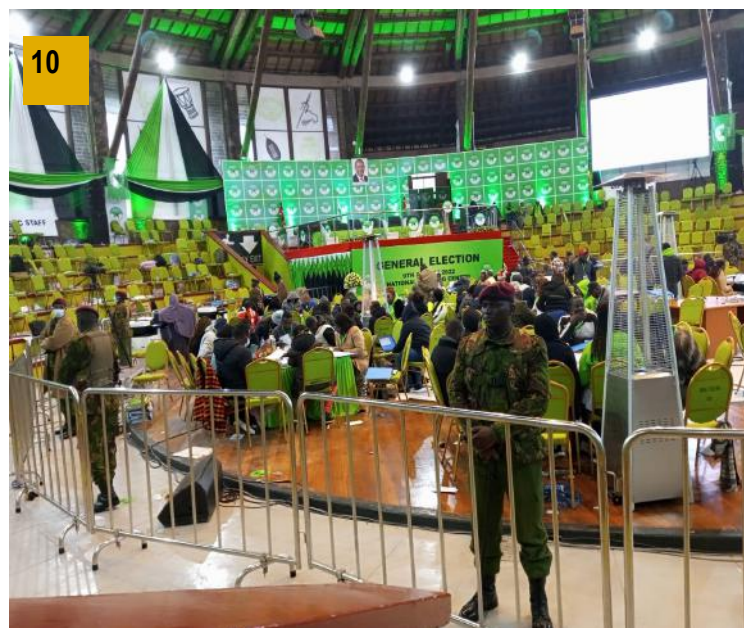
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4. Mvita RO receives results from constituency polling stations at Aldina secondary tallying centre. 5. Sealed boxes at Kisumu Central tallying centre. 6. Verification of tallying forms at the National tallying centre by the IEBC officials in Bomas.



7. Election Observers, Party agents, Aspirants and Election officials await announcement of the results at Kisii tallying centre for Kisii county. 8. Supporters celebrate victory of their aspirant in Aviation tallying centre, Embakasi East. 9. IEBC Nairobi County Returning Officer in a media briefing during the tallying process at Kasarani tallying center.



10. Preparation underway for the final announcement of Presidential results, at National tallying center on 15th August, 2022 Bomas of Kenya.

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