

ORPP showcases in national data protection fair

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) was among the key institutional Data Handlers that participated in the Data Privacy Conference organized by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) in KICC Nairobi from 26th to 28th January 2023. In a two-prong participation, the Office provided key panel discussion through the Registrar of Political Parties and set up exhibition stand to exhibit and interact with the participants and stakeholders in the open exhibition arena at the same venue.

manage and verify data within their purview including in the registration of members in adherence with the Political Parties Act, Data Protection Act, and resultant regulations.

The government and private entities were urged to ensure compliance of Data Protection Act and resultant regulations by implementing appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect personal data and ensuring the third parties they work with also comply with these regulations.

A collaborative approach involving regular communication and cooperation between the various key data handlers was recommended to ensure there is compliance and protection of individual personal data.



The Registrar of Political Parties Ms Ann Nderitu, CBS (2nd left) makes her submission as one of discussants in a panels that delved into commitment and compliance of

Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu cited making publicly available and verifiable the political parties' membership register on eCitizen platform via USSD *509#, as key strides ORPP had made to promote compliance with data privacy requirements for data on its custody. She urged political parties to

The conference under the theme Protecting Data Privacy in a Digitally Transformed Economy targeted government and private entities, civil society organizations, academia, professional associations and the general public. The forum was part of the country's commemoration of the International Data Protection marked annual on 28th January. It was spearheaded by ORPP head of research Marjorie Okeyo.

Somaliland based Committee for Registration of Political Association and Approval of National Parties (CRPAANP) on a study visit to ORPP.



Top: Registrar of Political Party (centre) and officials of CRAANP pose for a group photo on 30th January at ORPP headquarters.

Below: Registrar takes them through the beginning of ORPP establishment

You are joining an honorable brand, practice its pillars, Registrar

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) has recently added 7 staff members to its human capital establishment new staff members upon completion of recruitment and their reporting to duty at varied dates between December, 2022 and January, 2023. This was commenced on advertisements in public media and ORPP website of the vacancies on 8th February 2022.



Registrar of Political Parties in a formal meeting with new staffs at 4th floor boardroom

In a formal joint introductory meeting of new staff to the Registrar of Political Parties, Ann Nderitu, CBS held on 11th January 2023 in the 4th floor boardroom at the headquarters, they were briefed on expectations and meaningful contribution to the ORPP to buttress its gained in line with its regulatory role.

The Registrar in her address during the meeting underscored to the new staff the importance of staff discipline, commitment to duty and overall adherence to established staff Code of Conduct. She further urged the need for them to deliver on tasks assigned beyond the prescriptions of job descriptions.

Pillars of ORPP

Highlighting what she deemed ‘Pillars’ that hold the ORPP brand honourable, the Registrar pointed out that the pillars of; innovation; confidentiality; positive culture, getting work done, positive attitude, moral values, respect for one another as some of the critical players all staff must abide by. “A look at Office core values, one of them is innovativeness. We want an Office that can come up with new ways of improving our institution and place it in the global map and align with the era we live in. In line with the vision of being a model regulator of political parties for credible democratic

multiparty system, we must uniquely mold the institution and make it admirable to the public and stakeholders for other corporates to emulate”, she emphasized. Further cautioning for the new employees not to breach any provisions in the Staff Code of Conduct some of which pertains to discipline, avoiding casualness and embracing professionalism in and out of work station.

Kazi bora, si bora kazi

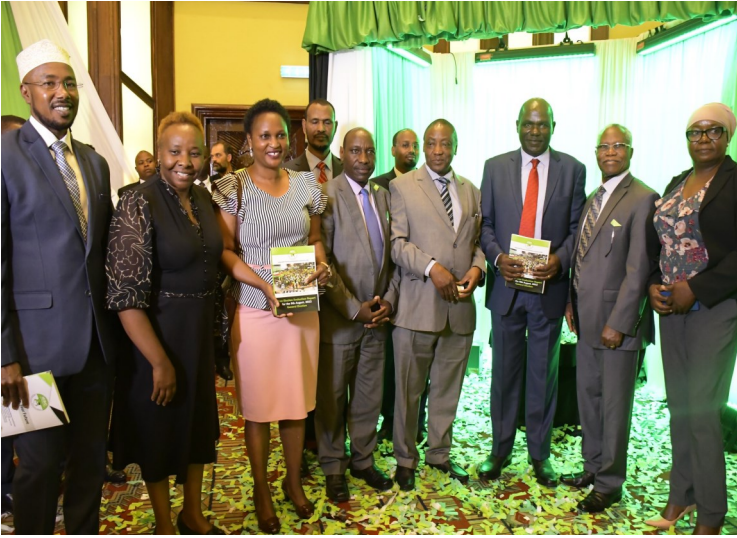
The Registrar further highlighted the need to get work done and diligence. “Adopt a positive institutional culture-, respect any client that comes for any service at our institution even if its not in your role to do so. Make effort to guide the customers while noting the commitments and timelines spelt out in our Service Delivery Charter. Always be honest and cooperate with one another in line of duty and manage your time well without supervision. *Fanya kazi bora, si bora kazi*”, she advised while giving assurance of her leadership to employee wellness contained in various support programmes at staff disposal.

The head of Human Resource, Jacqueline Kosgei called on new staff to familiarize with the ORPP Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual, 2017 and a raft of policies ahead of new staff induction exercise to be conducted in due course. The meeting was convened and spearheaded by Human Resources Management team.

The new staff already on duty include; George Odongo, Susane Shighadi Mwaingo and Ifrah Issack Ibrahim (Registration Officers); Elizabeth Mutile Nguma (Customer Service Assistant); Mercy Jepchumba Kiptoo and Winn Karimi Mbaabu (Compliance Officers) and Stephen Mogaka Ondieki (Driver).



IEBC unveils Post Election Evaluation Report



Registrar of Political Parties (third left) pose for a group photo together with various stakeholders at the unveiling of IEBC Post Election Evaluation Report.

ORPP being a key player in the election spectrum was part of stakeholders invited to witness the launch of Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) PEE2022- Post -Election Evaluation Report for the 2022 General Election on 16th January 2023 in Nairobi.

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Certification of political parties' membership registers & lists; countrywide capacity building for party officials and targeted groups; training of parties' chief agents; clearance of independent candidates were some key contribution focus areas of ORPP in the run-up to the August General Election, undertaken in collaboration with varied lead players.

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Registrar of Political Parties making her remarks during the launch



Outgoing IEBC chairman, Wafula Chebukati (right) and two commissioners

The occasion also bid farewell to the Chairperson, Wafula Chebukati, and commissioners at their end of their tenure.

Other ORPP moments of the month in brief

A friendly visit to the Office by USAID and ECES

USAID - US Agency for International Development and European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES) paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar of Political Parties. Collaborative initiatives on political education to targeted groups including Special Interest Groups, spearheading necessary legal reforms borne of the experience of the concluded August 2022 general election among other areas were discussed.



Registrar of Political Parties chairs an on-going discussion between officials of USAID, European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES) and a section of ORPP officials at the boardroom headquarters



Registrar of Political Parties (right) seated together with USAID official (left) pose for a group photo with ORPP officers for Linkages and partnership department, Ms Beatrice Nderi (far right) Majorie Okeyo (second left) and Joseph Kanja (far left) on 20th January, 2023 at the headquarters photo booth.

Review of ORPP's role as a key player in General elections by the British High Commission

The British High Commission representatives came for a study visit at ORPP offices. The visitors received by Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, CPA Florence Biryra on 25th January 2023 at the Office headquarters, were part of the High Commission Annual Review of Election Programme. Briefing to the team pertained to ORPP's contribution to the election-eering processes included a raft of ORPP's support measures to political parties, party organs, and candidates that enhanced their participation in 9th August General elections.

Support and enhancement of Political Parties' party organs; independent candidates in General Elections participation



Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, CPA Florence Biryra chairs the meeting between the Office and representatives of British High Commission on a study visit at the boardroom Headquarters.

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