

ORPP leads discussions on dialogue of political processes

Deliberations of Political Parties Liaison Committee of Kenya PPLC, 19th to 21st June discussed ORPP developed Political Parties' Ideology Guidelines and ways to foster dialogue with political processes.

The Registrar of Political Parties, while speaking during the forum, underscored the need for amicable dispute resolution approaches within the law and guided by respective parties' constitution. "In the recent disputes within political parties, parties must employ their internal dispute mechanisms within established organs as required under Political Parties Act, 2011 (PPA) and applicable Regulations", noted the Registrar.

Chairperson, National Steering Committee, Evans Misati appreciated milestones made by Political Parties Liaison Committee of Kenya PPLC that have contributed and shaped varied national discourse matters. He encouraged partners in PPLC to continue enhancing publicity on the dialogue platform role and its feed to current and emerging issues.



PPLC National Steering Committee chairperson, Evans Misati speaking during the forum in Machakos.

In the dialogue forum, established under section 38 of PPA, various sub-committees' reports for current Financial Year were tabled.

ORPP consolidates proposals for legal reform

Management and a section of staff convened on 22nd to 25th June 2023 to identify and consolidate proposals for review of the Political Parties Act, 2011 (PPA). The review is necessitated by lessons learned in previous electoral cycles and feedback by stakeholders during the post-election evaluation phase.



Registrar of Political Parties speaking to staff during the workshop held.

Focus was also placed during the workshop on developing Regulations relating to use of technology in managing political parties processes as well as Regulations on coalition political party. The team also identified areas of reform in the Political Parties (Registration) Regulations 2019, the Political Parties (Funding) Regulations 2019.

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The Registrar while speaking in the forum, underscored the importance of the processes calling on thoroughness of identification and careful crafting of gaps into concrete proposals for review. "This process shall address the gaps identified and enable ORPP to execute its mandate with a focus on reimagining regulation of political parties as envisioned in the Constitution", said Registrar Ann Nderitu.

Assistant Registrar, Regulation and Compliance Mr. Ali Surraw cited the importance of the legal reforms exercise terming it as an act of promoting constitutionalism. "These reforms will strengthen the mandate of the office due to the clear provisions provided" added the asst. Registrar.

A key proposal is legal mechanism to regulate new provision in the PPA that acknowledges use of Integrated Political

Parties Management System (IPPMS) as an electronic regulatory infrastructure for managing political parties records and dat. The need to introduce a Section 7 (2A) to read: A fully registered political party shall maintain the conditions as set out in Section (2) above. Another proposal in section 10 (5) is to provide for the Registrar to publish coalition agreements in the Gazette and ORPP website within 14 working days of either confirming the coalition or registering the coalition political party, were some of the proposals contained in a review matrix earlier developed by the Legal Team and enriched during the sessions.

Various departments were further urged to continued combining through varied legal instruments to feed into the matrix. The matrix which also detailed justifications for proposals made will further be subjected to a spectrum of internal and external stakeholders for input and ratification.

ORPP bags awards at Western show

ORPP was privileged to bag awards in all three categories entered in on its participation at the Western Kenya branch, Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK), Kakamega Show from 14th to 17th June 2023. The Office emerged; The best (1st) Regulatory Authority and Corporation Stand; Best (1st) Government Stand that Interprets the Current Show Theme; and 2nd Best Stand Embracing ICT Systems.



ORPP team receive awards from Officials of ASK show during the closing ceremony at Kakamega show on 17th June, 2023

The team present was serving and sensitizing guests, stakeholders, and citizens on functions, processes, varied

Office and joint initiatives. ORPP's stand was next to the County Government of Kakamega stands at the Moi showgrounds, off Kakamega-Webuye road.

Special Interest Groups sensitized on Political Education



In the span of grassroots, ORPP's commitment to engage through County Political Education on pertinent and topical matters. Sensitizations across select counties, 12th-16th June on target groups. Areas of capacity building include matters on: inclusion and participation of Special Interest Groups; practice of parties' good governance; upholding rule of law; guide on intra & inter political parties' relations; measure of conflict and dispute resolution.

Regional Offices focus

Nakuru region convenes stakeholders to introspect ORPP milestones in 2022 general election

The ORPP, Nakuru Regional Office organized a post-2022 general election consisting of political parties' officials/members and relevant stakeholders drawn from Nyandarua county on 2nd June 2023 at Lake Ol Bolosat Resort, Nyandarua County.

The forum aimed at evaluating the 2022 general election in relation to; performance of political parties, candidates and sourcing for feedback on the gaps and challenges experienced.



Part of stakeholders present follow proceedings during an ORPP-convened stakeholder engagement forum in Nyandarua County



Nakuru Regional Coordinator Mr. John Mwaura officiating the stakeholder engagement forum in the region

Political Parties present included JUBILEE, NARC-KENYA, Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), The Service Party (TSP) and United Democratic Alliance (UDA). Other stakeholders participating in the forum were, IEBC, Maendeleo ya Wanawake, Representatives from youth and Persons living with Disabilities in the county.

Stakeholder convene for a dialogue forum spearheaded by Eldoret office

Eight Political parties were hosted for a Political Parties' Dialogue sensitization forum by Uasin Gishu office on 7th June, 2023 in Transzoia County. The session provided a platform for participants to share experiences and lessons after the 2022 general elections.

Political Parties participating included Democratic Action Party (DAP-K), Amani National Congress (ANC), The Service Party (TSP), United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Jubilee, Tujibebe Party and Wiper party. The dialogue forum was aimed at promoting political parties' education as well as sensitizing participants on the mandate and functions of the ORPP. The forum is in line with establishing national and county dialogue platforms under Political Parties Liaison Committee (PPLC) under section 38 (2) of the Political Parties Act, 2011.



Uasin Gishu Regional Coordinator Ms Hope Nandwa sensitizing political parties' officials in Aturukan Hotel, Transzoia County

Other ORPP moments of the month in brief

ORPP in collaboration with stakeholders to develop multi-media content for PwDs

Discussions over Kenya Inclusive Political Parties Programme (KIPP), at ORPP offices. The KIPP seeks to develop and disseminate multi-media content for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) within political parties.



Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, Ali A. Surraw hosts representatives of Persons with Disabilities at his office

In the deliberations, ORPP offered technical guidance in line with inclusion requirements spelled out in the Political Parties Act to the Westminster Foundation for Democracy spearheading the project. Westminster Foundation for Democracy is jointly working with over 16 fully registered political parties, PwDs umbrella outfits, and relevant state and non-state actors including Parliamentary Caucuses to broaden the roll-out of the project to other parties and stakeholders.

PICTURE SPEAK



Assistant Registrar, Registration and Field Services Coordination (4th right) and a section of ORPP officers receives documentation as application for full registration from The We Alliance Party (TWAP) officials. The party will be the first to be considered for registration following 2022 amendments to the Political Parties Act, 2011. Presently, 90 political parties have been fully registered.



ORPP team takes the judges through its process and milestone during the judging session in one of the categories at Kakamega ASK show on 14th June, 2023

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ORPP team inspect The Equitable Party headquarters (left) and Azimio la Umoja One Kenya coalition party (right) during the Political Parties Headquarters Office inspection exercise carried out from 6th-9th June, 2023.



Left; ORPP's Compliance Department, Anastacia Kabere speaking to participants during a Women leadership forum for Women in political parties on 15th June, 2023, Kiambu county. Right; participants pose for a group photo after the training



ORPP team; David Mugo (right), George Kimah (second right) and Beatrice Adera (left) present awards garnered to the Registrar of Political Parties after the conclusion of the Office participation at the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Kakamega show on 27th June, 2023 at the headquarters .