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CAF, CRA and SOCATT representatives during a consultative meeting on the proposed County Recurrent Expenditure Ceilings for FY 2027/2028.



Pulling together, pushing limits! Nyandarua County in action during the tug-of-war contest at the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026 in Kisumu.



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The County Assemblies Forum (CAF) Newsletter provides a monthly snapshot of the Forum's engagements, programmes and key developments, keeping stakeholders informed on its work to support effective, accountable and people-centered devolved governance.

CAF AND IGRTC STRENGTHEN ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP ON SUMMIT REPORT.

Deepening understanding of intergovernmental relations and strengthening collaboration between the two levels of government remain essential to the effective implementation of devolution. Against this backdrop, the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), in partnership with the Intergovernmental



CAF Chairperson, Hon. Seth Kamanza, addresses County Assembly leaders during a CAF–IGRTC sensitization meeting on intergovernmental relations.

Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC), convened a sensitization meeting bringing together Speakers, Majority Leaders and Minority Leaders of County Assemblies to discuss the Summit Report to the National Assembly, Senate and County Assemblies.

The engagement provided an opportunity for



IGRTC CEO, Dr. Kipkurui Chepkwony, makes a presentation during the CAF–IGRTC sensitization meeting.

County Assembly leadership to gain a deeper understanding of the Report, its recommendations and the role of the Assemblies in its consideration. The discussions also paved the way for the Assemblies to commit to processing the Report once it is formally received from IGRTC. The meeting further provided a platform for consultation and exchange of views on matters of mutual interest, reinforcing the importance of cooperation and coordination between the National and County levels of government.

Through this engagement, CAF and IGRTC continue to underscore the importance of informed institutional participation, constructive dialogue and collaborative approaches in addressing issues affecting the implementation of devolution and strengthening intergovernmental relations.

CAF EXPLORES PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

Technical and vocational education remains an important pathway to equipping young people with practical skills, enhancing employability and creating opportunities for entrepreneurship. Strengthening county-run Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) is therefore critical to expanding access to relevant and quality skills development.

It is against this backdrop that the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), on 8 October 2026, held a consultative meeting with CRAWN Trust and



CAF Secretary General, Hon. Chege Mwaura, with CICan Executive Director, Mr. Joel Oloo, during a consultative meeting on strengthening county-run VTCs.



A group photo following a CAF consultative meeting with CRAWN Trust and CICan to explore collaboration in strengthening county-run VTCs.

Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) in Kenya, implementers of the seven-year Kenya Blue Economy Skills Training (KBEST) Programme, to explore areas of collaboration in strengthening county-run VTCs. The discussions centred on capacity building, training of trainers and advocacy for sustainable funding to improve VTC infrastructure, equipment and human resource capacity. The engagement also highlighted the importance of strengthening institutional support to ensure that vocational training centres are adequately equipped to respond to the evolving skills needs of young people and the labour market. The proposed collaboration seeks to position VTCs as viable centres for skills development, employment and entrepreneurship. Through the initiative, more than 5,000 young people are expected to benefit from improved access to quality technical and vocational education and training.

The engagement reinforces the importance of partnerships in supporting County Assemblies to strengthen vocational training institutions and advance opportunities for youth empowerment and economic participation

CATALYZING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOR 2027 AND BEYOND.

Women's representation in leadership is not only about occupying seats at the decision-making table; it is also about having the opportunity and influence to shape the decisions that affect society. As Kenya approaches the 2027 General Election, strengthening women's participation in political and governance processes remains central to advancing inclusive representation and responsive leadership.

It was against this backdrop that the Council of Governors (CoG), in partnership with UN Women, convened a High-Level Women Leaders' Strategic Meeting under the theme ***"Catalyzing Women's Leadership for 2027 and Beyond."*** The engagement brought together women leaders to reflect on the progress made in advancing women's leadership, strengthen collaboration and explore strategies for enhancing women's political representation ahead of the 2027 elections. The County Assemblies Forum (CAF) was represented by Women Members of County Assemblies (MCAs), whose participation brought the perspectives of county-level legislators into the discussions. As leaders serving within the devolved governance structure, women MCAs play an important role in representing communities, shaping legislative priorities and contributing to decisions that influence the lives of citizens. The meeting provided a platform for participants to share experiences, examine challenges affecting women's



CAF Women Caucus Chairperson, Hon. Naomi Serem, during the G7 Women Leadership Meeting themed "Catalyzing Women's Leadership for 2027 and Beyond."



Homa Bay Governor H.E. Gladys Wanga during the G7 Women Leadership Meeting

political participation and consider ways of creating a more enabling environment for women in leadership. Discussions also underscored the importance of collaboration among women leaders and institutions in advancing gender equality and strengthening women's influence in decision-making. For CAF, participation in such engagements provides an opportunity to ensure that the experiences and perspectives of women MCAs form part of broader conversations on political representation and inclusive governance. As the country looks towards the 2027 General Election, advancing women's leadership remains an important part of building a governance system that is representative, responsive and inclusive.

ADVANCING DISABILITY INCLUSION IN LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES.

Ensuring that persons with disabilities participate meaningfully in legislative processes requires deliberate efforts to address barriers in representation, resource allocation, accessibility and policy implementation. These issues took centre stage during the Kenya Disability Parliamentary Association (KEDIPA) Members' Stakeholder Engagement Forum, chaired by Hon. Tim Wanyonyi, where the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), led by its Chief Executive Officer, participated in discussions on advancing disability inclusion in governance. The engagement brought together stakeholders to deliberate on key issues, including disability-inclusive budgeting, implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2025, access to assistive devices and digital accessibility in Parliament.



CAF CEO, Ms. Lonah Lsem, makes a presentation during the KEDIPA Members' Stakeholder Engagement Forum.

In its contribution, CAF highlighted its ongoing efforts to mainstream disability inclusion across County Assemblies through targeted capacity-building initiatives and its Annual Conference for Persons with Disabilities, held to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The discussions reinforced the importance of strengthening institutional capacity, promoting accessible legislative environments and ensuring that persons with disabilities have meaningful opportunities to participate in decision-making processes.

Through these initiatives, CAF continues to champion inclusive County Assemblies and advance the representation, participation and rights of persons with disabilities in devolved governance.

CAF ENGAGES CRA ON PROPOSED COUNTY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE CEILINGS FOR FY 2027/2028.



CAF Vice Chairperson, Hon. Anne Kiusya, makes her contribution during a meeting on proposed County recurrent expenditure ceilings for FY 2027/2028.

Adequate financial resourcing is central to the ability of County Assemblies to effectively discharge their constitutional responsibilities of legislation, oversight and representation. Beyond facilitating day-to-day operations, sufficient funding is essential to strengthening the institutional capacity and financial autonomy of County Assemblies.

Against this backdrop, the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), led by its Vice Chairperson, Hon. Anne Kiusya, and Organizing Secretary, Hon. Tony Barasa, held a consultative meeting with the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) to deliberate on the proposed County Government Recurrent Expenditure Ceilings for the Financial Year 2027/2028. The Society of Clerks at the Table (SOCATT) was also represented at the engagement.

Discussions centred on the need to ensure adequate resource allocation to County Assemblies, strengthen their financial autonomy, build the capacity of Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) and enhance institutional capacity to support the effective discharge of their constitutional mandates.



Dr. Isabel Waiyaki, Chairperson of the Public Finance Management Committee, chairs the meeting on proposed County recurrent expenditure ceilings for FY 2027/2028.

The engagement also highlighted the role of recurrent expenditure ceilings in guiding county financial planning. These ceilings serve as a fiscal management tool for setting expenditure limits, promoting prudent use of public resources and controlling the growth of recurrent expenditure.

The consultations provided an opportunity to consider the operational realities and financial needs of county institutions in relation to the proposed ceilings.

Sustained engagement between CAF and CRA remains important in ensuring that the resource needs of County Assemblies are considered within the broader county fiscal framework. Through such consultations, CAF continues to advocate for adequate resourcing and stronger institutional capacity, while safeguarding the progress achieved under devolution and ensuring that its benefits continue to reach communities across the country.

CAF EXPLORES PARTNERSHIP WITH HOPE MOBILITY TO SUPPORT MCAS WITH DISABILITIES.



CAF and Hope Mobility pose for a group photo during a meeting to explore partnership opportunities in supporting MCAs with disabilities.

Access to appropriate mobility devices is essential in promoting independence, participation and productivity among persons with disabilities. For elected leaders with disabilities, such support is equally important in enabling them to discharge their legislative responsibilities and participate fully in public life.

In pursuit of greater inclusion within County Assemblies, the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), led by its Chief Executive Officer, paid a courtesy call to Hope Mobility Kenya to explore areas of partnership aimed at supporting Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) with disabilities through access to mobility devices. Hope Mobility manufactures mobility devices which are donated to persons with disabilities to enhance their movement, independence and participation in society. The proposed collaboration seeks to extend these opportunities to MCAs with disabilities while creating a pathway for them to support other persons with disabilities in their respective counties to access mobility devices and improve their quality of life.

During the engagement, Hope Mobility Executive Director, Mr. Jack Muthui, committed to partnering with CAF in developing strategic interventions targeting legislators with disabilities. The collaboration is expected to commence with support around the Second Persons with Disabilities Conference scheduled for December 2026. The proposed partnership reflects the importance of strategic collaborations in addressing mobility challenges, strengthening disability inclusion and ensuring that persons with disabilities have opportunities to participate meaningfully in leadership and governance.

Through such engagements, CAF continues to pursue initiatives that promote accessible and inclusive County Assemblies while strengthening the representation and participation of persons with disabilities in devolved governance.

BUNGOMA RETAIN OVERALL CASA GAMES CROWN AS COUNTY ASSEMBLIES CELEBRATE SPORTING EXCELLENCE IN KISUMU.


CASA President, Hon Peter Imwatoko (Jateso),, and CAF Chairperson, Hon. Seth Kamanza, welcome Kisumu Governor, H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, the Chief Guest, during the opening ceremony of the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026.

Beyond the thrill of competition and the pursuit of trophies, sports provide a powerful platform for building relationships, fostering teamwork and strengthening institutional bonds. These values took centre stage as Members of County Assemblies and staff from across the country converged in Kisumu for the 7th Edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games and Cultural Festival, held from 25 to 31 October 2026.

Held under the theme "Beyond Competition: Forging Lasting Bonds Through Sports and Culture," the week-long festival brought together participants from Kenya's 47 County Assemblies for a celebration of sporting talent, cultural diversity, teamwork and camaraderie, culminating in Bungoma County Assembly retaining the overall championship title for the third consecutive time.

Kisumu Hosts a Colorful Opening Ceremony.

The Games officially kicked off at Mamboleo National Stadium, with H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County, attending as the Chief Guest and presiding over the opening ceremony.

The Governor witnessed an exciting tug-of-war contest between defending champions Nyandarua



The mantle is passed! Kisumu County Assembly Speaker, Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro, receives the hosting mantle for the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026.

County and host county Kisumu, with Nyandarua emerging victorious in the encounter. The contest set the pace for a week of spirited competition across various sporting and cultural disciplines.

The opening ceremony brought together county representatives in an atmosphere of celebration, with the Games providing an opportunity for Members of County Assemblies and staff to interact beyond their legislative responsibilities while showcasing their sporting abilities.

Nyandarua Maintain Their Tug-of-War Dominance

Tug of war once again lived up to its reputation as one of the most exciting competitions of the Games, delivering thrilling encounters characterized by



Nyandarua County's tug-of-war team pulling together with strength, grit and determination at the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026.

strength, coordination and teamwork.

In the men's category, Bungoma County faced Trans Nzoia County in a closely contested encounter, with Bungoma securing a place in the final against defending champions Nyandarua County. However, Nyandarua proved too strong for their opponents, overpowering Bungoma to retain the men's title for the fourth consecutive time. In the women's category, Vihiga County Assembly emerged champions after an impressive campaign. The team defeated Kitui and Kiambu in the qualifying rounds, Trans Nzoia in the quarter-finals and Kisii in the semi-finals before overcoming hosts Kisumu in the final to lift the championship trophy.

Homa Bay Shine in Women's Football and Netball.

The women's football competition produced another standout performance, with the County Assembly of Homa Bay dethroning defending champions Turkana following a convincing 4–1 victory in the final-day encounter at Mamboleo Show Ground.



Homa Bay County Assembly Women's football team during the 7th CASA Games 2026.

Homa Bay's impressive campaign was complemented by another triumph in women's netball, where the Assembly also emerged champions, completing a remarkable double in the two disciplines.



The Nyandarua County Assembly Women's Table Tennis Team during the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026.

Meanwhile, Elgeyo/Marakwet County Assembly claimed the men's volleyball title after registering a commanding 3–0 victory over Bungoma County Assembly in the final.

Vihiga Register Impressive Performances Across Disciplines.

Beyond its triumph in women's tug of war, Vihiga County Assembly recorded commendable performances across several sporting and cultural disciplines.

The Assembly's choir emerged champions in the own composition category, while its set-piece team finished fourth. In athletics, both the men's and women's teams secured second positions in the 5,000-metre race, while the women's discus team also finished second. The Assembly further recorded a first-place finish in the first heat of the women's 100-metre race and participated in the 3,000-metre and walking races.

Other notable performances included victories in pool, darts and badminton, while the scrabble team secured second position.

In football, Vihiga registered impressive victories against Mandera (4–0), Narok (3–1) and Turkana, while also facing Uasin Gishu County Assembly in a closely contested encounter. The performances demonstrated the depth of talent and competitive spirit among the Assembly's members and staff.

Memorable Encounters Mark the Final Stages.

The final stages of the Games delivered several memorable encounters, including a closely contested men's football match between hosts



At CASA, some walked away with victories, while others took a little dust along the way! From thrilling wins to unexpected tumbles, the games were all about passion, teamwork and sportsmanship. The dust may have settled, but the competitive spirit lives on — see you at the next CASA, where everyone gets another shot at glory!

Kisumu County Assembly and Trans Nzoia County Assembly.

Trans Nzoia stunned the home crowd with a dramatic stoppage-time goal to secure a 1–0 victory, adding another exciting moment to the final-day competitions.

Across the various disciplines, participating County Assemblies displayed resilience, determination and sportsmanship, making the Kisumu edition a memorable showcase of talent and healthy competition.

A Celebration of Unity, Culture and Institutional Bonds.

Beyond the trophies and medals, the CASA Games continue to provide an important platform for interaction, relationship-building and collaboration among County Assemblies. By bringing together elected leaders and staff from across the country, the festival creates opportunities to strengthen friendships, share experiences and foster a sense of unity beyond the legislative chambers.

The successful conclusion of the 7th Edition also reflected the collective efforts of CASA leadership under the stewardship of **President Hon. Peter Imwatoko (Jateso)**, supported by the dedicated secretariat led by **Ms. Pauline Akuku**, the **County Assemblies Forum (CAF)**, the host County Assembly of Kisumu and other stakeholders.

As the participating teams returned to their respective counties, they carried with them memories of remarkable victories, spirited contests and friendships forged throughout the week.



A celebration of culture and heritage! A participant showcases traditional attire during the cultural catwalk at the 7th Edition CASA Games 2026 in Kisumu

Bungoma County Assembly's third consecutive overall championship title was among the defining highlights of the festival, alongside the outstanding performances recorded by other participating Assemblies.

The 7th Edition of the CASA Games and Cultural Festival once again demonstrated that while competition brings teams together on the field, the bonds forged through sports and culture extend far beyond the final whistle.

BEYOND COMPETITION: FORGING LASTING BONDS THROUGH SPORTS AND CULTURE!



KEY EVENTS OF THE MONTH



















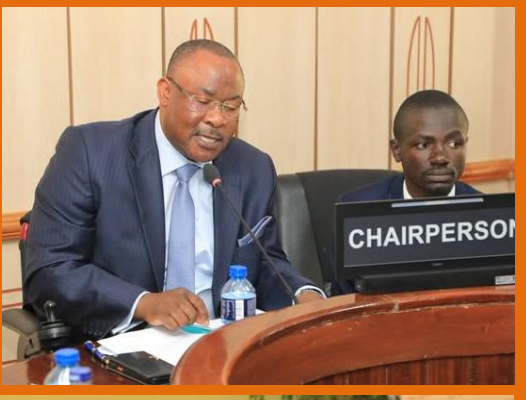









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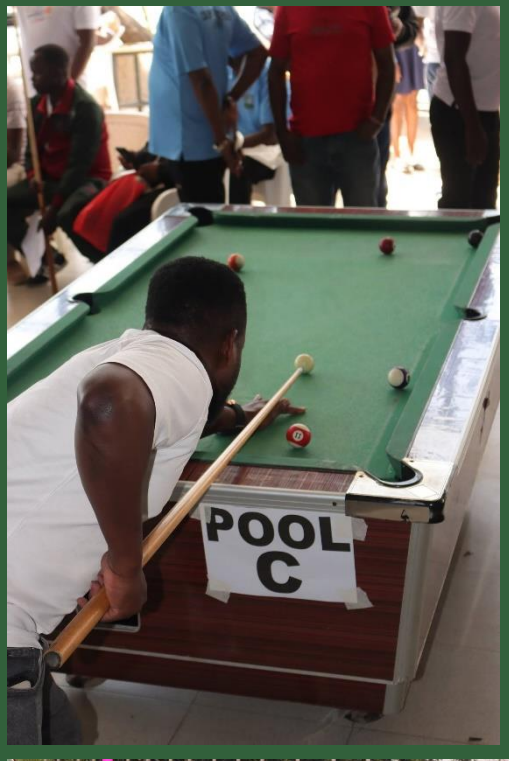

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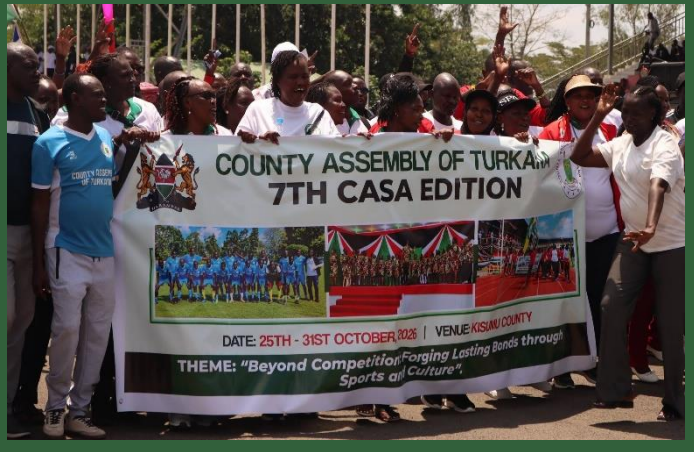



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