



TALKING NOTES DELIVERED BY
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DURING
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FORUM WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES CONSULTATIVE FORUM
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THEME:
MOVING KENYA TOWARDS A STRONGER DEMOCRACY

The leadership of the Political Parties Consultative forum
Hon Party Leaders and leaders of various political parties

Hon Guests

Commissioners

Ag CS/CEO

Leaders of various political parties

IEBC Staff

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon!

We have crossed at least three Counties and a lot more for others to congregate here today! A long journey and certainly a great mission brought us here. It is agreed that the success of electoral Management, is necessarily preceded by collaborative consultation between the IEBC, the ORPP and the PPLC. I charge that over and above the post-election evaluation, and your contribution thereto, which is certainly very important to us: I am appreciative of the tri-partite symbiotic working relationship realized from this workshop.

Ladies and gentlemen your contributions have been enlightening, and invited the Commission to champion the review various aspects of the electoral process to highlight but a few:

1. Strengthening and enhancing the capacity of the PPLC including equitable funding for its activities.
2. Redefining and entrenching the role of the PPLC including electoral observation missions; through an enhanced legal framework.

3. Review or relook of the independent candidates phenomena especially seeing that the Country has enacted a special/particular legislation to regulate political parties i.e. the Political Parties Act. Conversation might be necessary for a *sui generis* law on independent candidates;
4. Proportional registration alongside election premised on parties strength.
5. Review of the management of party primaries, subsequent ‘nominations’/registration of candidates by political parties, and the attendant dispute resolution and appellate regime.
6. Addressing illegal or unlawful conduct by some electoral officials.
7. Review of Commission processes and systems under an enabling environment for political players.

The rapporteurs have recorded the contributions made on the floor of this workshop, and also the reports compiled and presented by Mr Taabu and Mr Wambua on behalf of the PPLC. Without seeking to restate these observations, recommendations and critiques, I assure you as guided by Article 10, Constitution and in recognition of the sovereignty of the people – the electoral system will be aligned to ensure it speaks to your needs and concerns.

As a Commission we have resolved to steer the IEBC upwards and onwards – with your support and counsel - the change vision that we have continued to share with the Country, will be swiftly and surely achieved. What is this vision? Simply put, ‘GIVE THE COUNTRY A TRULY CREDIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE AND COMPETENT ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODY.’”

Ladies and gentlemen, the success of the Commission in conducting elections is preceded by how political parties select and register the candidates, who we then nominate for elections. You must take responsibility and decisively respond to this function, absent which the electoral system is exposed to uncertainties, delays and seemingly unending incongruence but only because we did not get it right at the party primary stage.

I am honored to have engaged with you in the last two days, and look forward to an enriched output.

You have honored this forum with your attendance, informed discussions and wisdom shared. Some of the recommendations herefrom call for administrative changes, whereas other call for legislative reform. We are committed to pursue these changes to the end.

With the brief remarks, I declare the workshop officially wound-up! I wish you journey mercies, thank you very much and God bless you.

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