

PRESS RELEASE:

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI AUDIT COMMITTEE:

In pursuant to Section 73 (5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Nyeri County Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga has appointed five audit committee members.

The committee will be led by CPA Sophie Moturi MBS as the Chairperson of the County Audit Committee.

Other members are Michael Chege, Pauline Wanjiru, John Ngure Mwangi and Margaret W. Macharia.

Sophie holds a Master's Degree in Banking and Finance (Microfinance) and a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting Option) Degree. She is a certified Public Accountant and a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) and the Association of Women Accountants of Kenya (AWAK) which she chaired in the past. She is also a Board Member in the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) of Kenya at the National Treasury and a Trustee of the Kenya Professionals Development Fund at the Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA). Sophie is a holder of the award of the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS).

Michael Chege is currently serving as a Senior Accountant at Law Society of Kenya. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management- (Finance & Banking Option) (MMUST), Master's Degree in Business Management (Finance Option) (DeKUT). He is a holder of CPA (K) and a member of ICPAK professional body and also a trained Forensic Investigations professional.

Pauline Wanjiru is currently working as an internal auditor at the National Treasury (Internal Audit Department). She holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree 1st Class Honors (Accounting Option) from DeKUT holds a CPA (K) and is a member of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

John Ngure Mwangi holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (Strategic Management), Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and a Certificate in Information Technology (IT) from JKUAT. He is a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya and holds membership in the Institute of Certified Public Accountant of Kenya and Institute of Internal Auditors of Kenya

Margaret Macharia who is the Nyeri CECM in -charge of Education, Sports, Science and Technology also holds Bachelor of Education from KEMU, Master's Degree in Education (Leadership and Management) from KEMU and Diploma in Management from Kenya Management Institute.

Their core mandate and responsibilities shall include:

- Evaluating whether processes are in place to address key roles and responsibilities in relation to risk management.
- Evaluating the adequacy of the control environment to provide reasonable assurance that the systems of internal control are of a high standard and functioning as intended.

- Performing an independent review of the financial statements to ensure the integrity and transparency of the financial reporting process.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of an entity's performance information and compliance with the performance management framework and performance reporting requirements.
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- Engaging with external audit and assessing the adequacy of management response to issues identified by audit.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of how the entity monitors compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements and promotes a culture committed to a lawful and ethical behavior.

The members of the Nyeri Audit Committee to begin work immediately.