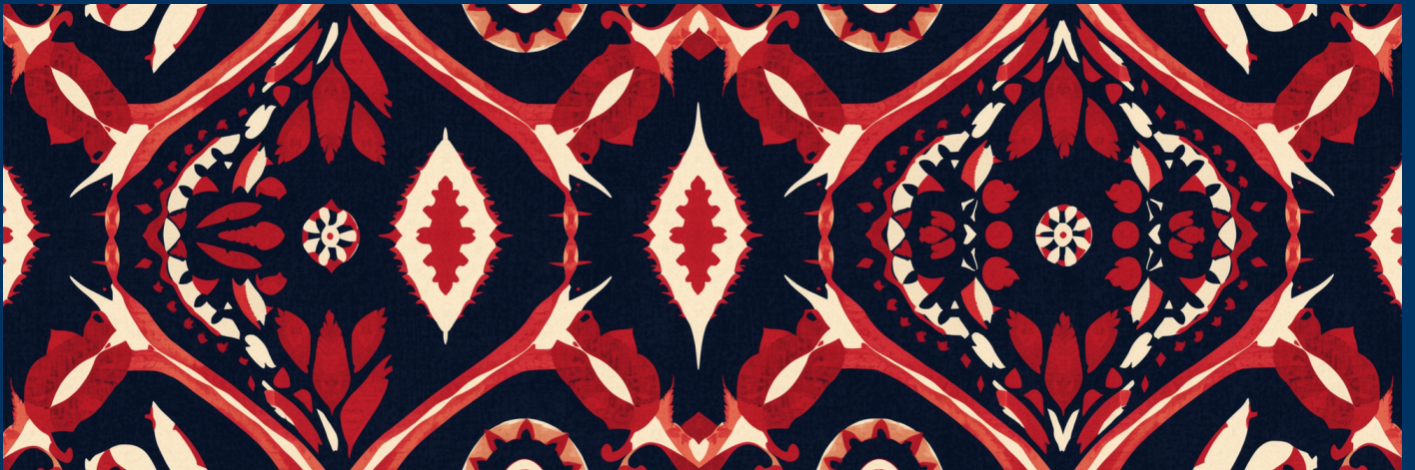


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1. LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- The Finance Bill, 2026 was assented to on 23rd June 2026.
- The National Assembly approved the FY 2026/27 Budget Estimates, authorising Ksh2.923 trillion from the Consolidated Fund.
- The mediated Division of Revenue Bill, 2026, was assented to on 15 June 2026; the County Allocation of Revenue Bill was also passed, setting the framework for the allocation of funds to county governments.
- The Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill was assented to on 23rd June 2026.
- The Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill was passed by the National Assembly.
- The Microfinance Bill was introduced in the National Assembly, and the Banking (Fees) Regulations were tabled.
- The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill was passed in both houses and was assented to on 29th May 2026.
- The Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill was passed by the National Assembly.



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2. SECTORAL LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES

2.1. FINANCIAL, FISCAL & FINTECH UPDATES

a) The National Assembly approved Ksh2,923,706,913,184 from the consolidated fund to meet the expenditure for the National Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary during the year ending 30th June 2026.

b) Parliament approved an overall FY 2025/26 budget increase of Ksh18.237 billion, comprising Ksh7.619 billion in current expenditure and Ksh10.618 billion in capital expenditure.

c) The Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill proceeded through Parliament and was assented to on 23rd May 2026.

d) The Finance Bill, 2026 proceeded through Parliament and was assented to on 23rd May 2026.

e) The Banking (Fees) Regulations, 2026 were tabled together with an explanatory memorandum, public-comments matrix and regulatory impact statement.

f) The Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill advanced through Second and Third Readings and was passed by the National Assembly.

g) The Microfinance Bill, 2026 was introduced in the National Assembly and referred to the relevant committee for consideration.

h) The Central Bank published the licensing of additional entities as digital credit providers under the Digital Credit Providers Regulations, 2022.

i) The Senate sought data and clarification on complaints, reversal timelines, freezing of disputed funds and the roles of the Central Bank, Communications Authority and Competition Authority in protecting users of mobile-money platforms.

j) A draft Liability Management Operations Policy was tabled.

k) A petition sought for a mandatory public debt registry and stronger intergenerational oversight.

l) The Treasury reported public and publicly guaranteed debt of about Ksh12.842 trillion, or 69% of GDP, as at February 2026, and indicated that it is developing a digital system linking debt and grants to project outcomes. The public debt comprises a mix of domestic debt of Kshs7 trillion and external debt is Kshs5.779 trillion.

m) The Insurance (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 were listed among the legislative supplements.

n) The Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill advanced to Second Reading. Separately, Adan Abdulla Mohamed was appointed Commissioner General of the Kenya Revenue Authority for a three-year term effective 18 May 2026.

2.2. AGRICULTURE SECTOR

a) Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill was assented to on 23rd June 2026 following Bicameral consideration.

b) The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill was approved with amendments and passed at Third Reading. The Bill is expected to provide a statutory framework for extension services. Agribusinesses, county governments and service providers should monitor standards, accreditation, coordination and delivery obligations.

c) The Plant Protection Bill advanced through Second Reading and was committed to the Committee of the whole House.

d) The Senate advanced the Agriculture Produce (Minimum Guaranteed Returns) Bill to Committee stage.

e) The Crops (Amendment) Bill passed the National Assembly and was referred to the Senate for consideration.

f) The Nuts and Oil Crops Development Bill proceeded to Committee stage; and the Coffee Act, 2026 was listed among the newly enacted laws.

g) Tea Levy and Tea-Sector Scrutiny regulations were gazetted. The Senate also sought clarification on a 0.8% levy on tea buyers based on auction value, including its legal basis, public participation and effect on farm-gate prices.

h) Parliament sought clarification on the importation of approximately 27,839 metric tonnes of refined sugar from South Africa, including compliance with licensing and pre-import approval requirements and any tax exemptions granted.

i) The agriculture committee called for stronger national-county coordination on irrigation projects and a county-disaggregated list of community, smallholder and expanded irrigation projects. Government also highlighted County Aggregation and Industrial Parks and warehouse-receipt systems as key market infrastructure.

2.3. Transport Logistics & Aviation

a) Multiple Civil Aviation Regulations covering aeronautical information, radio-frequency spectrum, general-aviation operations, rules of the air, instruments and flight documents, personnel licensing, dangerous goods, heliports, aerial work, aeronautical charts and aerodrome design and operations were gazetted.

b) The Senate considered annulment of the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, the Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules and the NTSA (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations.

c) The Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2026 was published as a National Assembly Bill in the Gazette.

d) The Ministry of Roads and Transport published the aircraft serious-incident reports for 5Y-CCP and 5Y-BXU/N255GE under Civil Aviation (Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation) Regulations, 2024.

2.4. ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & ICT



a) The National Infrastructure Fund Act, 2026, was listed among the newly enacted laws.

b) The Senate considered a committee report on the shortage of smart energy meters and the potential for local manufacturing.

c) A Senate statement request raised concerns over beneficial-ownership transparency in Kenya Pipeline Company shareholding, particularly interests held through nominee accounts, and sought disclosure and regulatory safeguards for strategic infrastructure.

d) Detailed reporting was sought on Housing Levy collections, project allocations, beneficiaries and value-for-money controls. Separate concerns were raised about projects allegedly undertaken on public or community land without complete ownership documentation or due process.

e) A petition sought reintroduction of the Landlords and Tenants Bill to consolidate rental laws, establish dispute-resolution tribunals and replace several existing rent statutes.

f) The National Construction Authority (Amendment) Bill advanced to Second Reading, while the Quantity Surveyors Bill and Architects Bill were introduced for consideration.

g) Regarding construction of high-rise buildings, the government reported ongoing inspections under the Building Code, 2024, multi-agency enforcement, structural audits, development of a Building Act and an Integrated National E-Building Management System for approvals and inspections

2.5. Technology & Digital economy

a) The National Cybersecurity Agency Order, 2026 was tabled by the Ministry of Interior and National Administration.

b) The ODPC developed draft guidance notes for transport-service firms, data protection officers, institutional data-protection policies and cross-border data transfers.

c) The Senate requested data on SIM-swap fraud, phishing, spoofing, cyber-attacks on government systems, data-access requests by State agencies and the legal framework for surveillance technologies.

d) The Senate ICT Committee reported that it was considering the Artificial Intelligence Bill and had invited stakeholders and public submissions.

e) The Senate ICT Committee considered the Electronic Equipment Disposal Recycling and Reuse Bill and highlighted a need to include extended producer responsibility, the polluter-pays principle, zero waste and prioritising equipment-life extension before material recovery.

2.6. CONSUMER GOODS & PUBLIC HEALTH

- a) The Healthcare Services (Amendment) Regulations 2026 were tabled.
- b) The Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill progressed through the National Assembly successfully and was forwarded to the Senate for consideration.
- c) The National Assembly sought information on Ebola and Hantavirus preparedness.
- d) The Autism Management Bill, Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, Health Amendment Bill and Community Health Promoters Bill progressed in the Senate. The Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Amendment) Bill was also published.
- e) The Senate raised concerns over expired medicines and medical supplies at KEMSA, the operational capacity of blood banks and shortages of contraceptives.
- f) Draft regulations covering gambling licensing, conduct of operations, advertising, foreign-based operators, appeals and the national lottery were tabled.

2.7. Environment, Extractives & Water

- a) The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill passed in both houses and was assented to on 29th May 2026.
- b) The Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill progressed through Second Reading, while the Environment Laws (Amendment) Bill proceeded at Committee stage in the Senate.
- c) The Senate sought details of a proposed parking facility and associated infrastructure within or near Nairobi National Park, including land status, EIA approval, public participation, procurement and ecosystem impacts.
- d) The Senate requested a national preparedness update for anticipated severe El Niño conditions, including mapping of high-risk areas, infrastructure reinforcement, emergency coordination and protection of critical access routes.
- e) The Meteorology Act, 2026 was listed among newly enacted laws.

2.8. Trade Industry and Cooperatives

- a) The Standards (Market Surveillance) Regulations, 2026 were tabled.
- b) The Competition (Amendment) Bill progressed to Second Reading.
- c) The Business Laws (Amendment) Bill was introduced in Parliament.
- d) The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill and Strategic Goods Control Bill were published in the Gazette.
- e) A Regulatory Impact Statement on the proposed Kenya Accreditations Service (Fees) Regulations has been prepared by the Ministry to assess the impact of the Regulations on the community and businesses.

2.9. Employment & Labour

- a) The Senate raised concerns about employers deducting SHA, SACCO, pension and other contributions without remitting them, citing cases in both private and public-sector entities.
- b) The Kenyan Sign Language Bill passed at Third Reading.
- c) The Senate sought an implementation update on legal and policy reforms proposed by the 2025 Technical Working Group on gender-based violence and femicide.

2.10. Public Sector

- a) The Division of Revenue Bill was assented to on 15 June 2026. The County Allocation of Revenue Bill and Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill also passed, while additional county-allocation legislation was introduced.
- b) The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill passed in the Senate at Third Reading and is currently awaiting assent.
- c) The Conflict of Interest Regulations, 2026 and the Public Benefits Organisations Regulations, 2026 were published in the gazette as legislative supplements.
- d) The Referendum Bill was introduced, while the Public Fundraising Appeals Bill proceeded at Committee stage in the Senate.
- e) Parliament sought an implementation update on the Refugees Act, transition from camps to integrated settlements, access to education and economic opportunities, host-community infrastructure and social cohesion.
- f) A petition sought simplified succession procedures for small and uncontested estates, decentralised probate services, lower costs, digitisation and stronger mediation mechanisms.
- g) The EACC issued its statutory quarterly reporting notice, while the Senate questioned the effectiveness of anti-corruption follow-up on recurring audit findings.
- h) The Certified Governance Secretaries Bill was published, the Kenya Judiciary Academy Bill advanced to Committee stage and the Judges' Retirement Benefits Act was gazetted.
- i) The Sports (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill was considered at Committee stage.



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