



EVENT PROGRAMME

**A VIRTUAL CIVIL SOCIETY
DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS
OF BBI FOR DEVOLUTION IN KENYA**

Friday 20th November 2020
9:00 am to 12:45 pm

Dr. Mutakha Kangu - Keynote Speaker



Dr. J. Mutakha Kangu is a Kenyan citizen and is currently a Senior Lecturer in law at the School of Law, Moi University, where he has been teaching since 1997. He holds an LLB degree from the University of Nairobi, an LLM from the University of South Africa, and LLD from the University of the Western Cape. His doctorate research thesis focused on the interpretation of the constitutional framework for devolution in Kenya. Dr. Mutakha served for five years as a Commissioner in the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission (CKRC), which started the constitutional review process that eventually led to the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Immediately after the promulgation

of the 2010 constitution, he was appointed by the Government of the Republic of Kenya to chair a government Task Force on Devolved Government that drafted many of the laws that are being used to implement devolution in Kenya. His areas of research interest are Constitutional Law, Governance and devolution in which he has published a number of papers. He is the author of a book titled "Constitutional Law of Kenya on Devolution" (July 2015).

On appointment and facilitation by the UNDP, USAID, IDLO, the World Bank and the German GIZ he has consulted for, and advised and trained various government arms and other players in the devolution sector in Kenya, such as judges, Court Users Committees, county governments, the Council of Governors, the Law Reform Commission of Kenya, the Senate, and the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee. On appointment and facilitation by the Forum of Federations he has been extensively involved in training senior government officials of both the Federal government of Somalia and the governments of independent regional authorities in Somalia as the country seeks to end conflict and establish a federal system of government.



Julie Matheka_ICJ

Julie Matheka leads the Democratic Governance and Rule of Law programme at the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-K), which is an organization dedicated to the promotion of human rights, justice and democracy in Kenya and in Africa more broadly through the application of legal expertise and international best practices. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Law- Human Rights from the University of London (Queen Mary University of London and University College of London).

Joshua Changwony is the Acting Executive Secretary for the Constitution and Education Consortium-CRECO, a network of Civil Society Organizations in Kenya. He has worked in Civil Society sector from 2004 to date and participated actively in the discussions towards a new Constitution in Kenya; observed the processes to the national referendum in 2005 that rejected the Draft Constitution and another referendum in 2010 which approved the Constitution of Kenya 2010. He has observed Kenya's General Elections since 2007. He is an expert in Communication and CSO Coordination and Advocacy.



Joshua Changwony
Acting Executive
Secretary CRECO

SPEAKERS

Valerie N. Okumu-Ojiambo is a legal and social researcher. She wields extensive experience in policy review/legislative development, Legal Audit/Statutory Risk assessments and Devolution research. She has been involved in Legislation development, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of the devolution reforms in the country through various assignments including at the Task Force on Devolved Government; Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution; Building Bridges Taskforce and various consultancies at Council of Governor, Ministry of Devolution, County governments, and advisory work in different sectors. She has also participated in the development, review and drafting of devolution related legislation statutes for development for the implementation of devolution in the country.



Valerie Okumu



Christine Nkonge
Executive Director
Katiba Institute

Christine Nkonge is Executive Director at Katiba Institute. She holds a master's degree in law from Central European University, Budapest, Hungary and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya with diverse experience in human rights laws including in criminal justice, gender-based violence, and children rights.

Jill Ghai is a co-founder of the Katiba Institute, and Chair of its Board. She has taught law for over 40 years, at Ife and Ahmadu Bello Universities in Nigeria, Warwick University, United Kingdom, and the University of Hong Kong. She also has experience in advising on constitutions, including for Nepal, Iraq and Somalia. She has authored various publications on constitutional and human rights issues.



Jill Cottrell Ghai
Law Expert



Christine Nkonge
Executive Director
Katiba Institute

Wanjiru Gikonyo is an advocate for participatory local governance in Kenya and has over 15 years of experience in social accountability advocacy and practice. Wanjiru has widespread experience in participatory governance, decentralized governance, social audits, local budget tracking, legislative and policy monitoring, and advocacy. Wanjiru has worked with both the executive and legislatures in Kenya at both national and county level. Wanjiru is presently working on the creation of social enterprise programs as a means of sustainable participatory governance. She serves as founder and National Coordinator of The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), which has been instrumental in advocating for effective devolution and meaningful public engagement under devolved government in Kenya. She holds a Bachelor of Business Organization Degree from Heriot Watt University where she graduated with distinction.

Albert Maloba is the President of Moi University Students Governing Council and Chairperson of Universities; Presidents Council of Kenya. He is a student with keen interest in visionary leadership and an advocate for Sustainable Development Goals.



Albert Maloba
Chairperson of Universities'
Presidents Council of Kenya



Titus Ogalo_
Program Coordinator at
Transparency International-Kenya

Titus Ogalo works with Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya) in the capacity of Public Accountability Programme Coordinator. He has over 7 solid years' experience working in advocacy and governance areas with elaborate focus on policy advocacy and legislative transformation for good governance, both at National and County Governments levels in Kenya.

Cornelius Oduor is the CEO of Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance. He has experience spanning over 15 years in developing programs that build capacity geared towards governance, advocacy, social accountability and civic education. He also has consulting experience that cuts across providing technical assistance and mentorship to government (County and National), CSOs and communities in Kenya in terms of policy formulation, planning and budgeting.



Cornelius Oduor _
CEO Centre for Enhancing
Democracy and Good
Governance

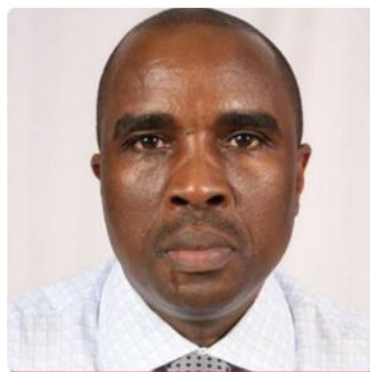


Irene Otieno
Advocate of the High Court

Irene Otieno, an advocate of the High Court, has been and is still involved in promoting good governance and tax justice in Kenya. She is a governance, public sector management, and public sector reform advocate with more than 10 years of experience in development work. Her work interests are on the empowerment of the citizenry through the provision of the right information and citizens raising their voice to demand accountability. she "endeavors to be the voice of taxpayers for a better Kenya today and for prosperity.



Abraham Rugo
Country Manager IBP Kenya



Kamotho Waiganjo
Constitutional Lawyer



Peter Wanyama
Advocate of the High Court

9:00 – 9:15 Opening:

Wanjiru Gikonyo
National Coordinator at The Institute for Social Accountability

9:15- 9:45 Keynote Address: BBI Risks and Opportunities for Devolution

Dr. Mutakha Kangu
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya;
Devolution Law Expert;
Former Commissioner Constitution of Kenya Review Commission;
Former Chair of the Task Force on Devolved Governance; Author of
Constitutional Law of Kenya on Devolution.

9:45 – 10:15 Brief Plenary

10:15 –12:00 Breakaway groups

Group 1: BBI process and the principle of basic doctrine:

1. Christine Nkonge
Executive Director at Katiba Institute.
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya
2. Discussant
Prof Jill Ghai
Professor of Law
Co-author of publication on Kenya's Constitution: An Instrument for Change

Group 2: Implications of BBI for devolution:

1. Valerie Okumu Ojiambo – Research Consultant Devolution
2. Discussant:
Kamotho Waiganjo

Advocate of the High Court of Kenya
Constitutional Lawyer,
Former Commissioner at the Commission on the Implementation of the Constitution
(CIOC) as Chair of the Public Finance Committee and Co-Convened Devolution Committee

Group 3: Imperatives for financing of devolution:

1. Dr Abraham Rugo
Country Manager, International Budget Partnership Kenya
2. Discussant:
Peter Wanyama
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya;
Managing Partner at Manyonge Wanyama Associates and Advocates – Legal Compliance
Specialist and Devolution Litigation

Group 4: Role of Citizens under BBI:

1. Cornelius Oduor – Chief Executive Officer at the Center for Enhancing Democracy and
Good Governance
2. Discussant: Wanjiru Gikonyo

Group 5: Corruption, leadership and the BBI:

1. Titus Gitonga
Programme Officer at Transparency International Kenya

2. Discussant:
Irene Otieno
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya
National Coordinator at the National Taxpayers Association

Group 6: Socioeconomic and gender impacts of the BBI proposals – Sustainable Development Goals Forum

Group 7: BBI, Security and Judicial Independence:

Julie Matheka,
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya
Senior Program Officer at The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya)

Group 8: Youth and BBI

Albert Maloba – Universities Presidents Council of Kenya.

12:00 – 12:45 Second Plenary: Strategy and Way Forward: Moderated by Joshua Changwony and Wanjiru Gikonyo - The Constitution and Reform Education Consortium (CRECO)/The Institute for Social Accountability

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