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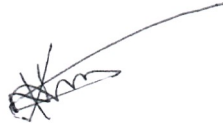
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SUBJECT : GENERAL STATEMENT

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During the sitting of **Thursday, April 12, 2018**, the Hon. Anthony Oluoch, MP, Member for Mathare Constituency requested for statement pursuant to the *provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c)*, regarding the requirement to establish Information Communication & Technology innovation hubs in every constituency through National Government Constituencies Development Fund.

The Speaker directed that the Chairpersons of the Budget and Appropriations, National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committees and the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation consider the issues raised in the statement and report to the House on the sitting of **Thursday, April 19, 2018**.

Attached herewith, Please find a copy of the same for your necessary action.



 **RACHAEL KAIRU**

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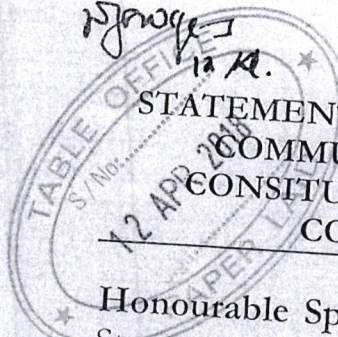
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Mr. Speaker
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)

STATEMENT ON THE REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH INFORMATION
COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) HUBS IN EACH
CONSTITUENCY THROUGH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT -
CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (NG-CDF)



Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairpersons of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, and the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committee regarding;

- (i) The requirement to establish Information Communication and Technology (ICT) innovation hubs in Constituencies through the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), and
- (ii) Funds reduced from NG-CDF during the 2017/2018 Supplementary Budget.

Honourable Speaker, through a ministerial/executive directive by the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology of 2016 to the NG-CDF Committees are required to establish at least four ICT innovation hubs their Constituencies at the cost of Kshs. 4. 2 Million each.

Honourable Speaker, the above directive imposed on NG-CDF Committees though a noble as it will create and spur development as well as job creation for the youth therefore should be supported has the effect of eating into the limited resources available for the core functions of NG-CDF which are mainly education and security related.

Honourable Speaker, further, through 2017/18 Supplementary Budget, this House did reduce the Constituency funds allocation by about Kshs. 15 Million for each Constituency leaving only about Kshs. 85 Million to cover both ongoing and new projects, administrative and other contingencies.

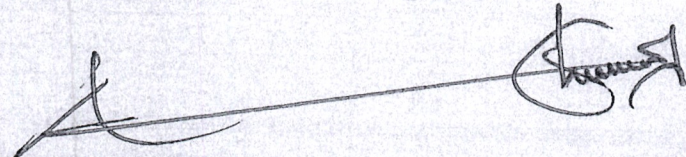
Honourable Speaker, in the Statement, the two Chairpersons should address the following concerns;

- i) Though the executive/ministerial directive of establishing innovation hubs is a noble idea, is it within the provisions of the NG-CDF Act, regulations as well as the constitution?

consider having the hubs established and the infrastructure maintained through the line Ministry, and budgeted accordingly for approval in the 2018/19 budget estimates, while constituencies provide the physical infrastructure (buildings) to host the projects?

- iii) Considering the Kshs.15 million reduced from NG-CDF during the 2017/18 Supplementary Budget, would the Budget and Appropriations Committee consider allocating a similar amount in the 2018/19 Supplementary Estimates II?
- iv) When is Treasury expected to release outstanding NG-CDF funds to NG-CDF Committees to enable them discharge their duties?

I thank you, Honourable Speaker.



The Hon. Anthony Tom Aluoch, MP
MEMBER FOR MATHARE CONSTITUENCY

Thursday, April 12, 2018