

MCA's URGED TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE THE PUBLIC ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (10/10/2015)

The Members of County Assembly Workshop on Effective County legislation reached its final day today. The two day training has seen the Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC) enlighten the County Government on the overall legislation process.

Speaking during the training session, Irene Kabua (KLRC) emphasized on the need for meaningful public participation in the process of legislation. As a result a realistic frame work should be adopted and executed in public participation to avoid a violation of the constitution. Members of the public should also be given 14 days as provided by the constitution to go through the bill so as to air their views and concerns before the public participation. The bill on Public Participation is at the 1st reading stage at the county assembly.

“As a commission we insist on meaningful public participation. This should involve the public and the two arms of the County Government and within a realistic frame work,” said Kabua.

Other fundamental aspects addressed today during the seminar include; the amendment of legislation and consideration of draft policies/bills as prepared by the county government.

In her closing remarks, County executive committee member, Madam Linet Mavu insisted on the importance of employing a lawyer at the County Assembly to advice members on the legislation process.

”We need more of these workshops and with the support of UNDP together with the executive, we will organize more workshops in the next financial year so as to educate members on effective legislation and other aspects of the constitution.” said Mavu.

MCA's appreciated the good work done by the facilitators from KLRC and department of Administration and devolution on the educative workshop and promised to steer the legislation process successfully through the powers vested on them by the constitution. “We are very much grateful for this workshop and we promise to put to practice every aspect addressed here.” said Ray Mwangola, MCA Wundanyi-Mbale ward.

