

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



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GOVERNOR MEETS WITH ALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL/SECTION/UNIT HEADS

Today marks the second week of the second term administration of the County Government of Vihiga under the leadership of Governor Dr. Wilber Ottichilo and his Deputy Wilberforce Kitiezo.

The Governor and his Deputy were sworn-in into office on 25th August 2022, and immediately began their five-year term in earnest. H.E. Governor Wilber Ottichilo and his deputy have conclusively met all Department staff of the County Government of Vihiga from the section/unit heads all the way up to the County Executive Committee Members (CECM). These meetings took place from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th of September 2022.

As the County Worker Number 1, the Governor expressed appreciation for his re-election with the mandate from the people and his immediate need to deliver on the development and service delivery expectations of the people of Vihiga County.

The Governor also reiterated his declaration from his inaugural address to run an all-inclusive County Government beyond political affiliations and political alignments that have existed during the electioneering period. He rallied all staff to roll up their sleeves and get ready to work and be accountable for their responsibilities.

The key agenda of the Governor's meetings this week with County Government staff has been centered around Governance within the County Government Structures. He communicated his plan to institute the following:

1. Performance Management Contracting across all cadres beginning with CECMs
2. Continuous Capacity building
3. Realignment and reorganization of the County Government – the Governor is set to issue the new structure of the County Government through Executive Order number 1 of 2022
4. Transparency and Accountability in County Government operations – through introduction of County Ethics and Anti-corruption committee to amplify the fight against corruption
5. Development of County Ethos and Staff Work Ethic

6. Weekly Departmental meetings to track the progress and activities of the County Government – these reports will eventually generate into departmental quarterly reports
7. Development of Departmental Service Charters
8. Implementation of Staff Promotions and staff welfare

The 2022-2027 CIDP is currently being prepared by the department of Finance and Economic Planning in readiness for its launch before 12th December 2022. The Governor called for the departments to submit sectoral development plans and proposals considering the promises in his Manifesto to be factored in the CIDP. The document will be anchored on citizen participation through participation for the people of Vihiga County to give their development proposals and input before it is presented to the County Assembly for approval.

The Governor and his deputy are keen on building a lasting foundation of transformation of our county to socio-economic prosperity, through a culture of hard work, inclusivity and honesty. This is fueled by their desire to build a cohesive and integrated society in our County.

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