

Remarks by Hon. Justin B. Muturi, EGH, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya during the Closing Ceremony of the 2nd Annual General Meeting and Conference of the African Association of Public Accounts committees (AFROPAC) at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.

- **Hon. Members of Parliament**
- **Members of the Executive**
- **The New Leadership of AFROPAC**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am happy to be with you here today during the closure of this important AFROPAC AGM and Conference.

I wish to note that this 2nd AFROPAC AGM and Conference was a great success providing a good platform for sharing and interaction by leaders from across the African continent.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing leadership of AFROPAC for their efforts in steering the organization and seeing it through its infancy period to official launch.

I am optimistic that AFROPAC will provide the necessary mechanism that this continent needs for parliamentary peer review, benchmarking and sharing of ideas in an increasingly networked global environment particularly on matters accountability.

On 26th March 2014 I commissioned the AFROPAC secretariat offices at the 10th floor of Harambee Sacco Building, within the Kenyan Parliament. This was after the organization's official launch on 2nd

September, 2013 in Arusha, Tanzania where Kenya was awarded the rights to host the secretariat.

The Parliament of Kenya is happy to accommodate the AFROPAC secretariat. This convergence of Honorable Members and Auditor's General from all over the continent in Kenya is a great honor and we will continue to provide all the necessary support.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Articulate and proper implementation and execution of the resolutions reached in this 2nd conference is paramount. Each and every delegate must take the message back home and push for their full implementation. This is what we owe our dear citizens who have entrusted us with the high calling of leadership.

I wish the new team well in their steering of the organization to the next level and must emphasize that this new responsibility will require your best efforts. It is important to tackle the challenges that come with zeal and ensure that this effort does not lose momentum.

This year's theme of “Curbing **illicit financial flows in Africa**” reflects the challenges our continent faces. It is comforting to note that you have shown bold desire to take the challenge head on by addressing the issue as it is.

It is only through parliamentary oversight that citizens can expect to get value for money. This is the reason most Public Accounts Committee's have traditionally been headed by the opposition; so that the government does not check itself.

As a former chairman of Public Investments Committee in Kenya, I fully understand the challenges PACs and equivalent committees operate in.

Ladies and Gentlemen

These challenges affect offices of Auditors General as well. It is therefore noble that these two organs work together in a symbiotic relation and guard against each other's independence. I am glad that AFROPAC provides a forum for the two to share experiences.

In Conclusion Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to reiterate that the resolutions reached in this conference should be fully domesticated by member countries, and that we should walk the talk.

We know our problems and Africa must now resolve to fix its own problems from within as espoused by Africa Agenda 2063. It is only through walking and working together that we will champion for integration, unity and prosperity that our Pan-Africanist forefathers envisioned.

I hope that you will enjoy tomorrow's excursion trips to various destinations along with all Kenyan hospitality and wish all of you safe journey back home.

Honorable Delegates

It is now my Great honor to officially close this Conference and General Meeting.

I Thank you All.

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