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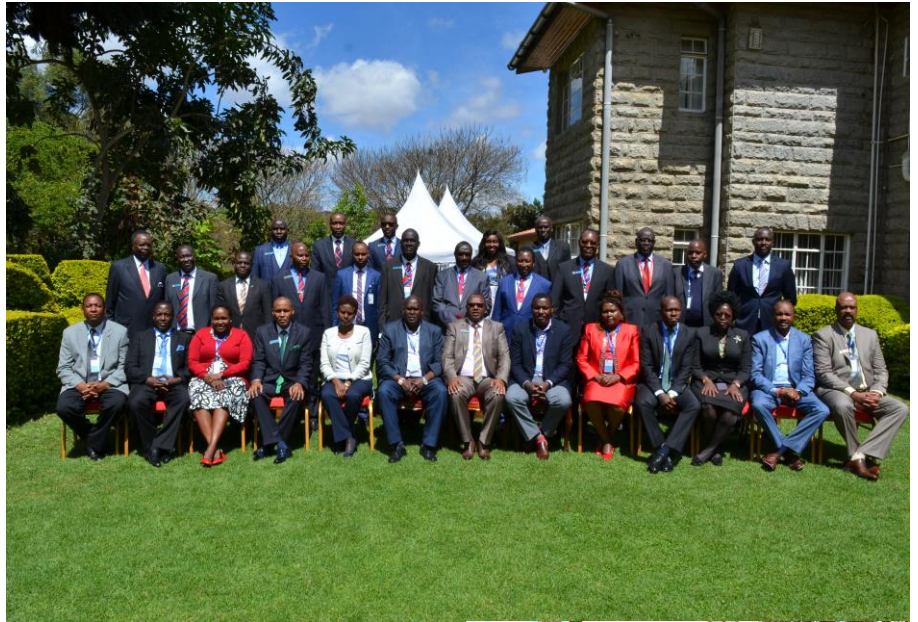
Training for quality governance

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A capstone course for the Defence Committee



The Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) in collaboration with the National Defence College (NDC) conducted a capstone course on National Security and Strategy for the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations. The purpose of the course was to expand the knowledge and awareness of Committee members on the strategic direction and management of national security amongst other related areas of public policy towards the realization of a secure, stable, prosperous and peaceful Kenya. The course was hosted at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Karen ... [Continued on page 2](#)



Consider making Swahili an official language for Africa



Training of Liaison Committee



The CPST holds a training for the National Assembly Liaison Committee jointly with UNITAR with partial funding by the Ford Foundation

Ghana MPs Visit CPST

On Thursday 8th August 2019, a delegation of six members of the *Powers and Privileges Committee* of the Parliament of Ghana visited the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) at its Karen Campus.

The delegation led by Hon. Andrew Egyapa Mercer, the MP for Sekondi Constituency in Ghana also included Hon. Ato Panford, MP, Hon. Henry Yiadom, MP, Hon. Kofi Humado, MP, Hon. Eric Osei-Owusu, MP and Hon. Umar Alhassan, MP.

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Top: Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, Chairman of Departmental Committee on Defence and Lt. Gen. Mulata at IPSTC

Below: Prof. Nyokabi the Executive Director of the CPST arrive at IPSTC, Karen for the Capstone Course

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This venue was chosen for better security of participants given its strategic location, good training facilities, and its conducive environment for learning. The five-day course commenced on Monday 26th August 2019. The closing ceremony was held on Friday 30th August 2019.

The thirteen Members of Parliament who attended the course led by the Chairperson of the Committee the Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP also included the Vice Chairperson the Hon. Richard Tongi, MP; the Hon. John Lodepe Nakara, MP; the Hon. Peter Mungai Mwathi, MP; the Hon. Beatrice Nkatha Nyaga, HSC, MP; the Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP; the Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP; the Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, MP; the Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, MP; the Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP; the Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP; the Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP; and the Hon. Naisula Lesuda, MP.

Participants appreciated national security challenges Kenya is facing and strategies being employed to secure National Interest. This was further demonstrated by the quality of the class project they prepared and presented to a panel headed by Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces and included Deputy DCF, Service Commanders, Director Kenya International Boundaries Office, the Commandant NDC and the Executive Director of the CPST.

The following way forward was adopted:

1. The need for more collaborative training to tap on to the core competences of each government institution for better service delivery;
2. The need for increased funding for all Ministries, Departments and Agencies dealing with national security; and
3. The need to finalise Kenya's grand strategy using the whole of government approach to guide our national security strategy
4. Bespoke trainings for MPs with specific emphasis on Committee mandate and its operating environment.

The delegation was received at the Centre by the Executive Director Prof. Nyokabi Kamau and the Director of Administration, Finance and Corporate Affairs FA. (Dr). Wakah George.

Discussions with the delegation dwelt on the need for greater collaboration in capacity building among parliaments in Africa. It was pointed out that the CPST could help a lot in these collaborations given its advancements in packaging trainings that were able to address

Issues of the power of social interactions as a strategy for increasing intra-africa trade were also discussed. It was proposed that Africa should consider adopting either Swahili or Khasa as its official language. Swahili was however preferred as a better option due to the fact that its spoken in many countries



Training for newly recruited staff of Nyandarua County Assembly

The CPST conducted an induction training for eleven (11) newly recruited staff of the Nyandarua County Assembly in Nairobi between the 2nd and 6th September 2019. This training aimed at exposing participants to the public service in readiness for their new appointments. Critical areas covered in this training included organisational structure of the County Assembly of Nyandarua; parliamentary practices and procedures and human Resource policies just to mention a few.

Speaking at the workshop during the opening session, the Speaker of the County Assembly Hon. Wahome Ndegwa thanked the CPST for their support to the Assembly through various capacity development initiatives. He urged the CPST to develop additional training programmes for staffers of legislatures given uniqueness of such working environment.

CPST and UNITAR Train Implementation Committee

Seven Members of the National Assembly Committee on implementation were trained on Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) in a training jointly organised by UNITAR and the CPST, and funded by both the National Assembly and the FORD Foundation. The training was hosted by UNITAR at their Headquarters located at International Environment House in Geneva Switzerland.

The training conducted from Monday 16th to Friday 20th September 2019 was attended by Hon. Paul Abuor Odalo (leader of the delegation), Hon. Johnson Many Naica, Hon. Silvanus Osoro Onyiego, Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, Hon. Michael Thoya Kingi and Hon. Joshua Mbithi Mwalya.

This training helped participants to identify implementation gaps, including inadequate laws; dealing with resolutions that are not implementable; absence of coordination framework between the Legislature and the Executive on implementation of Parliaments resolutions amongst others.

At the end of the training, participants resolved to deal with impediments to implementation such as lack of adequate laws, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems and personnel decisively; ensure centrality of the Committee to successful implementation of House resolutions and the entrenching M&E in Parliamentary Committees to ensure better oversight and successful implementation of Committee mandate.





Course II content developers who attended the workshop in Naivasha

CPST organises a pre-content development conference for content developers of Course II of the Mandatory Promotional Courses

On Thursday 8th August 2019, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) held a pre-content development conference at its Karen Campus. This conference brought together content developers for the *Foundations of Legislative Practice and Procedures Course*. This is the second of the four Mandatory Promotional Courses approved by the Parliamentary Service Commission. These content developers were identified from amongst staff from all the three Services of the Commission. Consideration was given the knowledge and experience each developer had in his or her own areas of specialisation. The process was principally a consultative process aimed at standardizing the structure of each module in the course, based on the approved curriculum.

CPST Conducts Training of Trainers' Workshop

The Centre conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in Naivasha between the 19th and 24th August 2019. The aim of this workshop was to test methodologies of delivering the Foundations of Legislative Practice and Procedures course. This course commonly referred to as PSC Course II is part of the Mandatory Promotional courses approved by the Commission. The aim of this workshop were to explain the basic principles of adult learning, training methodologies and facilitation skills; develop training content and materials for the mandatory promotional Course II; validate and standardize the content developed; and apply competence-based testing skills.

Speaking at the workshop during the opening session, the Director General of the Parliamentary Joint Service underscored the importance of preparation for presentation in the development of any training materials. In her remarks, the Executive Director of the CPST observed that many professionals usually have the content, but their main challenge was delivery of the same during training. Such workshops were useful in structuring the content in a logical flow and also enhancing ease of delivery during training. She concluded by advising the content developers on the importance of practice to enhance delivery of training once the right content has been developed.

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