



July 29, 2021

The Clerk of the Senate
Clerk's Chambers
Parliament Buildings
P. O. Box 41842 –00100
NAIROBI, Kenya

Dear J.M Nyengenyne, CBS,

RE: Memorandum on The Office of the County Printer Bill, 2021

The Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet) is a multistakeholder think tank whose overall objective is to act as a catalyst for reform in the ICT sector through public policy advocacy, research, and multi stakeholder engagement at both national, regional and global processes. KICTANet has established strong partnerships within the region with representatives of government, private sector, civil society, academia, philanthropic organizations and the technical community within Africa. The Network conducts research and country-level studies and has produced reports, policy briefs and toolkits on various ICT policy issues which are available online.

Currently, KICTANet supports ICT reforms through advocacy, research, capacity building, and technology for public interest. KICTANet infuses a multi-stakeholder approach to promote cooperation and collaboration among its diverse membership.

KICTANet presents this memorandum in response to the call by the Clerk of the Senate on the The Office of the County Printer Bill, 2021.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any clarification. I can be reached on 0722701495 or on githaiga@kictanet.or.ke

Kind regards,

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Memorandum on the:

1. **The Office of the County Printer Bill, 2021**

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The Clerk of the Senate

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General Comments

The Kenya ICT Action welcomes the development of legislation for County Printers through The Office of the County Printer Bill, 2021. Of great importance will be the role the offices will play in ensuring citizen participation in governance through the availability of official government documents.

In this proposal, KICTANet recommends the inclusion of digital versions of publications by the County Printers. The adoption of digital versions of documents will ensure increased accessibility of the documents to members of the public who may have limited access to physical copies of important documents published by the County Printers. It is our sincere hope that the above recommendation will be included in the law to increase public awareness on public documents through the provision of digital access.

Proposal

Proposed Additional Clause	Explanation	Clause
Publication of the County Gazette Clause 8.5	The adoption of digital versions of documents will ensure increased accessibility of the documents to members of the public who may have limited access to physical copies of important documents published by the County Printers.	The county printer shall make available the digital issues of the gazette accessible through respective county websites.