

FOPA ASSOCIATION KENYA

VISION MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Vision

To build a strong and all inclusive association for former Members of Parliament by tapping into their knowledge, skills and experience to enhance leadership in Kenya and beyond.

Mission

We are committed to providing an interactive forum to push for dialogue and public debate on matters of governance, leadership, national cohesion, integration and peace building, and promotion of *National Values* as stipulated in Article 10 of the Constitution.

Objectives

- i) To Share and utilize cumulative knowledge, talents and skills of former Members of Parliament through a non-partisan approach.
- ii) To encourage an all-inclusive agenda on National Cohesion Integration and Peace Building towards “**one nation, one people, one destiny**”
- iii) To promote and strengthen the image of Parliament as an alumni of this institution.
- iv) To promote social justice and democracy in the country

Core Values

- i) Adopt a non-partisan approach on all our issues
- ii) Accountability, transparency and integrity as our guiding governance principle
- iii) Teamwork, inclusivity and a collaborative approach on all our matters
- iv) Patriotism, respect for rule of law, equity and social justice for all

Our Key Priority Areas

1. Collaborative forums for good Leadership, National Cohesion and Integration.
2. Conduct civic education forums on free and fair elections and devolution.
3. Help to strengthen legislative agenda at the National and County level.
4. Welfare programs for our members through Sacco and other engagements.
5. Collaborative partnership with the government and other like-minded institutions and agencies.
6. Universal and affordable healthcare for Kenyans.
7. Environmental conservation and sustainability.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FOPA Association Kenya is an all-inclusive forum comprising of all former Members of Parliament of Kenya, including Senators, Women Representatives, EALA MPs and Governors. The idea was born after the 8th August, 2017 general elections when a few of the members who did not make it back to Parliament came together for post-election analysis. It was agreed that we needed to come together as former Members of Parliament because there is life after Parliament. Many lives and careers of former MPs have been shattered and rendered helpless by this perceived public opinion that once an MP loses his/ her seat, that is the end of his/her career. Perhaps, this is what fuels the vicious political duels that we experience after every five years in this country. There is need to change this narrative. In any competition there must be losers and winners and the society needs to appreciate that all of them are playing an important role in the growth of democracy in our country. "*Asiye kubali kushindwa si mshindani.*" Based on the above facts, our Association was born and currently, it has close to 500 registered members.

Our members have many years of cumulated knowledge, skills and talents in various fields of governance, legislation, public administration, oversight and community mobilization which need to be harnessed and developed for the larger benefit and common good of our society. Some members have served as MPs for decades while others have served in senior government positions such as ministers, assistant ministers, heads of government departments and parastatals, ambassadors, and many other senior government and private sector positions. There is need to tap into this rich pool of skills among our members to improve service delivery to the Kenyan people.

FOPA Association Kenya is alumni of Parliament and at all times shall strengthen the workings and delivery of this institution. The Association shall endeavor to strengthen linkages with Parliament of Kenya and other similar institutions in the region and beyond for the benefit of the members and the Kenyan people. Our Association shall always play the role of a supportive and beneficial partner to our Parliament as opposed to a competitor, hence the ***alumni status***. Moving forward, it's our hope that this "*alumni status*" shall be anchored in law and institutionalized.

The Association uses a non-partisan approach in running and managing its affairs. As members, we agreed to shed off our political, tribal and religious affiliations and work together towards a common goal which unifies Kenyans and promotes nationhood. As an entry point for our members, one must be willing and ready to promote national cohesion, integration and peaceful coexistence among the various communities in this country. We are committed to promoting a National culture where all Kenyans must live together as one people irrespective of their diversity, for that is the only way we can achieve meaningful development and enjoy growth of democracy.

Further, our Association seeks to promote and uphold the ***National Values and Principles of Good Governance*** as set out in ***Article 10 of the Constitution***, since they are core to good governance and nationhood. These national values and principles are cited as ***patriotism***,

national unity, sharing of devolution power, the rule of law, democracy and participation of the people, human dignity, equity, social justice and inclusiveness among others. Good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability are core to these values. For us as an Association, good leadership must be built on these values.

Another key area of focus is the health insurance scheme for the members. Our Association has partnered with NHIF to roll out a Comprehensive Medical Insurance Cover for our members but our vision is to see this model replicated by different groups and Associations in the country. This will be realized through creating awareness and mobilizing groups such as Boda Associations, Matatu Saccos, Women and Youth groups among others. Access to affordable and quality health remains a fundamental human right and as such, we urge all Kenyans to become part of this movement.

We are committed to a dignified life after Parliament for all our members by having a continuous engagement that will impact positively in our country and beyond. This will be realized through continued nurturing of skills and talents in advancing certain key areas such as free and fair elections, legislative agenda, good governance, national cohesion and advancing the devolution concept. Free and fair elections remain a big challenge from the party politics to national level. This situation has been compounded by the fact that our political parties lack ideologies and are ethnically driven. We have witnessed in the past electoral periods, many parties emerging only to remain dormant soon after the elections have been held. We need to rethink these party politics ideologies if we have to grow our democracy like other jurisdictions.

If we can address ourselves to National Cohesion and Integration and drive this agenda to the required nationhood, we will have achieved a lot. The “Golden handshake” between H.E President Uhuru and Former Prime Minister H.E Raila Odinga is just an example of what cohesion can do. This handshake should be cascaded into Law to create opportunities for a more inclusive and cohesive Government. FOPA has a countrywide presence and is ready and willing to lead in this agenda

Finally, this Association shall work with democratically elected Government of the day both at the National and County level and we remain committed to offering our services whenever such services will be required. It is our wish to continuously engage all our members so that they remain active in their life after parliament like it happens in other jurisdictions like USA and European Union.

Signed,

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