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**THE KAJIADO COUNTY NAROK-KAJIADO ECONOMIC BLOC
BILL, 2021**

A Bill for

AN ACT of the Kajiado County Assembly to provide for the establishment powers and functions of the Narok-Kajiado Economic Bloc, and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kajiado, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Kajiado County Narok-Kajiado Economic Bloc Act, 2021 and shall come into force upon publication in the *Kenya Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Assembly Forum” means the Narok and Kajiado Economic Bloc Assembly Forum established under section 25;

“Bloc” means the Narok - Kajiado Economic Bloc established under section 5;

“Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer appointed under section 40;

“Council” means the Council of the Narok and Kajiado Economic Bloc established under section 21;

“Economic Advisory Committee” means the Economic Advisory Committee of the Narok and Kajiado Economic Bloc established under section 30;

“Member Counties” means the counties of Narok - Kajiado and any other county that may have been granted membership in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

“Minorities” means a category of people differentiated from the social majority in a particular Member County;

“Observer status” means privilege granted by the Bloc to non-members to give them an ability to participate in the organization's activities;

“Pillar Committee” means Committees of the Council established under section 35;

“Respective County Assembly” means a county assembly of the member counties; and

“Summit” means the Summit of the Economic Bloc established under Section 18.

Object and Purpose of the Act

3. The object and purpose of this Act is to provide for—
- (a) matters necessary or convenient to give effect to the Economic Bloc;
 - (b) powers, functions and areas of collaboration of the Bloc; and
 - (c) establishment, management and administration of the Bloc Fund.

Guiding principles and values

4. In the performance of its functions or the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act, the Bloc shall—

- (a) perform its functions subject to the Constitution;
- (b) be accountable to the people of member counties and ensure their participation in the development process;
- (c) promote and sustain fair procedures in its operations;
- (d) ensure technical and administrative competence for the better carrying out of its functions;
- (e) be non-partisan and non-political in its operations;
- (f) apply and promote national values and principles provided under the Constitution; and
- (g) apply and promote principles of devolution provided under the Constitution.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAROK – KAJIADO ECONOMIC BLOC

Establishment of the Bloc

5. There is established a Bloc to be known as the Narok - Kajiado Economic Bloc.

Membership of the bloc

6. (1) The members of the Bloc, shall be the County Governments of Narok and Kajiado and any other county granted membership to the Bloc under this Act.

(2) The member counties may, upon such terms and in such manner as they may determine together negotiate with any other county the granting of membership to, or association of that county with, the Bloc or its participation in any of the activities of the Bloc.

(3) The matters to be taken into account by the member counties in considering the application by another county to become a member of, be associated with, or participate in any of the activities of the bloc shall include that county's—

- (a) acceptance of the bloc as set out in this Act;
 - (b) geographical proximity to and interdependence between it and member counties;
 - (c) potential contribution to the strengthening of cooperation within the bloc;
 - (d) maintenance of a market driven economy; and
 - (e) social and economic policies being compatible with those of the bloc. •
- (4) The granting of observer status with respect to the Bloc shall—
- (a) in the case of another county, be the prerogative of the Summit; and
 - (b) in the case of an intergovernmental organization or civil society organization, be the prerogative of the council.

(5) The procedure to be followed with respect to the granting of membership, participation in any activities of the bloc, or observer status shall be prescribed by the council.

Legal capacity

7. The Bloc shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall in its corporate name be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property in and out of Kenya in accordance with Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2015;
- (c) entering into contracts;
- (d) borrowing or receiving money including having its own Fund; and
- (e) doing or causing to be done or performing all such things or acts for the proper performance of its functions under the enabling Act, as may be lawfully done or performed by a corporate body.

Powers of the Bloc

8. The Bloc shall have all the powers necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act and in particular, the Bloc shall have power to—

- (a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Bloc in such manner and for such purposes as best promote the purpose for which the Bloc is established;
- (b) control and administer the Fund;
- (c) * receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;
- (d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as the Bloc may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Bloc is established;
- (e) open a banking account or banking accounts for the funds of the Bloc; and
- (f) invest the funds of the Bloc not currently required for its purposes in the manner provided in Section 18.

Headquarters of the Bloc

9. The Headquarters of the Bloc shall be in such location as the Summit shall determine.

Remuneration of officers and officials

10. The Bloc shall pay to personnel and officials such remuneration, fees or allowances for expenses as it may determine by regulations in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

Areas of Collaboration

11. The Bloc shall ensure collaboration of members in—
- (a) policy formulation, standards, regulatory frameworks, strategy and development programmes harmonization;
 - (b) cohesion and integration of communities, dispute management and resolution, disaster and emergency response;
 - (c) research, resource mapping, innovation, knowledge and databank management, marketing and branding strategies, peer review mechanism and benchmarking;
 - (d) renewable energy, water, infrastructure development and natural resources management;

- (e) strategies for building resilience, food security and emergency response;
- (f) developing investment platforms and partnership strategies, and access to credit for increased investment;
- (g) agriculture and livestock marketing and value addition strategies;
- (h) women, youth and persons with disability empowerment;
- (i) establishing and managing of one stop shop to access information and licensing of investors;
- (j) rebranding village polytechnics and establishing digital villages to enhance digital connectivity; and
- (k) such other areas as the Council shall propose to the Summit.

Delegation by the Bloc

12. The Bloc may, by resolution, either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any organs of the Bloc or to any member, officer, employee or agent of the Bloc, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions or duties of the Bloc under this Act.

The common seal of the Bloc

13. (1) The common seal of the Bloc shall be kept in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer and shall not be used except on the order of the relevant organ of the Bloc.

(2) The common seal of the Bloc when affixed to a document and duly authenticated shall be judicially and officially noticed and unless and until the contrary is proved, any necessary order or authorization of the Bloc under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

Protection from personal liability

14. (1) No matter or thing done by a member county or any officer, employee or agent of the Bloc shall, if the matter or thing is done *bona fide* for executing the functions, powers or duties of the Bloc, render the member county, officer, employee or agent or any person acting by his directions personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall not relieve the Bloc of the liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for any injury to him, his property or any of his interests caused by the exercise of any power conferred by this Act or by the failure, whether wholly or partially, of any works.

PART III — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAROK – KAJIADO ECONOMIC BLOC FUND

Establishment of the Fund

15. There is established a fund to be known as the Narok-Kajiado Economic Bloc Fund.

Sources of funds

16. (1) The Fund shall be financed through—

- (a) monies appropriated by the respective County Assemblies annually out of the annual budget of the respective counties;
- (b) monies received by the respective county government from the national government or national government funds for purposes of economic blocs;
- (c) donations, endowments, bequests, grants and gifts from local or foreign individuals, public and private entities;
- (d) charges, fees, levies or fines accruing to the county government in connection with activities relating to the Bloc; and
- (e) interest and any other monies that may lawfully accrue to the Fund in any form.

(2) Any unused monies at the end of the financial year shall not be paid to the County revenue account but shall be retained in the Fund and carried forward to the next financial year as provided for in section 116(3) and 109 (2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

PART IV — ORGANS OF THE NAROK – KAJIADO ECONOMIC BLOC

Organs of the Bloc

17. The Bloc shall have the following organs—

- (a) the Summit;
- (b) Council;
- (c) the Assembly Forum;
- (d) Economic Advisory Committee;
- (e) Pillar Committees; and
- (f) the Secretariat.

The Summit

18. (1) There shall be a summit of the Bloc, consisting of the Governors of the member counties.

(2) The members of the summit shall elect a chairperson from amongst themselves to serve for a term of two years on a rotational basis.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Bloc shall be the Secretary of the Summit.

Functions of the Summit

19. The Summit shall have the following functions—

- (a) give general directions, guidance and impetus as to the development and achievement of the Bloc;
- (b) consider the annual progress reports and such other reports submitted to it by the Council as provided for by this Act;
- (c) direct the achievement of the objectives of the Bloc;
- (d) have such other functions as may be conferred upon it by this Act;
- (e) subject to the provisions of this Act, may in writing delegate the exercise of any of its functions, subject to any conditions which it may think fit to impose to a member of the Summit, to the Council or to the Chief Executive Officer;
- (f) approve the Bloc's annual budget; and
- (g) may recommend regulations for enactment by the Member Parties for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Meetings of the Summit

20. (1) The Summit shall meet at least twice in a year and may hold extra ordinary meetings at the request of any member of the summit.

(2) The decisions of the summit shall be by consensus.

(3) Where membership to the block is more than two decisions of the summit shall be by a two thirds majority.

(4) The summit shall determine its own procedres, including that for convening its meetings, for the conduct of its business and for the rotation of the office of chairperson.

(5) If a member of the summit is unable to attend a meeting and it is not convinient to postpone the meeting the member may appoint the deputy governor to attend.

The Council

21. There shall be a Council of the Bloc consisting of—
- (a) the County Executive Committee Member of each member county responsible for finance;
 - (b) the County Secretary of each member county;
 - (c) the County Attorney of each member county; and
 - (d) the Chief Executive Officer who shall be the Secretary.

Chairperson of the Council

22. (1) The office of Chairperson of the Council shall be held in rotation among the members of the Council.

(2) The tenure of office of the Chairperson of the Council shall be one year.

(3) The Chairperson of the Council shall automatically come from the Member County of the Chairperson of the Summit.

Functions of the Council

23. (1) The Council shall be the policy making organ of the Bloc.

(2) The Council shall promote, monitor and keep under constant review the implementation of the programs of the bloc and ensure the proper functioning and development of the bloc in accordance with this Act.

- (3) For purposes of subsection (1) above, the Council shall—
- (a) make policy decisions for the realization of the objectives of the Bloc;
 - (b) ensure coordination and harmonization of the policies, programs and projects of the Bloc;
 - (c) give directions to the Pillar Committees and the Secretariat;
 - (d) consider the budget of the Bloc in the first instance and forward the same for approval to the Summit;
 - (e) recommend to the Summit the establishment or reorganization of any pillar committee;
 - (f) implement the decisions and directives of the summit;
 - (g) submit annual progress reports on the execution of their mandate under this article to the summit and the respective County Assemblies;

- (h) propose and consider the agenda for the meetings of the summit;
- (i) consistent with the decisions of the summit, make such rules and regulations with the approval of the County Assemblies, issue directives, take decisions, make recommendations and give opinions, as may be necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Bloc; and
- (j) exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as are vested in/or conferred in it by this Act.

Meetings of the Council

24. (1) The Council shall meet at least four times in every year, two meetings of which shall be held immediately preceding a meeting of the Summit.

(2) The Council may, with the concurrence of at least one-third of the Member, call an extraordinary meeting.

(3) A meeting of the council can only properly be held with at least two members of the council from each member county.

(4) The decisions of the Council shall be by consensus or, failing which, by a simple majority of the members of the Council.

(5) At least half of the Members of the Council shall form a quorum at any of the meetings of the Council.

(6) All the members of the Council who emanate from the same Member County shall collectively constitute a single Member County delegation for purposes of subsection (4) above.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, the member appointed under section shall be the leader of a County delegation.

(8) Unless otherwise provided by this Act, the Council shall determine the conduct of its business.

(9) The minutes of meetings of the Council shall be kept by the Chief Executive Officer and remain a public record.

The Assembly Forum

25. There shall be an Assembly Forum of the Bloc.

Composition of the Assembly Forum

26. The Assembly Forum shall consist of—

- (a) the Speakers of the Member Counties;
- (b) Chairpersons of the Budget committees of Member County Assemblies;

- (c) Majority Leaders and Majority Whips from the Member County Assemblies;
- (d) Minority Leaders and Minority Whips from the Member County Assemblies;
- (e) Chairpersons of the justice and legal affairs committee from the Member County Assemblies;
- (e) a member representing women interests from the Member County Assemblies;
- (f) a representative of the Differently Abled Persons from each Member County Assembly; and
- (f) the Clerks of county assemblies of both counties shall be secretaries of the Assembly Forum.

Chairperson and Vice – Chairperson of the Assembly Forum

27. (1) The Speakers shall elect the Chairperson of the Assembly from amongst themselves.

(2) The other members of the Assembly Forum shall elect a Vice Chairperson from amongst themselves.

Functions of the Assembly Forum

28. The Assembly forum shall perform the following functions—

- (a) promote the objectives of the Bloc;
- (b) exercise primary oversight over the funds, activities and programmes of the Bloc;
- (c) promote the Bloc's legislative programme in their respective County Assemblies;
- (d) carry out civic education and public engagement on the Bloc's activities;
- (e) receive petitions on issues within the Bloc's objectives and transmit the same to the respective County Assemblies; and
- (f) perform any other function that may be assigned and conferred under this Act.

Meetings of the Assembly Forum

29. (1) The Assembly Forum shall meet at least four times in a year.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by this Act, the Assembly Forum shall determine its own procedures, including that for convening its meetings, for the conduct of its business and for the election of its office bearers.

(3) There shall be established in every county assembly a sectoral committee for purposes of the Bloc.

The Economic Advisory Committee

30. There shall be an Economic Advisory Committee of the Bloc.

Composition of the Economic Advisory Committee

31. Economic Advisory Committee shall consist of—

- (a) the Chairperson of the Summit;
- (b) two members of the Council being county executive committee members responsible for finance matters;
- (c) the Chairperson of the Narok and Kajiado Economic Assembly Forum;
- (d) one Economic Advisor from Member Counties nominated by the Summit to serve for one term of three years;
- (e) one reputable Economic Expert nominated by the Summit;
- (f) one representative from the Private Sector nominated by the Summit to serve for one term of three years;
- (g) the Chief Executive Officer of a Regional Bank; and
- (i) the Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat, who shall be the Secretary.

Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Economic Advisory Committee

32. (1) The Economic Advisory Committee shall elect its chairperson from amongst the members.

(2) The Economic Advisory Committee shall elect a Vice - Chairperson from amongst themselves who shall be of the opposite gender from the Chairperson.

Functions of the Economic Advisory Committee

33. The Economic Advisory Committee shall—

- (a) create forums for Government, Businesses, academia, labour unions to discuss policy issues;
- (b) gather, analyze and compile information on key economic development trends and propose policy alternatives;
- (c) develop and recommend to the Summit strategic policy interventions to promote social equity, economic growth, employment creation and reduction of poverty and inequality;
- (d) appraise Government policies for their effectiveness in achieving economic and social transformation; and

- (e) mobilize knowledge and technical resources from relevant knowledge networks, including research and education institutions.

Meetings of the Economic Advisory Committee

34. (1) The Economic Advisory Committee shall meet twice in a year and may hold extra-ordinary meetings at the request of any member of the Economic Advisory Committee.

(2) The decisions of the Economic Advisory Committee shall be by consensus or, failing which, by a simple majority of the members.

The Pillar Committees

35. (1) There shall be such pillar committees established by the council comprising of the relevant county executive committee members from each member county as may be necessary for the achievements of the objectives of this Act.

(2) Pillar committees may be established jointly or severally for the following sectors—

- (a) Agriculture;
- (b) Tourism;
- (c) Education;
- (d) Health;
- (e) Financial Services;
- (f) Information and Communication Technologies;
- (g) Infrastructure;
- (h) Trade and Industrialization;
- (i) Water, Environment and Climate Change;
- (j) Persons with Disabilities, Youth and the Minorities; and
- (k) any other sectors as may be determined by the Council from time to time.

(3) Each Pillar Committee shall consist of the most relevant members of the County Executive Committees of the Member Counties responsible for the sectors falling within their respective areas.

Functions of Pillar Committees

36. Subject to any directions the Council may give, each pillar committee shall—

- (a) prepare a comprehensive implementation programmes setting out of the priorities with respect to its sector;
- (b) monitor and keep under constant review the implementation of the programmes of the Bloc with respect to its sector;
- (c) submit to the Council either on its own initiative or at the request of the Council, reports and recommendations on realization of the objectives of this Act; and
- (d) have such other functions that may be conferred on it by the council.

Meetings of Pillar Committees

37. The pillar committees shall meet at least four times in every year.

Establishment of the Secretariat

38. There is established a secretariat for the Bloc which shall be the executive organ off the Bloc.

Composition of the Secretariat

39. The secretariat shall comprise of—

- (a) Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) such other offices and officers as may be deemed necessary by the Council for the proper performance of the activities and operations of the Bloc.

Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer

40. (1) The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by the Summit on the recommendations of the Council.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer will be appointed from among residents of the County in alternate from the County from which with the Governor chairing the Summit comes from.

(3) The Council shall conduct interview for the Chief Executive Officer and make recommendations for the Summit for appointment.

(4) The Council shall prescribe the procedure for the competitive recruitment the chief executive officer.

(5) The Chief Executive Officer shall be administered an oath of office in the prescribed form.

Qualifications for appointment of the Chief Executive Officer

41. (1) A person is qualified for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer if the person—

- (a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has knowledge and experience of at least ten years in matters relating to any of the following fields—
 - (i) Public administration;
 - (ii) Law;
 - (iii) Economics;
 - (iv) Finance;
 - (v) Management; or
 - (vi) Social Sciences;
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya; and
- (d) has had a distinguished career in their respective fields.

(2) Persons with a master's degree in a relevant field shall have an added advantage.

Functions of the Chief Executive Officer

42. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the principal executive officer of the Bloc and shall—

- (a) be the Head of the Secretariat;
- (b) be the Accounting Officer of the Bloc and Administrator of the Fund as shall be designated as such by the respective County Executive Committee member of member counties;
- (c) be the Secretary of the Summit, the Council and the Pillar Committees;
- (d) implement the decisions of the other organs of the Bloc;
- (e) be responsible for the formation and development of an efficient administration;
- (f) be responsible for the organization, efficient control and management of staff;
- (g) maintain accurate records on financial matters and resource use;
- (h) be responsible for ensuring the drawing up and approval of the required budget;
- (i) may delegate in writing his/her and functions under 2(c) except that of being secretary of the Summit and the Council to other officers of the Bloc; and

- (j) carry out such other duties as are conferred by this Act or as the Council may from time to time confer upon him or her.

Term of office of the Chief Executive Officer

43. The Chief Executive Officer shall serve a fixed term of three years renewable for one further term.

Other staff of the secretariat

44. (1) There shall be such other officers and staff in the service of the Bloc as the council may determine.

(2) All staff of the secretariat shall be appointed on contract and in accordance with staff rules and regulations and in accordance with the terms and conditions of service of the Bloc.

(3) The salaries, job design, and other terms and conditions of the service of the staff shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

Functions of the Secretariat

45. The Secretariat shall be responsible for—

- (a) the general administration and financial management of the Bloc;
- (b) implementing the rules, regulations and decisions of the Summit and the Council;
- (c) proposing draft agenda for the meetings of the Summit and the Council;
- (d) organizing and keeping records of the meetings of the Summit, the Council, and the committees of the Bloc;
- (e) procuring the goods and services the Bloc requires to realize its objectives;
- (f) custody of the property of the Bloc;
- (g) submitting the budget of the Bloc to the Council for its consideration;
- (h) the strategic planning, management and monitoring of programs and projects for the realization of the objectives of the Bloc;
- (i) mobilizing funds for the implementation of the programs and projects of the Bloc;
- (j) initiating, receiving and submitting recommendations to the Council;

- (k) submitting reports on the activities of the Bloc to the Council;
- (l) submitting quarterly and annual reports on the finances and administration of the Bloc to the Council and the County Treasuries of the Member Counties;
- (m) initiating studies and research relating to the realization of the objectives of the Bloc;
- (n) promoting the Bloc and disseminating information on the Bloc to stakeholders and the public; and
- (o) any other function assigned to it by the Summit or the Council or under this Act.

PART V—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Financial Year

46. The financial year of the Fund shall be the period of twelve months commencing on the first of July and ending on the thirtieth of June of the subsequent year.

Annual Estimates

47. (1) In every budget cycle, the Chief Executive Officer with the consideration of the Council and approval of the Summit, shall cause to be prepared estimates of the Fund's income and expenditure for the given fiscal year.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provisions for all estimates of expenditure relating to administration and management of the Fund for the given fiscal year.

(3) The estimates developed in subsection (1) above shall be submitted to the Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for finance for approval and forwarding to the County Assembly.

Accounts

48. The Chief Executive Officer shall keep proper books of account of the funds of the Bloc.

Financial reporting

49. (1) The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare and submit quarterly reports to the Council for approval and onward submission to the Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for finance.

(2) The reports submitted under sub-regulation (1) shall provide details of—

- (a) programmes and projects funded by or in partnership with the Fund;
- (b) disbursements by each of the supporting financing and total amounts received;
- (c) funding status showing monies disbursed for each of the; and
- (d) at the end of each financial year, the Chief Executive Officer shall prepare annual performance report, which on approval by the Council which shall be submitted to Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for finance for onward transmission to the County Assembly.

Annual Report of the Fund

50. (1) Not later than three months after the end of each financial year, Chief Executive Officer shall prepare the annual report on the Fund.

(2) The annual report shall include, *inter alia*—

- (a) the audited financial report of the Fund;
- (b) description of the activities of the Fund;
- (c) such other statistical information as the Fund may consider appropriate relating to the Fund's functions;
- (d) the impact of the exercise of any of its mandate or function;
- (e) any impediments to the achievement of the objects and functions of the Fund;
- (f) such other information as the Executive Committee Member responsible for finance may direct; and
- (g) any other information relating to its functions that the Council considers necessary.

(3) The annual report shall be approved by the Council and published and publicized in a manner that the Summit may determine.

Audit

51. (1) The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be kept proper books and records of account of its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

(2) Within three months after the end of each financial year, the Chief Executive Officer shall submit to the Auditor-General the accounts of the Fund in respect of that year together with—

- (a) a statement of the income and expenditure of the Fund during that year; and

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Fund on the last day of that financial year.

(3) The annual accounts of the Fund shall be prepared, audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions of Articles 226 and 229 of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Investment of funds

52. (1) The Secretariat may invest any of the funds in securities in which for the time being trustees may by law invest trust funds or in any other securities which the Council may from time to time approve for that purpose.

(2) The Secretariat may, with the approval of the Council, place on deposit with such bank or banks as it may determine any moneys not immediately required for the purposes of the Bloc.

PART VI—SEVERANCE PROVISIONS

Expulsion of a member

53. (1) The Summit may expel a Member County from the Bloc for gross and persistent violation of the principles and objectives of this Act after giving such a Member County twelve months' written notice.

(2) Upon expiration of the period specified in subsection (1) above, the Member County concerned shall cease to be a member of the Bloc, unless the notice is cancelled within the notice period.

(3) During the period referred to in subsection (1) and (2), the Member County concerned shall continue to comply with the provisions of this Act and is liable to discharge all subsisting obligations and long-term commitments incurred during membership.

Dissolution of the Bloc

54. (1) The Bloc shall stand dissolved upon the passing unanimous resolution by the Summit and with the approval of the Member County Assemblies whichever earlier.

Withdrawal by a member

55. (1) A member county shall, by a resolution of three quarters majority of the members of its county assembly, withdraw its membership from the Bloc.

(2) A member county shall, by written notification communicating the resolution in (1) above addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Bloc, withdraw its membership from Bloc.

(3) A notification of withdrawal, in (2) above, shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification, unless the notification specifies a later date.

(4) A member shall not be discharged, by reason of its withdrawal, from the obligations arising from this Act while it was a member county, including any financial obligation which may have accrued.

Rights over property and Assets of the Bloc Upon Cessation of Membership

56. (1) Where a member county withdraws or is expelled in accordance with this Act, the property of the Bloc in that Member County shall remain vested in the Bloc.

(2) A County that has ceased to be a member of the Bloc shall have no claim to or any rights over any property and assets of the Bloc.

(3) Where the member counties resolve to dissolve the Bloc, the member counties shall upon dissolution maintain a proportion of their contribution.

Sanctions

57. A Member County which defaults in meeting its financial and other obligations under this Act shall be subject to such action as the Summit may on the recommendation of the Council, determine.

Dispute resolution

58. Any dispute arising in connection with this Act, including any question in respect of the interpretation or validity shall be settled within the framework of the Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012.

PART VII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Transition

59. (1) The person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act was the Chief Executive Officer to the Bloc then existing shall be deemed to be the Chief Executive Officer to the Bloc for the purposes of section 13 of this Act.

(2) The person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act was the an employee, staff or servant of the Bloc then existing shall be deemed to be the employee, staff or servant to the Bloc for the purposes of section 14 of this Act.

Regulations

60. The Council, with the approval of the respective county assembly, may make regulations for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

s. 40 (5)

**OATH/AFFIRMATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I have been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer to the Narok-Kajiado Economic Bloc, do swear/solemnly affirm that, I will at all times obey, respect and uphold the Constitution of Kenya and all other laws of the Republic of Kenya; that, I will faithfully and fully, impartially and to the best of my knowledge and ability, discharge trust, perform the functions and exercise the powers devolving upon me by virtue of this appointment without fear, favour, bias, affection or prejudice, (SO HELP ME GOD)

Sworn/Declared by the said

Before me this..... Day..... of 20.....

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The objective of this Bill is to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Narok and Kajiado Economic Bloc.

The establishment and operationalization of the Bloc shall increase the levels of development in the member counties, enhance efficiency in revenue generation, resource mobilization and mapping for the member counties and set standard policies, capacity building, dispute resolution and capacity building within the member counties.

PART I contains the preliminary provisions.

PART II contains provisions on the establishment of the Narok and Kajiado Economic Bloc.

PART III establishes the Narok – Kajiado Economic Bloc Fund.

PART IV sets out the organs of the Bloc.

PART V is on financial Provisions.

PART VI—Severance Provisions.

PART VII—Miscellaneous Provisions.

The First Schedule sets out the oath/affirmation of the office of the chief executive officer.

The Bill does not contain any provisions limiting any fundamental rights or freedoms.

Dated the 4th October, 2021.

JULIUS MOIPAAI,
*Co-Chairperson, Joint Committee
on the Narok-Kajiado Economic Bloc.*