



Committee on National Cohesion and Values

National Values and Principles of Governance

Article 10 (2) of the Constitution provides the national values and principles of governance as follows:

a) Patriotism, National Unity, Sharing and Devolution of Power, the Rule of Law, Democracy and Participation of the People

- These values are critical in fostering state development and without them peaceful co-existence is unattainable.
- As Kenyans, we can aid in fostering these values by:
 - being open minded and accommodative to people of various ethnic and religious backgrounds;
 - adhering to the rule of law and assist in reporting when laws are broken;
 - assisting in the implementation of various policies and legislations on promotion of National Integration and Cohesion;
 - engage in forums where our participation as citizens is required, such as when issues concerning the minorities and marginalized among us.

b) Human Dignity, Equity, Social Justice, Inclusiveness, Equality, Human Rights, Non-Discrimination and Protection of the Marginalized

Entrenching these values in our lives, families, areas of work and communities ensures the implementation of Bill of Rights. To promote these values we should aim to:

- commit resources to economic and social rights and programs to preserve human dignity;
- always strive to resolve any conflicts among ourselves and ensuring that we aid those who are discriminated upon find justice where possible;
- actively engage ourselves where public participation in various government processes is called for;



- ensuring that when in roles to make appointments and recruitment, the exercise should be done to maintain a gender and ethnic balance, and have a national outlook;
- provide and conducive work environment to our employees, and if employed, taking care of the resources assigned to us in our areas of work;
- promote realization of the Bill of Rights on Human Dignity, Equity, Social Justice and Inclusiveness.

c) Good Governance, Integrity, Transparency and Accountability

Good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability are principles of governance which provide impetus for rapid social, economic and political transformation. To ensure observance of these values we are urged to:

- operate with integrity in all our dealings;
- act swiftly, without fear or favour in reporting corruption when we come by it;
- adhering to the professional code of ethics and conduct and the set rules in our areas of work/institutions;
- making good use of public resources.

d) Sustainable Development

Sustainability and consciousness about the environment will ensure that the scarce resources that we have as a country and the world at large are available to future population. To make this possible, as individuals and institutions we are mandated to:

- Recycle where possible or buy products made with recycled materials;
- Make informed choices when purchasing products, always choose sustainable options;
- minimizing wastage by making sure you really need a particular product before buying it, and avoid throwing away food and other resources we do not need;
- Conserving energy and water in our homes and workplaces by turning off lights/taps not being used;
- Planting more trees for the many environmental, economic and social benefits they provide;
- Support organizations dedicated to sustainability either by making donations or volunteering.

