



THE KUWAJIBIKA PLEDGE

A Commitment to Accountability by Political Candidates

(Kenyan General Elections, 2022)

1. Introduction

The TUGUTUKE! Movement provides a platform through which the citizens of Kenya will be able to exercise their sovereign power and elect Senators, Members of Parliament (MP), Members of the County Assembly (MCA) or Woman Representatives (Woman Rep.) who have publicly signed a pledge to be answerable and accountable to their voters.

As clearly spelt out in Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as "Constitution") the elected member's responsibility is to represent the people's will, pass legislation and oversee the various arms of national and county government on behalf of the citizens of Kenya. As a people-elected representative the elected member shall represent only the interests and will of his/her constituents in the three assemblies (National Assembly, County Assembly and the Senate) which oversees the implementation of policy and government programmes on their behalf while always upholding the sovereignty of the people. It is a primary function of the legislative to hold the executive accountable on behalf of the citizens.

2. The Kuwajibika Pledge

In addition to the rules governing elections and elected leaders as set out in national laws, candidates who wish to assure voters of their accountability and transparency in service to will sign the Kuwajibika Pledge which is a legally binding agreement between the candidate and citizens of Kenya committing that, upon election and in all that they will do throughout their term, they will truly and honestly represent the constituents of the electoral area from which they are appointed.

3. Key Requirements and Candidate's Conduct

The requirements can be summarised into the following key pillars:

- I. Commitment to conduct themselves in accordance with the electoral code of conduct espoused in the Elections Act 2011 while campaigning for gubernatorial, senatorial, parliamentary and county positions.
- II. Non-issuance and non-receipt of bribes in any form by any candidate.
- III. a concise and pragmatic manifesto describing the change s/he seeks to deliver if elected.

setting out elaborate, measurable goals for the period of his/her term. These goals will include a monitoring and evaluation framework which will stipulate the key success indicators for his/her goals and activities for purposes of performance measurement.

- IV. All candidates are expected to conduct clean campaigns focused on what they *will do for the people*, and not centred on defamation or slander of political opponents.
- V. Candidates are expected to display the required *étiquette* during election day and avoid three key offences - voter intimidation, poll-clerk coercion and rigging of the ballot.
- VI. Once in office, candidates will be expected to abide by all the rules and laws governing their conduct and any contravention will lead to a requirement to resign.

4. Accountability Measures

To hold the candidate accountable, the TUGUTUKE! Movement will work with the electorate to carry out a yearly performance review to establish the compliance with this pledge and the progress of the goals outlined in the candidate's manifesto. The candidate shall agree to provide the information required to carry out these reviews. Furthermore, the candidate will diligently document the progress made during his/her term and will not fabricate evidence of the accomplishments for each review.

5. Right of Recall

Where a candidate

- I. fails and or neglects to perform his/her responsibilities in accordance with the values and attributes outlined hereabove, and the pledge undertaken, and/or,
- II. consistently underperforms over two performance reviews,

the TUGUTUKE! Movement shall work with the electorate to require the elected person to resign and if they refuse to do so, to invoke the Right to Recall enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya.

6. Commitment and Pledge

I, _____ (full names)

ID No. _____, of P. O. Box _____ City/County _____

Post Code _____, Kenya

Declare as follows:

1. For the General Elections on Tuesday, August 9th 2022, I have declared my candidature for the position of Senator/MP/MCA/Woman Rep. (circle as appropriate) for County/Constituency/Ward (circle as appropriate).
2. That I acknowledge my role as an influencer and a participant in Kenya's electoral process.
3. That I have never been involved in and I am not currently charged or under investigation in respect of any act of fraud, corruption or any other criminal act or act that may cause my integrity or honesty to be in question.
4. That I have read and understood the values, roles, attributes and requirements expected of me as an accountable leader who shall be **answerable to the people**.
5. That in consideration of my being elected to the above position, and in recognition of my responsibility as a caretaker of democracy, I do hereby state as follows:
 - i. I pledge to observe and conduct my campaign, without any form of violence and not to give or take bribes in any form and to do all in my power to defend the integrity of the elections.
 - ii. Once elected I will, throughout out my term in office, represent only the wishes and best interests of my constituents and
 - a. I commit to regularly (at least thrice a year), formally consult and report to the denizens of my electoral area.
 - b. I pledge not to give or take bribes in any form nor accept any favour that may be seen to cause a conflict with the interest of those whom I represent or my responsibilities.
 - c. I commit to **not do any business with the government**, directly or indirectly, nor cause any influence or favour for anyone doing business with the government.
 - d. I commit to attend and participate actively and meaningfully for the benefit of the citizens in my area in assembly sessions.
 - e. I commit not to participate in any way in any corruption activity or scandal.
 - f. I commit to set out elaborate measurable goals with key success indicators and a monitoring and evaluation framework throughout my term in the elected position
 - g. I undertake to provide all the required information to inform my annual performance reviews by the Tugutuke! Movement
 - iii. I commit to doing all in my power to ensure public confidence in the government and all public offices and institutions and the Constitution of Kenya.
 - iv. I pledge to conduct myself fully in accordance and in compliance with the values and rules as described and explained above.
 - v. I declare, commit and accept that, should the annual performance review find that I have failed to honour any part of this commitment and pledge, I **shall resign** from the position to which I am elected, and that if I do not, I shall fully respect the voters' constitutional right to recall me from office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their respective hands on the date, month and year first mentioned above.

CANDIDATE

LEGAL NAMES	SIGNATURE	DATE (DD/MM/ YYYY)
		___/___/___

CANDIDATE'S WITNESS

LEGAL NAMES	SIGNATURE	DATE (DD/MM/ YYYY)
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ON BEHALF OF TUGUTUKE!

LEGAL NAMES	SIGNATURE	DATE (DD/MM/ YYYY)
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