



**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY
TASKFORCE TO INQUIRE INTO FOREST RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT AND LOGGING ACTIVITIES IN KENYA**

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**SUBMISSION OF REPRESENTATION, MEMORANDA AND PETITIONS
FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- 1. The Taskforce to inquire into Forest Resources Management and Logging Activities in Kenya** was established by Gazette Notice Vol. CXX - No. 28 of 26 February 2018. The Taskforce terms of reference are:
 - a) Determine the scale of illegal logging, destruction, degradation and encroachment of public and community forests, water towers and other catchment areas, as well as the associated impacts.
 - b) Review the procedures, qualification and conditions for licensing of saw millers to determine their adequacy, fairness and appropriateness.
 - c) Review and determine the effectiveness of the monitoring and verification procedures to ensure compliance with the license conditions.
 - d) Review the chain-of-custody system established by the Kenya Forest Service through which forest products from public, community and private forests are distributed, tracked and monitored from their origin in the forest to their end-use, and determine their adequacy and effectiveness.
 - e) Review felling plans, and the associated programmes, including planting and replanting, to determine their adequacy and effectiveness.
 - f) Determine the institutional and technical capacity of the Kenya Forest Service and other agencies involved in the management of forests to enforce compliance with forest laws and regulations.
 - g) Determine the effectiveness and efficiency of inter and intra-agency collaboration amongst all agencies involved in the management of forests.

- h)** Review and determine the effectiveness of participatory forest management programmes, including the operational and governance structures of Community Forest Associations.
 - i)** Review and analyse the valuation procedures and methods for forest stocks.
 - j)** Audit revenue generation from forests against the investment and operational costs.
 - k)** Review the Forest Act (No. 34 of 2016) and other related acts to enhance penalties for breach of the applicable laws and regulations.
 - l)** Review the laws and regulations governing charcoal burning and trade, and make recommendations on the need, or otherwise, to ban charcoal burning, trade and use.
 - m)** Make recommendations on short-term, medium-term, and long-term actions to ensure sustainable management, restoration and protection of forests and water catchment areas.
- 2.** In the performance of its mandate, the Taskforce shall:
- a)** Co-ordinate an inclusive stakeholder consultation process at all levels.
 - b)** Undertake aerial and ground-based surveys and investigations.
 - c)** Conduct public hearings and receive representation, memoranda and petitions from the public.
 - d)** Call for and subpoena any relevant documents and information in the possession, custody or control of any relevant institution or persons.
- 3.** In this respect, the Taskforce invites **members of the public to make representation, memoranda and petitions by Thursday, 14 March 2018.**
- 4.** Submissions should be delivered to:

Joint Secretaries, 15th Floor NHIF Buiding, Ragati Road, between 08.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. daily from Monday to Friday.

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