



# BULLETIN

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

## **Budget Facilitators' Workshop**

The monthly budget facilitators' mock session was held on 13<sup>th</sup>October 2017 at Grace House Resort, Nairobi. The event aimed at enhancing the budget facilitators' capacity to support citizens to analyse the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper as well as discussions on revenue sharing.



Ms Asha Kudura facilitating a session on functions of the county governments with budget facilitators.

Mr. Daniel Ndirangu (standing) leading discussions on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper with participants at the budget facilitators' mock workshop.



### JOINT PUBLIC FORUM WITH THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Uraia in collaboration with the Kenya Institute of Management (KIM) held a public forum on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Nairobi Safari Club to provide the public - especially those in private sector - with an opportunity to explore ways to effectively influence accountable governance in their spheres. During the forum, panelists discussed opportunities created by the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and devolved government system, through which members of the private sector can take advantage in influencing accountable governance. The forum, titled Accountable Governments: Roles, Opportunities, and Modalities of Engagement and Participation for Professionals and Institutions, attracted over 70 participants from the private sector.





Uraia Executive Director Grace Maingi receives a certificate from KIM Executive Director/CEO, Muriithi Ndegwa, during the public forum, held in Nairobi.



#### **VOTER EDUCATION ON FRESH PRESIDENTIAL POLL**

Uraia supported the printing and dissemination of voter Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on the fresh presidential election. The materials included 23,500 posters on electoral offences and 23,500 copies of a brochure for the polls, held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The brochure highlighted issues that included what a fresh presidential election is, when a fresh presidential election is held, position that citizens were to vote for during the exercise, where citizens were to vote from and the documents they required to present during the voting exercise. The brochures were distributed in all the 47 counties.

In addition, Uraia aired infomercials that highlighted nationhood and national cohesion. The infomercials were aired on eight radio stations, namely: Radio Maisha, Radio Jambo, Radio Citizen, Milele FM, East FM, Iqra FM, KBC Radio Taifa and Ghetto Radio. The television infomercials were aired on six TV stations, namely: KTN, NTV, Citizen TV, KBC, K24 and Kiss TV. Link to the informercial



A brochure used for civic education in the run-up to the fresh presidential elections. Please find the full brochure on this link: Fresh Presidential Elections





#### FIELD MONITORING AND COUNTY VISITS UNDERTAKEN

Field monitoring and county visits were conducted in four counties, namely, Isiolo, Marsabit, Siaya and Mombasa. This involved monitoring the work of Implementing Partners (IPs). The essence of the visits was to assess execution of policy and legislation work, sustained civic education, social accountability and stakeholder engagement work by Uraia partners.



Huda Self Help Group in Moyale Sub-county in Marsabit County, during a monitoring visit by Uraia's Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Irene Mwende.

#### REVIEW WORKSHOP ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Uraia Trust carried out a two-day review workshop in Nyamira County of the women in leadership project from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Women who were elected, as well as those who were nominated as members of the County Assembly, and those who lost during the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 General Elections attended the event. The forum documented lessons learnt as well as challenges encountered by women as they sought political leadership positions during the 2017 General Elections. Some of the issues raised included harassment of women candidates by male competitors in Migori, Nyamira and Kisii counties, lack of funds among many of the women seeking political positions, as well as lack of support from political parties.

Women leaders taking part in the review workshop held in Nyamira town.





23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November: Budget Review and Outlook Paper Forum for budget

facilitators in Nairobi.

28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November: National Implementers Forum in Nairobi.

5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December: Regional Implementers Forum in Nakuru, Eldoret and

Machakos.