THE CITIZENS' PETITION FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY

14th May 2026

To:
The Clerk of the National Assembly,
Parliament Buildings,
P.O. Box 41842-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.

THROUGH:
The Chairperson,
Public Investments Committee on Education,
The National Assembly of Kenya.

RE: PUBLIC CITIZENS' PETITION FOR AN INQUIRY AND FORENSIC AUDIT INTO THE GOVERNANCE, FINANCES, AND STAFFING RATIOS AT THE TAITA TAVETA NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC (TTNP)

WE, the undersigned citizens of Kenya and residents of Taita Taveta County, draw the attention of the House to the following critical management concerns at the Taita Taveta National Polytechnic (TTNP):

1. The Declining Student Intake Post-Elevation

• **The Issue:** Since its elevation to a National Polytechnic status under Legal Notice No. 6 of 2024, student enrollment metrics have steadily declined.

• **The Impact**: The institution has dropped to an estimated 3,000 active students despite possessing an infrastructure capacity built for 10,000 learners.

• **Request:** We pray for a thorough assessment by the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) to evaluate whether exorbitant fees, poor infrastructure maintenance, or lack of bursary prioritization are driving students away.

2. Urgent Financial Audit of the Finance Department

• **The Issue**: There are widespread complaints from the student body and local stakeholders concerning the management of tuition funds and training budgets.

• **The Impact**: Learners cite a severe lack of essential training assets, unmaintained structures, and critical resource gaps despite timely statutory disbursements.

• **Request**: We petition the Committee to instruct the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) to deploy independent forensic auditors to investigate the complete financial records of the institution's finance department.

3. Diversity Audit of the Staffing Rationale

• **The Issue**: Current employment structures at the polytechnic indicate systemic imbalance and non-compliance with regional and ethnic distribution frameworks.

• **The Impact**: Legitimate concerns exist regarding skewed employment that sidelines qualified local personnel in favor of an unbalanced staffing strategy.

• **Request**: We request that the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) be summoned to present a comprehensive ethnic and diversity workforce audit, ensuring compliance with the statutory one-third hiring cap for any dominant ethnic community.

4. Intervention via Inter-Governmental Oversight

• **The Issue**: Because TTNP is a national entity regulated directly by the National Government via the State Department for TVET, the Taita Taveta County Assembly Education Committee lacks the direct mandate to compel management to act.

• **Request**: We ask this Committee to coordinate with the local leadership and the County Executive to establish integrated report-sharing networks, allowing local citizen oversight to feed directly into parliamentary findings.

PRAYERS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly, through the Public Investments Committee on Education:

1. **Summons** the TTNP Chief Principal and the Governing Council Chairman to answer to these operational, financial, and staffing irregularities.
2. **Orders** a fast-tracked, independent performance and forensic financial audit of the institution.
3. **Compels** management to institute a comprehensive student enrollment recovery strategy to fully utilize the institution's capacity.

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