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Elections round-up

Opinion: By Samuel Karanja | Head of H+K Financial Africa

Attempt any conference or investment summit and you will hear, in different tones and variations, about the rise of Africa and her potential for business and innovation. A common feature in those discussions revolves around the attractiveness of Kenya as an investment destination due to the growth witnessed across her diverse industries and sectors.

Kenya enjoys a vibrant private sector with a well-educated and entrepreneurial workforce. Due to scale and sophistication, Kenya has risen as a net exporter to other East African Community countries. Recent discoveries of oil in the north of the Kerio Valley may bring Kenya closer to its ambitions of becoming an oil exporter. As we approach the General Elections, this is an appropriate time to pause and reflect on how the incoming government can support the private sector's current growth trajectory and take it to even higher levels.

The answer to achieving Kenya's potential in energy, infrastructure and indeed in any sector lies in the partnerships that the Government and private sector forge. The role the Government plays is to set up clear policy

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structures. Capacity-building issues are faced in diverse sectors in Kenya and

often this gap is filled by the private sector in training and supporting people. The growth is undeniable, so what are the gaps that need to be closed so as not to reverse the trends as they currently stand?

Action time

Kenya's economic blueprint Vision 2030 stands as one of her best examples of collaboration between the public and private sector and other stakeholders. The policy maps the national long-term development priorities along key pillars.

According to David Bunei, Cisco General Manager, East Africa and Indian Ocean Islands, what is now needed is for the policies in Vision 2030 to be operationalized.

"Correct structures have been instituted to track progress and report on delivery of Vision 2030, however I would suggest that introducing more of the same policies will not achieve or accelerate Vision 2030. Rather what is needed is for the policies, strategies and plans to be enacted; for

Emphasis on policy implementation needed to attain Kenya's economic potential



implementation to be accelerated through trusted, well governed, properly resourced, better monitored and tracked strengthening of public-private partnerships."

Improve the investment climate

Fostering enterprise creation and growth remains a key priority for the government that Kenyans will elect in August. Trade and investment players often face hurdles such as inept logistics systems, policies and regulations. There is a need for transparent business taxation mechanisms to unlock sustainable investment into the economy.

The high cost of doing business coupled with the high cost of production is a deterrent to many investors especially those in the manufacturing sector, with some companies preferring to relocate to other countries to establish production plants. This is unfortunate, given the sheer size of the consumer market and spending which is set to increase. According to a retail sector report by Procter & Gamble, Kenya's retail spending hit Sh1.8 trillion in 2016 as the sector expanded by 13 per cent.

Transforming key industries

The private sector plays a crucial role in Kenya's inclusive growth by providing employment and transforming the economy through funding and technological innovation.

In a situation that is not unique to Kenya alone, strengths and weaknesses sit

together in the same crucible. On the one hand, Kenya boasts an efficient labour market, conducive environment for innovation and business sophistication, while on the other hand, grapples with bureaucracy, poor infrastructure, and constant need for capacity building. These present an opportunity for the post August 2017 government to put into place concrete measures to address the shortcomings.

Kenya Association Manufacturers in its policy paper, *Ten Priorities for Transforming Manufacturing and Creating Jobs in Kenya*, underscores the need to create a predictable business environment as a key ingredient in gaining and maintaining confidence in the manufacturing sector. This can also be enhanced by transparency and accountability.

Africa has 60% of the world's remaining arable land and millions of dedicated farmers. In Kenya, agriculture accounts for about 30% of economic growth and 80% of rural employment. With new tools, infrastructure, and know-how from the private sector, more of the country's great agricultural potential can be unlocked.

The foundation upon which Kenya's industries will be transformed is infrastructure. Financing the infrastructure deficit in Kenya and across Africa will involve collective innovation across both the public and private sectors.

Traditional funding sources such as government budgets and donors no longer suffice, but rather co-opting in the private sector provides the necessary platform on which to accelerate infrastructure growth.

In Kenya, ICT is already playing an increasingly important role in affording opportunities to the youth. However, ICT's development faces many hurdles, including inadequate infrastructure and exorbitant costs, paucity of skills, insufficient financing, global competition and IT security problems. Through private sector and government participation either through funding or technical assistance, these challenges can be surmounted.

PPPs, if structured correctly, can be one very useful tool in promoting infrastructure development and partnerships between the public and private sectors.

Kenya has an impressive pipeline of projects in line with the Government's Vision 2030 plan. If structured correctly, they will play an important role in the next phase of Kenya's development and economic growth potential. Apart from creating jobs, these projects will also contribute to the economic development of Kenya and more importantly, ensure knowledge and skills transfer and empowerment of Kenyans.

Small businesses, no small matter

Kenya is usually at the centre of conversations on entrepreneurship taking place at local and global levels. Recently Jack Ma, the Alibaba business mogul led a delegation of business people to explore business opportunities in Kenya. In 2015, the Global Entrepreneurship Summit was held for the first time in Kenya, with former US President Barack Obama in attendance.

All this attention points to one thing: we cannot slow the pace on creating an enabling environment for entrepreneurs. The number of university graduates coming into the job market every year are not proportionate to the available employment opportunities, hence the importance of creating

According to Nikki Summers, East Africa Regional Director at Sage, the new government can leverage on the existing foundation and put micro, small and medium enterprises at the fore of its policy making. Among the challenges faced by SMEs in Kenya is the limited access to finance, which hampers their emergence and poor access to working capital financing.

Small and medium businesses create the bulk of economic opportunity in the country. In Kenya, SMEs contribute 98% of GDP, 50% of workforce and 25% of enterprises.

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Ref: www.kepsa.or.ke

In conclusion

There is no denying the fact that the engine of growth for Kenya is the private sector including the large informal sector. The new government needs to provide not only a conducive policy environment but also dramatically improve infrastructure. Governance needs to be more robust while security always remains a concern for private investors. Even amongst all the challenges Kenya's success story is undeniable.



Opinion: By Solomon Mahinda | Managing Director, H+K Strategies Kenya

Reclaiming public trust in a world of fake news

It is becoming harder to trust what we are reading and watching online. A whopping 80% of adults globally agree that “Today’s media outlets offer more opinion than objective news coverage” according to the 2017 Trends Report released by Ford Motor Company. Social media users are less trusting of corporations and public figures.

The same Ford survey also revealed that 80% adults think today’s social media is more about optics than substance. With the

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current rise of trolling, even corporations are now skeptical of the

authenticity of some online user comments. Kenya is currently smack in the middle of a General Elections, with many polls suggesting that there is a high possibility of a run-off. This comes in the wake of the rather dramatic U.S. election that had the world’s attention.

As I write this, a new survey by GeoPoll in Kenya just revealed that 87% of Kenyans say they recently saw political news that they suspected to be deliberately false - or more popularly, ‘fake news’ - while 90% of respondents reported having seen false or inaccurate news in relation to the general election. Conflicting “facts” from different sources and news reports that explicitly favor particular candidates are just two of many ingredients cited in the recipe for rampant media mistrust in the run-up to the election.

This is especially the case with digital communication. Platforms that were once celebrated for humanizing corporations and breaking communication barriers, are now blamed for facilitating the spread of misinformation.

Small wonder Facebook announced that it will start cracking down on accounts that push fake news shortly after Donald Trump

was declared winner of the US 2016 election. Many have welcomed the move by Facebook, but it has also raised attendant questions about free speech and who gets to decide what is and is not fake news.

When facts no longer matter

In the midst of all this mess, professional communicators and content strategists find themselves navigating strange waters where trust is plummeting and “alternative facts” seem to rule the day. It is no longer enough to merely leverage the traditional elements of establishing credibility with the public. Tactics that once built trust, such as best practice, verifiable facts and transparency, don’t seem to work anymore. It is as if facts don’t matter anymore -- at least not as a foundation for trust.

In a world where people can pick and choose whatever facts confirm their biases and ignore those that contradict them, factuality per se has become less pivotal to effective communication. The core question has shifted from “Is it a fact?” to “Whose fact is it anyway?”

This has inevitably complicated our approach to external communication strategy in public relations, since it means that we have to be extra creative in crafting content that builds brand credibility while at the same time staying committed to telling the truth. Clearly, a corresponding shift in strategy on our part is overdue, and I propose at least three considerations as we ponder the future.





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"Fake news" as an atmosphere

First, we must appreciate that the all too familiar term "fake news" is just a placeholder description for something more pervasive. The phrase describes an atmosphere, and we would be myopic to restrict it to deliberate misinformation and false facts. The fake news phenomenon is marked with a rising mistrust between brands and audiences, even in times when the brands are telling the truth. This means that change will take more than simply stating a few true facts about your brand.

Our role must therefore include tapping into the emotional resolve of our audience. How can the brand communicate that they are for the customer and not against them, facts notwithstanding? For communication experts, this also means that attempting to respond to the current fake news fallout by trying to be more factual would be akin to taking a knife into a gunfight.

Secondly, it follows that we can no longer afford to be elitist in our choice of media outlets. A second thing that "fake news" has exposed is that the public is made up of ideological bubbles. We always thought that one of the internet's greatest feats was breaking physical barriers, but it turns out that the web only revealed that geography wasn't the only real barrier. The reality is that social media has only entrenched the real barriers that truly divide humanity, namely: ideological lines.

Echo chambers and filter bubbles

The internet has made it easier for people to surround themselves with those who confirm their biases while blocking out dissenters. According to the 2017 Trends Report released by Ford Motor Company I mentioned earlier, 65% adults globally agree that people today are less likely to

consider opposing viewpoints. The internet has helped create virtual echo chambers full of yes-men and locked out neighbors that may otherwise hold dissenting views.

Social media sites have proven weak at breaking the human tendency to surround ourselves with people who think and speak like us. If anything, the rise of social media algorithms has only reinforced this trait and hampered any chances of organic reach.

Eli Pariser, the man who famously coined the term "filter bubble", said it best when he described the implications of the way Facebook, Google, Yahoo and other digital information companies curate content according to user preferences and online habits.

In his famous 2011 TED talk, he argued: "We may have the story about the Internet wrong. In a broadcast society, there were these gatekeepers, the editors, and they controlled the flows of information. And along came the Internet and it swept them out of the way, and it allowed all of us to connect, and it was awesome. But that's not actually what's happening right now."

He explained: "What we're seeing is more of a passing of the torch from human gatekeepers to algorithmic ones. And the thing is that the algorithms don't yet have the kind of embedded ethics that the editors did. So if algorithms are going to curate the world for us, if they're going to decide what we get to see and what we don't get to see, then we need to make sure that they're not just keyed to relevance. We need to make sure that they also show us things that are uncomfortable or challenging or important."



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A way forward: Purpose driven narrative

Finally, we still need to double down on the standards of truth; that is, authenticity, best practice, and verifiable facts, which has traditionally defined our crafts. But even more urgently, we need to be blatant about our motives with our different stakeholders. We are no longer in the time when it was easy to control a narrative merely by establishing trusted networks in mainstream media outlets. Today we are living in a purposeful age, an age that is being defined by truth & transparency, blurring of audiences, power in the hands of public, exponentiality etc

In this new age mere performance of a company is not enough. Companies need to align their business and communications behind a purpose, actively leading a cause and living a belief system. In this new age, H+K Strategies firmly believes that it's Performance + Purpose that is driving Preference.

Purpose is the reason why the organisation exists and the legacy that it will create in the world. Once we put the purpose at the heart of all communications and develop a creative platform and story arcs, we can tell the brand story in a consistent way.

This will give the brand a clear voice with the audience and will help build its reputation over time. A welcome side effect of this is that online influencers and publishers who share your purpose will pick up your story and inject it into their own ideological digital bubbles.

In the end your brand communication will no longer be dismissed before consideration simply because one story was hosted on a "fake news" platform. This is only the beginning. The challenges abounding now are fast turning into great opportunities for the future of communication. We just need to adjust our lenses.

Opinion: By Ted Malanda | Associate Editor, The Nairobiian

Government of 'our' people, by 'our' people, for 'our' people

Kenyan elections served up with a twist and a slice of good old cynicism

The black SUV inched along the brief stretch of road and halted beside the Fake News Headquarters – the bicycle repairer's shop at the village market.

Five middle-aged touts – scarred by drink, poor feeding, and a life of meaningless violence – abandoned their post and trotted towards the driver like a pack of wolves drooling to a carcass.

An old barmaid stepped out of her dilapidated den and stared. She giggled sarcastically, toothless after many years of distinguished service, as the political aspirant rolled down the tinted window and handed each man the equivalent of a US dollar. But it was enough quid to knock them out cold at an illicit drinking den just 100 metres from the police station.

Never mind that these men have no identification papers and are not registered voters. They are the kingmakers. For a dollar, they will dance, heckle and fight. That is how you win an election here. Hoo-hah!

It is a lesson that politicians who started out quoting dead philosophers and speak like Martin Luther King have learnt the hard way. If you walk into a Kenyan political contest speaking English through the nose, reeling off statistics and boring the audience with economic mumbo jumbo, voters will spank you so hard you will never spell 'Obama' again.

When running for parliament here, you arm yourself with a decent witchdoctor, invest in a shiny potbelly and juicy scandal, especially one related to theft of public funds. Then you buy a few garish shirts and learn to dance (badly) for your fans. It helps if you sweetly insult your opponent's spouse, lie through both ends of the mouth, clobber your opponent's supporters into submission, buy voters or, heck, just stuff the ballot box with the ghosts of voters who kicked the bucket 30 years ago.

This might sound terribly cynical, but the average Kenyan is a ridiculously cynical creature.



If founding President Jomo Kenyatta and his Vice President Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, both dead as the dodo, turned up to vote at some polling station, the occurrence would not even qualify for fake news. In any case, it is their sons, President Uhuru Kenyatta and opposition leader Raila Odinga, campaigning for presidency.

At the turn of independence, their two fathers tried, and spectacularly failed, to

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is decreed that children will pay for the sins of their fathers, the two lads have been compelled to abandon their family businesses, which are vast, for the thankless nuisance of public service. Poor kids...

At 70, the soccer-mad Raila looks remarkably young. Thinner and fitter than politicians half his age, the opposition leader has formed and folded up so many political parties that folks have lost count.

He loves to dance, speaks with a stutter and although he rarely expounds on a coherent policy statement (which, like I said, is silly politics anyway), crowds love his pithy African proverbs and finesse at stinging his opponents. "Hiyo yote Jubilee wanasema watafanya ni mnyambo ya punda (all the promises made by my opponent are like a

eradicate 'poverty, illiteracy and disease'. And because it

donkey's fart!)" he roars, sending his followers deliriously chanting,

"Baba! Baba!" No politician has as many nicknames and followers ready to die for him – warts and all.

His main opponent Uhuru Kenyatta is a political neophyte whose win was so shocking that his running mate broke down and wept hysterically.

Barely six years ago, Uhuru would be seen chewing gum and playing with his knees at the high table during political rallies, not exactly the picture of a man dying to be president. He is a nice guy – tall, surprising lean for a wealthy, African man, easy going and well spoken. Like his father, he has a short fuse, loves dancing, red meat and is pretty adept at telling off opponents.

Technically, there are eight horses in the race, but only these two matter. No, it is not necessarily because they have the best manifestoes or the most rational political agendas. To rank this race, you need a noise-meter, not political analyst. Many of the other candidates are still quoting Martin Luther King Jr and amassing social media likes and retweets.

So, what really is at stake? NGO types and the army of political talking heads on television claim it is the economy, agriculture, infrastructure, education, healthcare, the constitution, governance,



fighting corruption and so forth. Stupid! We all know that when these politicians talk about the welfare of the people, the word being silenced is the “our” before people. It is about “our” people versus “their” people. The economy is about employing my tribe. Agriculture is about our community getting the farming land and kicking out those speaking the wrong language.

The touts, with pockets lined and scar-faced smiles widened, quickly transform into some form of vigilante bodyguards for the VIP as the SUV weaves its way through the market. As soon as a good crowd gathers around the vehicle, the sunroof slides open and a balding politician emerges. He wiggles momentarily, to squeeze his big belly through the tight opening before resting it on the roof of the vehicle.

“Tano tena! Tano tena! (Five again! Five again!)” the crowd erupts, signifying that this is an incumbent candidate and they want him to run for another five-year term. That’s what

political office is about, milking all the years legally possible in office (and the money, not necessarily legally) before making way to a kinsman that you have been grooming, most likely your running-mate, so that he can have his turn to eat.

Kenyans will vote for the leaders whose mother tongues sound like our own. What about the good of the nation? Of course we care about the nation that is why we will vote for our cousins and kinsmen, who happen to be Kenyans too. Infrastructure? Education? Healthcare? But of course! We will get our people to take care of these things.

We have long accepted, to quote an anonymous social media philosopher, that our politics is a case of a looter continua! We cleverly vote along tribal lines because, as the Ugandans say, the leopard that knows you eats you with mercy.



Presidential ballot papers arrive from Dubai

Ref: 01 August 2017

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has received 192 pallets of presidential ballot papers.

The electoral commission received the consignment, to be used in the August 8, General Election, at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) on Monday (July 31st) evening.

In total, there are 353 pallets and the first batch of 192 for 30 counties arrived at the JKIA in Nairobi from Dubai on (July 31st) Monday.

According to the IEBC, the rest — 161 pallets — will be delivered on (August 1) Tuesday.

After all the ballot papers are delivered, they will be cleared and taken to the commission's warehouses for distribution to the counties.

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FBI offers to help probe murder of Chris Msando, ICT Manager, IEBC

Ref: 31 July 2017

America's Federal Bureau of Investigation and Britain's Scotland Yard may be drafted into the investigation to unmask the killers of Independent Electoral Board's Committee (IEBC) technology manager Christopher Chege Msando.

That is if the government accepts the offer of help by the US and Britain.

US ambassador Robert F. Godec and British High Commissioner Nic Hailey condemned the killing and said they welcomed the government's commitment to investigate the crime, adding: "We have offered our assistance in the investigation."

The body of Mr Msando, stripped to his underwear, was identified on July 31st at City Mortuary, three days after he was reported missing.

His left arm appeared broken and he had wounds.

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10 crucial issues in the Kenyan election

Ref: 30 July 2017

The EastAfrican's Peter Munaita looks at the 10 issues that have dominated the election campaign but fears that they may not be the deciding factor on who wins on August 8.

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Dubai firm completes printing of presidential ballot papers

Ref: Friday, July 27 2017

A Kenyan delegation Thursday toured the Dubai-based company that was due last night to complete printing presidential ballot papers with added security features.

The ballot papers are expected in the country in two consignments on chartered cargo planes on Monday and Tuesday ahead of the August 8 election.

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Most governors are likely to retain seats, opinion polls show

Ref: July 28, 2017

The majority of governors are likely to retain their seats if trends seen in a series of recent opinion polls hold.

Just 10 days to the elections, the seat of county governor remains the most-fiercely contested outside the presidency, easily overshadowing National Assembly and Senate races.

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Opinion polls over the past few weeks indicate that the majority of sitting governors may take advantage of incumbency and easily retain their seats.

An opinion poll released Thursday by research firm Infotrak indicates that Josphat Nanok of Turkana — the Council of Governors chairman, and Okoth Obado of Migori are poised to retain their seats with support of more than 70 per cent of voter support each.

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Security bosses fight off NASA's rigging plot claims

Ref: 27 July 2017

Security chiefs, poll bosses and representatives of presidential candidates yesterday met to discuss claims of vote rigging plan.

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Chairman Wafula Chebukati, Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet and officials from the National Super Alliance (NASA) and Jubilee attended the talks that signalled high level intervention to address security grievances 11 days to elections

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NASA wants court to bar state from deploying soldiers for poll

Ref: 27 July 2017

NASA has moved to court to bar the Interior ministry from deploying troops to areas likely to experience violence during chaos.

The Opposition argues the military cannot engage in operations that would cause it to be partisan or further a political party's interests.

The coalition further says plans to use soldiers will adversely affect citizens since they are likely to intimidate and harass them.

The Opposition added that the move will scare voters away and keep them from exercising their rights.

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How Kenya's presidential election results will be announced

Ref: 26 July 2017

Kenya's Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has defended its decision to scrap periodic announcements of presidential election results at the Bomas of Kenya, the national tallying centre.

Chairman Wafula Chebukati on July 26, 2017 explained that the Court of Appeal had ruled that presidential election results announced at the polling station are final, and not subject to any alteration by the commission except by a court.

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Economic activity slows down ahead of General Election

Ref: 26 July 2017

The cost of the August 8 General Election on Kenya's economy has started to emerge, with firms scaling down production, investors holding on to their cash and neighbouring countries redirecting their cargo to Tanzanian ports, away from Mombasa.

Foreign governments, especially in the West, driven by uncertainty, have stepped up travel advisories to their citizens in the country and those intending to visit, warning that "in the past, some political protests, rallies and demonstrations have turned violent."

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Uhuru: I snubbed TV debate since it was waste of time

Ref: 25 July 2017

President Uhuru Kenyatta on August 25, 2017 said he skipped August 24th night's scheduled debate with his main challenger Raila Odinga because it would have been a waste of his time.

The President said in Nyeri County on the first day of his last 12 days of campaigning ahead of the August 8 General Election that he could not debate with "someone who does not have an agenda for this country".

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Fred Matiang'i identifies threats to election

Ref: 25 July 2017

Terrorism, organised criminal gangs and banditry are among the key threats security agencies are struggling to deal with to ensure the electioneering period is peaceful.

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Kenya's election: What will young people vote for?

Ref: 25 July 2017

Fresh-faced doesn't even begin to describe Simon Muturi. He's a 24-year-old small businessman from Nyeri County, the heartland of incumbent Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

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Raila plays down claims of tallying centre in Tanzania

Ref: 25 July 2017

Nasa presidential candidate Raila Odinga was evasive when asked to clear reports that the opposition has created a tallying centre in Tanzania.

Mr Odinga initially dismissed the suggestion as "pure imagination" but then said its existence should not be a big deal since no law prevents interested parties from carrying out parallel tallying.

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Tanzania denies meddling in Kenya affairs

Ref: 24 July 2017

Tanzanian government has denied that President John Magufuli is interfering in Kenya's election by supporting National Super Alliance flag-bearer Raila Odinga.

However, the Tanzanian opposition was yesterday adamant that Dr Magufuli was backing the Kenyans and accused Mr Odinga of supporting a "dictato

The controversy follows Tanzanian opposition fears, some reported in the Nation, that Dr Magufuli, a personal friend of Mr Odinga, is providing financial and strategy support for the Nasa campaign.

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Jubilee, Nasa trade blame in meetings with AU observers

Ref: 23 July 2017

African Union observers have expressed optimism over the August 8 elections following meetings with the electoral commission and key political players this week.

This came as fresh details of meetings with Jubilee Party's President Uhuru Kenyatta and the National Super Alliance (Nasa) candidate Raila Odinga emerged.

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Show of force as State moves to secure August 8 polls

Ref: 18 July 2017

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and other State agencies have provided a glimpse of what election day on August 8 will look like.

You will still be able to use social media and surf the Internet.

These services will not be shut down, contrary to recent rumours, but individuals who use them to incite violence will face the music.

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John Kerry pushes for fair polls as he leads observers

Ref: 14 July 2017

Former US Secretary of State John Kerry returns to Kenya to observe elections he often spoke about during his term of office.

Mr Kerry, who was President Barack Obama's top diplomat between 2013 and 2016, is co-leading an observation mission sent here by the Carter Centre.

"I urge all political parties and candidates to support a fair, orderly, credible and non-violent electoral process; respect the electoral code of conduct; and keep faith with the Kenyan people," Mr Kerry said in a statement after the announcement of his role this week.

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Government tightens restriction on social media use

Ref: 7 July 2017

The government is tightening restriction on social media use ahead of the August 8 General Election, keeping a close eye on political posts and

what it calls "sensational reporting" on "unauthenticated digital platforms" such as those hosted on Facebook and Twitter.

Information, Communications and Technology Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru on Thursday said his ministry was also working closely with the Interior Affairs docket headed by Maj-Gen (rtd) Joseph Nkaissery to ensure guidelines developed by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission are adhered to by social media users.

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Ten unresolved concerns as election day draws near

Ref: 24 July 2017

There are at least 10 contested issues at the heart of the August polls that remain unresolved as key stakeholders appear to be setting the stage for a round of confrontation two weeks to the elections.

The Jubilee Party, the National Super Alliance, and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) are divided over parallel vote tallying, election backup system, and the 'adopt-a-polling-station' plans.

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