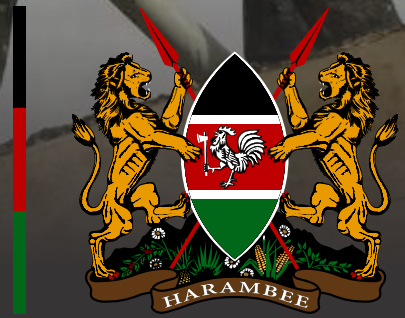




National values





The Kenya Constitution 2010 captures the national values and principles of governance under Article 10. These values help to guide the actions and behaviour of citizens hence influencing the relationship between citizens. The State has put in place structures through which these national values and principles can be mainstreamed. One of these is to have National Values Committees in all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), that are tasked with among others, sensitization on national values and principles of governance. At the University of Eldoret, the National Cohesion and National Values committee is tasked with this role.



The following are the seventeen national values in article 10 of the 2010 constitution that we all need to be aware of:

1. Patriotism

Patriotism refers to loyalty to, love for, selfless service for, sacrifice for, devotion for, sense of belonging to, dedication to, sense of pride in, protection of one 's own nation

2. National Unity

National Unity refers to cohesion which results from shared values, vision, purpose and aspirations irrespective of the ethnic, cultural, economic, religious or any other superficial status in a unitary state, while recognizing diversity,

3. Sharing and Devolution of Power

Sharing and devolution of power refers to a governance system in which power, political, economic and social resources are distributed between the national and county levels of government and which empowers people at the grassroots to make decisions on matters that affect them

4. Rule of Law

Rule of Law refers to the supremacy of the law and equality of all persons before the law.

5. Democracy and Participation of the People

Democracy and participation of the people refers to a culture in which all citizens exercise direct and equal participation in the running of the affairs of their country.

6. Human Dignity

Human Dignity refers to the inherent right of an individual to be treated with respect.



7. Equity

Equity refers to the quality of being fair and impartial.

8. Social Justice

Social Justice refers to the enjoyment of the rights that enhance the wellbeing of individuals in all aspects of their interaction with one another and promotes solidarity.

9. Inclusiveness

Inclusiveness refers to affording all people an opportunity to participate in activities including decision making, that affect their life.

10. Equality

Equality refers to treatment of everyone with equal measures irrespective of their status such as gender, religion, social class, tribe or race.

11. Human Rights

Human rights refers to God given entitlements to be enjoyed by all people.

12. Non-discrimination

Non-discrimination refers to fairness in treating people without prejudice irrespective of their gender, ethnic, class, religious, race, geographical or even generational differences.

13. Protection of the marginalized

Protection of the marginalized refers to safeguarding the vulnerable members of the society who are disadvantaged through exclusion.



14. Good Governance

Good Governance refers to having systems and structures through which the exercise of power and authority can be controlled or held to account. It involves transparent and accountable management of human, natural, economic and financial resources for the purposes of equitable and sustainable development.

15. Integrity

Integrity refers to adherence to virtuous moral and ethical principles no matter the circumstances.

16. Transparency and Accountability

Transparency refers to the requirement to share information and act in an open manner.

Accountability refers to taking responsibility for one's actions and conduct, as well as the management of public resources.

17. Sustainable development

Sustainable development refers to the pattern of resource use that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.





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