



# SOCATT (K)

SOCIETY OF CLERKS AT THE TABLE IN KENYA

## CALL FOR ARTICLES

The Society of Clerks at the Table in Kenyan County Legislatures (**SOCATT-K**) extends an invitation for the submission of articles for potential inclusion and publication in its forthcoming 6th edition newsletter. SOCATT's newsletter is an esteemed, peer-reviewed publication released annually, with an emphasis on highlighting the substantive contributions of County Assemblies in the context of devolution and service delivery. Functioning as a reputable platform, the newsletter facilitates County Assembly Services in disseminating insights through articles, sharing best practices, and documenting success stories. The primary objective of the upcoming edition is to systematically document the progress realized over the past decade during which the Assemblies have been operational. Previous publications may be accessed on our website.

### Thematic Areas

#### 1) Legislation

- a). Legislative achievements highlighting Bills passed by the County Assembly that address key issues affecting the community
- b). Public Participation in Legislation Showcase the ways in which the County Assembly is involving the public in the legislative process, encouraging transparency and community engagement.
- c). Profiles of Legislators: Feature a profile of longest serving members with outstanding performance

#### 2) Representation

- a). Community Outreach: Share stories of assembly actively engaging with the community, and addressing the concerns of residents
- b). Women Representation: Highlight the role of women in the county assembly, profiling female legislators and their impact on local governance.
- c). Collaboration with Other Representatives: Showcase collaborations between county assembly members and representatives at the national or regional level for the benefit of the community.
- d). Statements, petitions, motions touching on the welfare of the electorate

#### 3) Oversight

- a). Committee Oversight Activities: Detail the activities and findings of oversight committees within the assembly, ensuring accountability and transparency in governance.
- b). Budget Oversight: Explain how the assembly oversees the budgetary process, ensuring funds are allocated appropriately for the benefit of the community.

- c). Project Inspections: Report on assembly members' site visits and inspections of development projects, demonstrating their commitment to ensuring quality and timely delivery.

#### 4) Technology and innovation

- Articles on integration of technology in legislative processes, such as e-governance tools, online participation platforms, and data-driven decision-making, to enhance efficiency and public engagement.

#### 5) Mental Health and Work-life balance

- Articles exploring how County Assemblies have or may contribute to creating a supportive and mentally healthy work environment for staff and legislators. This may entail internal support mechanisms to address the mental health needs such as awareness campaigns, counseling services, and the integration of mental health considerations into legislative initiatives, practices and policies.

#### Submission Guidelines

- A. The articles should be original, substantial, and unpublished work in other publications.
- B. The articles can be thought pieces, best practices, case studies technologies and techniques, research reports, legal and regulatory updates. All case studies should address the following questions: What has worked? Why has it worked? What lessons were learned? How could it be done elsewhere?
- C. Upcoming and emerging issues;
- D. Exploration of new ideas that may advance legislative contributions to devolution and service delivery.

The acceptable word range is **1500 - 2000 words** and is submitted online using [info@socattkenya.org](mailto:info@socattkenya.org). Submissions will be evaluated for clarity, originality, correctness, and meaningful comparison. All articles submitted will be peer-reviewed to ensure they are of impact and have practical relevance to the County Assemblies. The most articulate/relevant articles will be selected for publication.

Submission deadline is **December 15th, 2023.**