



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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INAUGURATION OF THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET

A panel has been inaugurated to shortlist and conduct interviews, within seven days, for successful candidates, out of 87 applicants for The Controller of Budget.

The Chairman Public Service Commission, Mr. Stephen Kirogo convened the inaugural meeting at the Commission House Monday 16th September, for the four-member panel drawn from Office of the President, Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Public Service and Public Service Commission, in accordance with *the Controller of Budget Act No. 26 of 2016*.

The office of the Controller of Budget fell vacant last month following the expiry of eight-year term of Agnes Odhiambo, who was the first holder of the office under the 2010 Constitutional dispensation.

Mr. Kirogo urged members of the selection panel to be diligent in their work, noting that it is not an easy task to identify one person out of 87 who believe they are qualified to do the job.

“I want to say that yours is an onerous task of coming up with a single person. You know the expectations of the office. The Controller of Budget is tasked with ensuring that funds that are appropriated by the National Assembly are utilized for the purpose that is earmarked,” he said.

He said Kenyans will have a lot of interest in the work that they are embarking on and will look forward to them selecting a very competent Kenyan suited for the job.

Chairman Kirogo promised that the exercise will be very transparent; adding that it is in the interest of Kenyans that they watch what was being done.

Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Youth and Gender, Prof. Margaret Kobia, through her representative Ms. Mary Kimonye said she expected the selection panel to understand that they were acting under delegated authority from the Head of State and therefore should exercise the highest level of integrity.

Members of the panel promised to undertake the assignment in accordance with the law, and the procedure outlined for them.

They include Anthony Gatumbi, Office of the President; Prof. Dulacha Barako, The National Treasury; Ms. Pauline Mcharo, Attorney General's Office; and Mary Kimonye, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender.

The advertisement for the post of Controller of Budget ran from 27th August to 9th September 2019 and attracted 87 applicants whose shortlisting commence Monday 16th September 2019.

The list of applicants and the shortlisted candidates will be published in the national daily newspapers on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th, and will also be uploaded on the PSC website.

Interviews for the Controller of Budget will be held on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st September 2019 and names submitted to the President on Monday 23rd, and Parliament as required by the Act.

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