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Jaluo gi Tiende



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Gladys Wanga CBS

Governor - Homa Bay

I wish to share a warm welcome to Homa Bay County, the land of endless potential and very hospitable people. In the positive oneness spirit of our forefather Sinakuru who had enough room for all kith and kin, we say:

Machiegni uru!

Homa Bay County through its inhabitant clans truly evokes the oneness of Piny Luo. There is not a single clan here in Homa Bay, that has no network in Migori, Kisumu or Siaya – from the Abasuba, Wasweta, Asembo, Nyakach, Kogelo to Alego; just to name but a few. Our people are your people everywhere around Nam Lolwe and so we say welcome to you all - wede, **anyuola gosiepe** from far and yonder. The people of Homa Bay, epitomize the true nature of Jalu as is known historically: hard working, warm, agile, resourceful, progressive and hospitable. These, are the attributes that **Jaluo gi Tiende** is known for. We exemplify all these traits and where we do not, it is a **potential** lying within us and which through this festival, will be re-evoked.. We are happy that this reincarnation is happening here – **Wan Wamor**.

Just like we are a land of **endless potential** in Homa Bay County, our history and cultural values as **Piny Luo** also show that a true luo – Jalu gi Tiende has ENDLESS POTENTIAL regardless of the challenges we face – our forefathers faced them and surmounted; enemies we have – our forefathers had them and they conquered; battles we fight- our forefathers fought them, conquered, and that is why we are here as Piny Luo.

I join my older brothers Excellency Governors Dr. Ochillo Ayacko, Prof Anyang' Nyong'o and James Orenge in reiterating our commitment in continuing to support the Father of Devolution whose fruits every Kenyan in every corner of this Country enjoys today; a core fighter of democracy, which everybody, leaders and citizens alike shine on now: Baba **Raila Amolo Odinga**. Erourukamano.



WELCOME MESSAGES

Prof Anyang' Nyong'o

Governor - Kisumu

Piny Luo - The Awakening

Kisumu was the convergence point for "Piny Luo" to do barter trade "sumo" in the Luo language and is locally called 'Kisumo'. The evolving world today demands of us to be more innovative as a "nation" to respond to the needs and sustainability of our people in terms of culture and food security.

Let us seize this opportunity to redefine who we are and to chart the way forward as **"Piny Luo"** as we congregate in Homa Bay Town.

Our Spirit! Our Unity! Our future! Jaluo Gitiende!



James Aggrey Bob Orenge

Governor - Siaya

The Luo nation first settled in Siaya before the great dispersal. This makes Siaya county the original "Dala Maduong" of **"Piny Luo"**

As we celebrate our origin and look forward to our destiny as a people, let us always remember that our unity will forever remain our strength.

Siaya remains the land of heroes. We pride ourselves as being home to acclaimed benga musicians, top footballers and world class rugby players.

I invite you to Siaya to enjoy our pristine lake front and many other historical sites in Siaya.

But today let all roads lead to Homa Bay as we celebrate the reincarnation of **"Piny Luo"**





WELCOME MESSAGE

Dr Ochilo Ayacko

Governor - Migori

A people like the Luo, massive in our numbers, uniform in our practices, agreeable in our traditions and united in our spirit, speaking one language both linguistically and in ideology, literally amounts to a Nation, hence the concept of **Piny Luo**.

Despite small clan-specific variations in local traditions, the Luo at core is one in all our cultural expressions.

We come together in this cultural festival to reaffirm the distinct values, principles and the resilience of the Luo people over the years.

Migori County represents the real diversity of the Luo Nation, the migratory spirit that drove our people all the way from **Bahr-el-Ghazal** in South Sudan to the entire surroundings of **Nam Lolwe** in the East African region and beyond.

And that spirit, to me, is embodied in the undying stubborn sense of fairness, justice and service to all that still anchors the pursuit of shared prosperity in our country Kenya. Come to the capital of South Nyanza, the great county of Migori, and enjoy wonderful heritage centers like Thim Lich Ohinga, the Sandy Beaches of Senye, the Mugabo Caves and much more.

May God bless **PINY LUO** as we bask in the warmth and receptive care of the people of Homa Bay.



PINY LUO FESTIVAL

Day 1: 30th June, 2023

Time	Activity	Venue	In charge
8.30 am	Arrival and seating of Guests	Cultural Village, Homa Bay School	Protocol Team
9.00 am	Prayer		Clergy
9.05 am	Opening Remarks		Chief of Staff/MC
9.20 am	The Reincarnation - A history of the Luos (15 mins) - Plenary discussion (45 mins)		Prof. Adams Oloo
10.30 am	Elders retreat	TMU	LCE
	Exhibitions Begin	Cultural Village, Homa Bay School	Event Management / Technical committee
	Soccer matches		Sports Management / Technical Committee
	1. Homa Bay vs. Siaya	St. Ambrose Secondary school	
2. Kisumu vs. Migori	Got Rabuor Primary school		
11.15 am	Chief Guest H.E. Raila Odinga, Governors, Deputy Governors and MPs proceed to Homa Bay Governor's new office	Governor's Office	CECM GAC&D Grace Osewe
11.30 am	Leader's consultation forum		CECM GAC&D Grace Osewe
12.30 pm	Health Break		All
1.30 pm	Assembly at the stadium	Stadium	Protocol Team
2.00 pm	Official Opening Ceremony of the Raila Odinga Homa Bay Stadium		Event Management/ Technical Committee
3.00 pm	Third place play off soccer		Sports Committee
4.20 pm	Final Intercounty Match		Sports Committee
6.15 pm	Gala Entertainment	Cultural Village, Homa Bay School	Technical Committee
Day 2: 1st July, 2023			
9.00 am	Boat racing, wrestling and Tero Buru	Achich Beach	CECM Agili and CECM Malit
10.45 am	Interdenominational Prayer	Homa Bay School	Clergy/Technical Committee
11.30 am	Luo Dialogue: Our Culture Our Destiny	Cultural Village, Homa Bay School	Elders
12.30 pm	Speeches		Homa Bay Governor
1.30 pm	Health Break (Transition)		
2.15 pm	Entertainment	Raila Odinga Homa Bay Stadium	MC/ Sports team / Events management
3.00 pm	Gor Mahia vs Luo United		Sports Team
4.30 pm	Awards Ceremony and departure		Event Committee
5.00 pm	GUESTS LEAVE AT THEIR PLEASURE		



RUMA NATIONAL PARK

Ruma National park is located in lambwe valley homabay county.

The park covers 120 sq km.it was garzeted in 1966 as lambwe valley national reserve and later in 1983 it acquired the status of a national park. The vegetation is savannah grass, woodland with extensive accacia thickets. The fence covers 128km. The park has the following wildlife species;

- Black and white rhinos
- Roan antelopes
- Nubian giraffes
- Buffalos
- Heart beast
- Topi
- Oribi
- Water buck
- Zebra
- Several species of snakes
- Bushbuck
- Olive boboon
- Vervet monkeys
- Indeginous places

The park received 5313 visitors in 2019 but due to covid 19 the number of visitors declined to 1327 2020 and 2976 in 2021. Due to intensive marketing by the county government of homabay during the just concluded roan antelope Marathon the number of visitors increased rapidly to 3000 monthly.

KIT MIKAYI



Kit Mikayi, a Unesco listed heritage site lies approximately 30 Kilometres from Kisumu City. Kit Mikayi is a 70-metre-high gravity defying rock formation of large rocks balancing on each other with a cave underneath. Kit Mikayi “the stone of the first wife” in Dholuo, the widely spoken language in the region has the folklore that in the past, an elderly man named Ngeso had a great love for the natural stone monument. Every morning, Ngeso would go and lie in the cave under the rock all day. He was so fascinated and consumed by this stone that his wife would often bring his breakfast, lunch, and dinner to him as he lay in the cave around the stone, or on the stone itself. He ate most of his meals there. The story goes that, one day, someone asked Ngeso’s wife where he was; the wife replied that he was at the “first wife” in reference to the stone, because he spent so much of his time at the monument and loved it very much.

Enjoy Kisumu’s rich heritage!

THIMLICH OHINGA

Thimlich Ohinga Archaeological Site Situated north-west of the town of Migori, in the Lake Victoria region, this dry-stone walled settlement was probably built in the 16th century CE. The Ohinga (i.e. settlement) seems to have served as a fort for communities and livestock, but also defined social entities and relationships linked to lineage. Thimlich Ohinga is the largest and best preserved of these traditional enclosures. It is an exceptional example of the tradition of massive dry-stone walled enclosures, typical of the first pastoral communities in the Lake Victoria Basin, which persisted from the 16th to the mid-20th century.

Warwakou Migori.



GOT RAMOGI

Got Ramogi, the cradle of Luo dispersion
The family tree of Luo ancestry rests on Ramogi Ajuang' who is acknowledged to have arrived and settled at the foot of Got Ramogi forest. It is widely believed that the Luos moved from southern Sudan through Uganda, from the 14th to the 16th Century and settled in Kenya under different leaderships such as: Joka Jok, Joka Owiny, and Joka Omolo. This makes Got Ramogi forest to be an important cradle for Luo settlement in Kenya.

Ramogi Hills has always occupied a special place in the history of the Luo. The name Ramogi is not only equated to the hill as a physical feature— it is the name of the forefather of the Luo people.

Got-Ramogi is a hill of multiple purposes and significance ranging from cultural, religious and for the archaeologist; it is a historical site rich in traditional artifacts which indicates early life of people. Ramogi hills symbolize the heritage of the Luo Community.





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