



National Values and Principles of Governance

Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya (CoK) 2010 highlights the National Values and Principles of Governance which bind all State organs, State officers, public officers and all persons whenever any of them:

- a) applies or interprets the Constitution;
- b) enacts, applies or interprets any law; or
- c) makes or implements public policy decisions.

These National Values and Principles of Governance are:

- Patriotism (*Uzalendo*)
- National Unity (*Umoja wa Kitaifa*)
- Sharing and Devolution of Power (*Ugavi na Ugatuzi wa Mamlaka*)
- The Rule of Law (*Utawala wa Sheria*)
- Democracy and Participation of the People (*Demokrasia na ushirika wa watu*)
- Human Dignity (*Hadhi ya Binadamu*)
- Equity (*Usawa*)
- Social Justice (*Haki ya Jamii*)
- Inclusiveness (*Uhusishwaji*)
- Equality (*Ulingano*)
- Human Rights (*Haki za Binadamu*)
- Non-Discrimination (*Kutobaguliwa*)
- Protection of the Marginalized (*Kitlinda Kimdi UlilotelekeZiVa*)
- Good Governance (*Utawala Bora*)
- Integrity (*Uadilifu*)
- Transparency and Accountability (*Uwazi na Uwajibikaji*)
- Sustainable Development (*Maendeleo ya Kudumu*)

We are all called upon to embrace and live by these National values and Principles of Governance for socio-cultural, economic and political transformation towards the realization of the Kenya Vision 2030.