

best of our knowledge, the minister has not issued any regulations. In fact, the regulations are being considered

regional is required to pay an initial entry fee of \$25,000 (about sh90m) and an annual licence fee of \$3,000 (about sh10m).

A content service provider for online broadcasting costs \$8,100 (about sh30m) per stream.
MPs Peter Ssematimba (Busiro

the inflation rate over the years, some of the fees that are currently charged are not adequately reflective of the current economic conditions.

summon the sector ministers to explain why they have delayed to table the regulations.

Musisi warns on KCCA Bill, restrains from making proposals

By Henry Sekanjako

The executive director of Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Jennifer Musisi, has warned that the consideration and amendment of the KCCA Amendment Bill, 2015 should not target individuals occupying positions in KCCA.

Appearing before the parliamentary committee on presidential affairs, which is scrutinising the Bill, Musisi noted that the piece of legislation should be focused on the functionality of the city and the institution, rather than people occupying particular offices.

"The consideration and amendment of the law should not be about the persons who currently occupy the positions of leadership in KCCA," Musisi said.

"Instead, it should be about the functionality of the institution and how Kampala can rise from its checkered history into a vibrant, attractive and sustainable capital city that we can all be proud of," Musisi advised.

About seven months ago, the Government re-tabled before Parliament the KCCA Act, 2010 for amendment for smooth operation of activities in Kampala.

Re-tabled by the state



Musisi (right), flanked by KCCA director of legal affairs Charles Ouma, appearing before the parliamentary committee on presidential affairs yesterday. Photo by Maria Wamala

minister for Kampala, Benny Namugwanya, the KCCA Amendment Bill, 2015 proposes to provide for the Lord Mayor to be elected from the councillors and to clarify the roles of the Lord Mayor and deputy Lord Mayor.

The Bill also seeks to rationalise provisions relating to the metropolitan physical planning authority, among other provisions.

Musisi told the MPs that there are areas that pertain to the functionality of the KCCA institution, which she said Parliament has observed and assessed during the last six years.

When asked by the committee to point out some of the proposals to the Bill for better management of Kampala, Musisi declined to make proposals, citing conflict

of interest.

"Out of respect for the office of the executive director, and as the incumbent, I wish to excuse myself from submitting amendment proposals or personal views on a law that affects me while I am in office," she told the committee.

However, the MPs insisted that Musisi makes proposals or comments on whether she thinks the amendment is

BETWEEN THE LINES:

■ The parliamentary committee on presidential affairs huffed and puffed, but Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) executive director Jennifer Musisi could not barge. She declined to offer proposals to the KCCA Bill as requested by the legislators. Her stance was clear: there is conflict of interest. Why? Because she is still occupying KCCA's top office.

necessary.

The committee, chaired by Adjumani District Woman MP, Jessica Ababiku, noted that it is Musisi who is the first and current executive director of KCCA, whom they described as the "library" for the institution that can offer useful information to the committee regarding the proposed amendment.

"The reason we are amending this Act is because there is a problem between the KCCA technical and political leadership," Makindye East MP Ibrahim Kasozi said.

"We need to see the two arms working smoothly with each other for the development of

Kampala," he added.

Stuck to her gun, Musisi abstained from making any comments in regard to the proposed Bill, saying KCCA's legal team had presented the authority's views during consultations for the amendment Bill by the Government.

She maintained it would not be fair for her to comment on how effectively or efficiently the office of the executive director can be run without being accused of bias or subjectivity.

"I will be able to make proposals about the management of Kampala city when I leave office. I will even write a book," she told the committee.

Defending the amendment of the Act, the Government argued that there are defects in the current law, whereby the powers to convene and preside over the meetings of the KCCA were vested only in the Lord Mayor, in whose absence, the activities of the city cannot be implemented.

Kampala Lord Mayor Erias Lukwago has since vowed to fight the Bill, saying it is a selfish political plan by the National Resistance Movement (NRM) government, which he says has unsuccessfully failed to defeat the Opposition in Kampala.