

## **COMPOSITION OF THE ADOPTION COMMITTEE**

### **Membership of the Adoption Committee**

- 1 Representative from Attorney General's office
- 1 Representative from the Law Society of Kenya
- 1 Representative from Kenya Medical Board
- 1 Representative from Kenyatta National Hospital
- 1 Representative from Charitable Children's Institutions
- 1 Representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2 Representatives from NGOs working in the children's sector
- The Director Children's Services, who is the secretary to the Committee

The Committee guides and oversees adoptions in Kenya as the Central Authority. The Committee is appointed by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Children's matters as per Section 155 of the Children Act through Gazettement. The composition of the Committee is provided in the Act.

The functions of the committee include:

- Formulation of policies in matters of adoption
- Effecting Liaison between Adoption Societies, Government and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Considering and Proposing names of officers who may serve as guardians ad litem
- Monitoring Adoption activities in the country

- Considering review and either approve or reject application for registration of both local and international adoption societies
- Coordinate international adoptions and approve foreign applicants wishing to conduct adoption in Kenya
- Maintain and update from time to time a register of approved local and international adoption societies
- Regulating fees charged by adoptions societies for processing of applications for adoption
- Such other functions as are conferred on the committee by the Children Act 2001