



## **Politics and the Future of Kenya**

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### **Introduction**

The political situation in the Republic of Kenya between 2016 and 2018 has a tendency to tear apart the fabric of the nation. Anarchy and civil strife are a real possibility if no prudent decisions are undertaken urgently by the stakeholders who bear the greatest political responsibility.

Ethnic mobilization in the run up to the 2017 general election has polarized the country and created two separate but powerful political camps that do not agree to each other's concept of political reality acceptable to other Kenyans and partners who have no interest in such politics and politicking.

The nullification of the Tuesday 8 August 2017 general election by the Supreme Court of Kenya has emboldened the National Super Alliance (NASA) political side that they won that election. The repeat election of Thursday 26 October 2017 and boycott by NASA coalition has emboldened the Jubilee political side. But the swearing in of the NASA presidential candidate on Tuesday 30 January 2018 in Nairobi and subsequent crackdown of opposition proponents has served to further harden the different political positions.

This open discussion, therefore, serves to bring forth ideas that can bridge the political gaps in order to secure a more stable Kenya.

### **Themes**

1. Prevailing political situation: threats and opportunities
2. The underlying political issues and possible remedies