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- She suggested that a proper structure should be put in place so as ensure proper usage of CDF money.
- She went on proposing that CDF money should be released by a bank where government has an interest like KCB and that the banks should come up with structures.
- She raised her concerns on the high number of IDPs in her county who come from various areas in the country. She suggested that the government should find where these IDPs came from and facilitate them to start business rather than relocating them.
- She pointed out on President Point the issue of employment. Recommended that university graduates to be trained and given money through CDF kitty because CDF also focuses on issues of youth so they can be able to create employment.

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- She cautioned women of welcoming the idea of free maternity unless we have a health system that meets all the necessary challenges.
- She urged if the is to be implemented, health care should have enough human resources.
- She noted that the president speech didn’t address social and cultural barriers and expected him to address how is going to deal with issue of utilizing maternity services.
- She pointed out that president commitment with regard to devolution isn’t enough noting that no motion has been tabled in parliament that is supposed to do away with legislation that have entrenched the provincial administration.
- She disagreed with the issuing of laptops to standard one pupils while many of them go to school barefoot and hungry. She recommended that a
programme on how to eradicate poverty in this country be put in place because these are the fundamental issues that the government need for the country to grow.

- She supported her colleagues and senate which is the Upper House adding that they must protect their rights.

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Member of Parliament: Senator Janet Nyakeriga  
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- She supported the motion by stating that she was happy on how people living with disability have been recognized.
- She pointed out that on the issue of education, disabled students need be given braiders, stretchers etc.
- She further supported the issuing of laptops to standard one pupils citing her case where she started using the brail while in nursery.
- She also supported the president speech on sports and argued that people living with disabilities should be allowed to take part in sports so as to make them feel accepted.

Date: 24th April 2013  
Member of Parliament: Senator Dullo Fatuma Adan  
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- She supported the motion but cited some reservations on the same. She questioned attention given to the issue of devolution while there is problem of insecurity in the country especially the northern part of Kenya.
- She urged the government to take serious actions in terms of improving insecurity in those areas.
- She further raised her concerns on the issue on the issue of cattle rustling especially in the pastoral areas, it has become tradition and no one is taking it serious especially the security agencies.
- She noted that this was an area of concern since it affects the tourism sector. There are so many attraction sites game reserves in Isiolo County but no tourists visit due to insecurity.
- She pointed out the interest free loans for youth and women noting that there have been so many interventions in terms of empowering youth and women.
- She urged the government should come up with proper structures at the country level to make sure women and youth benefit from this particular intervention.
- She pointed out the issue of minerals on the Presidential speech noting that the country has legislation where minerals are explored. She noted that
locals have no control over who actually explores the minerals and most of the time are harassed by the big investors.

- She recommended that the current provisions of constitution be implemented especially where the communities have say and control over the minerals that are actually found in their counties.
- She noted that floods have affected many people in her constituency which is a drought-stricken area.
- She recommended that the government should do proper planning and invest in dams for harvesting rain water.
- She commented on the issue of land noting that those put under trust land regime have been facing many problems. She called on the government to do something so that the land commission is given support to make sure that the lands that are illegally acquired are returned to the community especially in Isiolo where Vision 2030 is being implemented.
- She supported the motion on the issue of free maternity services since most women in the pastoral areas die during delivery. She appealed to the government to make sure that most rural hospitals have ambulances so that they can be able to handle the emergency cases.
- She noted that the budgetary allocation to the county government should be mandate of senators.

Date: 24th April 2013
Member of Senate: Senator Joy Gwendo
Contribution she made on: Thanks for Presidential State of the Nation Address

- She supported the motion. She commented on the issue of provision of laptops urging colleagues to look at a positive view. She viewed it as an opportunity for the government to create employment in the counties as young people who have studied Information Technology and software upgrading and development will get jobs by servicing and fixing the laptops.
- She commended on the issue of open government policy and honesty as this is deal with the issue of corruption.
- She noted and applauded the President address on Commission on Land Reforms especially for the Nubians community in Kibra who will have confidence in the government once they have their title deeds.
- She noted that many young people play netball and volleyball in school and colleges are left out therefore the issue of building new stadia will benefit them as it will help them nurture their talent and be professionals in their own right.
She pointed out that the presidential speech was full of implied policy. She added that implied policy which is not clarified should be cascaded down to different ministries so that cabinet's secretaries are clear about their roles they will play and specific directions they will take in terms of decision making.

She added that if the policy is implied, it is important to make sure it is sustained. She noted that the school feeding programme was a good idea but was not sustained.

She supported the question of drawing young, educated and vibrant population that will make its appearance on the economic stage.

She noted that the NdewaCommision was categorical in saying that education system should not focus on academic aspect but also on the technical and vocational aspects. She further noted that in the Presidential Speech, some sectors that are lagging behind are, probably because of the technical and vocational aspects of education have not been put into consideration.

She recommended that the educational system needs innovation and the issues of access to education, its quality and its relevance should be addressed.

She pointed out that the middle level colleges need to be sustained. She added that the colleges have been transmitted or changed into universities and the trend needs to be addressed and needs to be applied not implied.

She commended about the need to empower women and youth citing that there are women and youth who do not know about women an youths fund and actually on how to access those funds.

She noted that there are other initiatives like water harvesting in dry areas which can be enhanced so that the communities can move away from poverty especially the marginalized communities.

She commented on the issue of land noting that there are people who are actually squatting in their own land giving example of Mariakani area.

She pointed out the importance of building structures and institutions. She added that while talking on restructuring of these institutions, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission(IEBC) should be left. She reiterated the need of having proper audit so that during next elections no one feels that everyone's vote has been put towards another person.

She further added that peace is relative and it is a process.

She concluded by citing the role of the diaspora. She commented that there is a need to make sure that their role in building the economy is enhanced noting that they can be brought to fore as partners to ensure that Kenya attains economic, social and political development.
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- She sent her condolences to the family of the late Mutula Kilonzo.  
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