

**Party Leadership Needs To Understand Differences In Reaching Consensus**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- Political party leaders must rise up to build a strong foundation of cooperation and should not bow to differences in reaching a consensus, a panelist at an international forum, here said today.

National Executive Council and Senior Member of the Kenyan Wiper Democratic Movement Victor Ogeto said the party leadership should remain committed to the people in the midst of conflict and dissent.

"It is important to reach for consensus before confrontation and work with even those we are bitterly opposed to," said Ogeto at the plenary session of the International Forum on Conflict and Conciliation In The People's Politics at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

The forum titled 'a new democratic culture in the current political landscape' was held in conjunction with the 66th Umno General Assembly.

Ogeto said that he was amazed by the similarities between Kenya and Malaysia especially in both multi-ethnic and multicultural community as well as divergent religious beliefs.

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