

**CLOSING REMARKS BY DR. JULIUS MUIA, EBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND
PLANNING DURING THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN
MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR PUBLIC SECTOR HELD IN MOMBASA
BEACH HOTEL FROM 11TH -14TH JUNE2019.**

Members of the Senate,

Officers from the Ministries, Departments and Agencies;

Officers from the County Government of Kilifi

Officers from the Monitoring and Evaluation Department;

Facilitators from the International Centre for Evaluation and Development;

All Protocol Observed

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my great pleasure to address you during this closing session of the Executive Leadership Program in Monitoring and Evaluation for Public Sector. This training is important in strengthening our monitoring and evaluation function towards realization of the 'Big Four' agenda and the Kenya Vision 2030. I therefore appreciate you for taking your time to attend and actively engage during the past four days of this training.

Ladies and gentlemen

The State and Department for Planning is mandated to monitor economic trends which is done through the National Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System (NIMES). The system tracks and provides feedback on the implementation of public policies, programmes and projects through a participatory approach.

Further, Monitoring and Evaluation in the counties is undertaken under the auspice of the County Integrated M&E System (CIMES) which is a replica of

NIMES. These two systems ensure multi-stakeholders' participation in M&E which includes both state and non-state actors. In this regard, the state Department through its Monitoring and Evaluation Department (MED) continuously trains its stakeholders to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of the systems.

Ladies and gentlemen

The State Department has established partnerships and collaborations to support monitoring and Evaluation capacity development in the country. One such partnership is with the International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED). ICED is an international and independent institution specializing in innovation and research in Monitoring and Evaluation for development. In the past, the State Department for planning in partnership with ICED has offered trainings on various thematic areas such as: Systematic Reviews; Impact Evaluations; Mid-level theory and external validity; and the Executive Leadership Program in Monitoring and Evaluation for Public Sector. Key achievement under this partnership was hosting of the *1st African to Evidence Action Conference and Exhibition 2018* which was held in Nairobi.

Ladies and gentlemen

This week you were taken through the *Executive Leadership Programme in Monitoring and Evaluation for Public Sector* training which has been held under this partnership. The objective of this programme is to bridge the gap between theory and practice toward evidence-based planning and policy making. I believe the training has equipped you with requisite knowledge on how to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan, monitor, evaluate and report on implementation of public policies, programmes and projects.

Ladies and gentlemen

I commend your dedication and willingness to listen and participate in useful discussions throughout the week. You should now be well versed on the basic concepts and practical approaches for performance monitoring and evaluation in public; monitoring and evaluation tools and methods; designing monitoring and

evaluation plans in the public sector; commissioning and managing evaluations; and using monitoring and evaluation reports to inform policy decisions.

After this training, we envision a stronger M&E Framework backed-up by adequate human capacity and enhanced partnerships across state departments and agencies. We expect to have a system that ensures generation of credible information which can positively influence policy decisions and enhance transparency and accountability.

Ladies and gentlemen

As I conclude, I appreciate the commitment of the ICED team in facilitating this course and the existing valuable partnership with my State Department. To the participants, I encourage you to embrace and utilize the new knowledge to enhance your performance and achievement of results in your respective institutions.

With these remarks I appreciate the organizers of this training, the Monitoring and Evaluation Department and all those involved in hosting the training one way or another.

With these remarks I now declare this workshop officially closed and wish you well in all your endeavours.
