



## **The National Treasury and Planning State Department for Planning**

**TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, MR. SAITOTI TOROME DURING THE APRM-UNDP SIDE EVENT "*FORGING RESILIENT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN AFRICA IN THE TIME OF COVID-19*" FOCUSING ON *SDGS 16 AND 3* – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021**

**Madam Chairperson,  
Dear Participants,**

Am happy to join this forum on "Forging resilient public institutions in Africa in the time of COVID-19" focusing on SDGs 16 and 3.

The United Nations Agenda 2030 and African Union Agenda 2063 mimic each other on their focus areas. They both speak to inclusive social economic development, peaceful societies, accountable institutions and environmental sustainability. These are key tenets for human development.

It is notable that in 2018, the United Nations adopted the AU-UN Implementation Development Framework for Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030. The African Union had earlier on in 2014 adopted the African Union's Common African Position on Post-2015 Development Agenda (CAP). These two demonstrate the imperative of the two august institution working together for a common good.

While the Global and Continental Agenda for Development as captioned in the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 are crucial guides for human development that

leaves no one behind, there is also a huge call to integrate them to the National Development Planning.

Kenya has heeded this call and is currently working with the Economic Commission for Africa and the AUDA-NEPAD to support smooth integrated reporting of the Global and Continental Agenda with Kenya's Medium Term Plans.

Turning to the theme of this forum "forging resilient public institutions in Africa in the time of COVID-19", we are certainly living in unprecedented times. We note that most of the SDG 2020 targets have not been fully met, which calls for acceleration of implementation of the 2030 agenda through stronger partnerships and synergies.

### **Chairperson,**

Achievement of the SDGs demands inclusive and sustainable partnerships. We are invited to seize an opportunity for partnerships around resource mobilization, research and development. The COVID 19 pandemic has disrupted most economies globally and to a great extent reversed the gains made towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

Following the outbreak of the pandemic, lives and livelihoods have been disrupted with devastating effects while Countries' commitment to multilateralism, global citizenship and solidarity has been put to test. This situation presents a strong case for enhanced partnerships at national, regional and multilateral levels to manage and mitigate effects of the pandemic.

COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance of health as an urgent area of multilateral cooperation. The world could look forward to enhanced partnership between nations and the UN and its agencies.

With this reason, I associate myself fully with the sentiments expressed by United Secretary General that, *"Everything we do during and after this crisis*

*[COVID-19] must be with a strong focus on building more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change, and the many other global challenges we face”.*

**Madam Chairperson,**

The Africa Continent through NEPAD and APRM chose to adopt a path that leads to more vigorous and effective institutions to guide development towards a achieving the dream of a more prosperous people in the Continent. The APRM governance principles require us to be accountable to ourselves, to each other as member states, and to our respective citizens.

From this understanding, Kenya became the first country in 2017, to voluntarily submit herself to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Review, which yielded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Review Report. We did this knowing quite well that it is one of the best ways to strengthen stake holders’ participation in the determining the country they want.

As we continue implementing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Country peer Review report we continually encounter the need to comprehensively address our perennial challenges, particularly those arising from political transitions, negative ethnicity, inclusion, inequitable development, and our fight against corruption.

At the heart of this is the need to strengthen resilience of our institutions to become “An Institutions Governed Country”

We are clear that, good and inclusive Governance is an imperative of our future.

**I thank you.**