

## **Talking Notes for the Economic Planning Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Muoki during the Project Formulation and Feasibility Studies Analysis training by ESAMI at Reef Hotel, Mombasa on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- Given the critical gate-keeping role of the PIM Unit in reviewing concept notes, pre-feasibility and feasibility studies reports and recommending for approval before they are considered in the budget, it is important that all the officers in the unit are well trained so as effectivity discharge their duty. This is more pertinent since a sizeable number of the officers in the Unit were recently recruited.
- This training is thus taking place at an opportune time when the Unit is about to embark on a capacity building programme for national and county government officers on public investment management process. The knowledge gained from this training and previous ones will enable the all officers to be effective trainers of trainees on Public Investment Management.
- I am informed that the ongoing training has already covered issues concerning project formulation mainly techniques in project identification, objective analysis, log frame matrix, procurement management, activity and resource scheduling, and analysis of commercial ventures. Further, from the program I can see you are now going through the various analysis (market, technical, financial, economic, environmental and risk) conducted during a feasibility study. This is the most crucial component of the training and I would urge all the PIM officers to actively participate in the training so as gain from the knowledge being imparted by the facilitators.
- Going forward, I expect that the officers trained will be able to:
  - Critically review project concept notes to ascertain if they are addressing identified priorities in the development plans
  - Undertake independent and in-depth review of projects pre-feasibility and feasibility reports to ensure the proposed projects are economically viable, there design is technically sound, with proper demand/market analysis, minimal risk exposure and environmentally friendly.
  - Assist Ministries, Departments and Agencies in conceptualization of projects
  - Develop checklists and tools for objectively reviewing the concept notes and feasibility studies reports
  - Carry out capacity building of Ministries, Department, Agencies and Counties on PIM processes
- In closing, I would like to thank the ESAMI facilitators and organizers for providing a platform where my officers can learn from your experiences, case studies and knowledge in project formulation and feasibility studies. It is my hope that my hope that the State Department for Planning will get value for its money through the comprehensive content delivered and practical of the training.
- I wish you all the best in the remainder of the training and enjoy your weekend.