

**REMARKS BY SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING
DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET - 2021 PUBLIC
SECTOR HEARINGS ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2021 AT
KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE**

**HON. (AMB) UKUR YATANI, EGH, CABINET SECRETARY,
THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING AND OTHER
CABINET SECRETARIES PRESENT;**

**HON. KANINI KEGA, CBS, CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE;**

**DR. JULIUS MUIA, CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, THE
NATIONAL TREASURY;**

**CHAIRPERSONS OF MTEF SECTOR WORKING GROUPS
AND OTHER PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES PRESENT;**

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS;

PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY

REPRESENTATIVES;

**OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENT
AND AGENCIES;**

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

GOOD MORNING

1. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU AT THIS IMPORTANT FORUM WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO RECEIVE VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET SECTOR PROPOSALS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS FORUM SEEKS TO FULFIL A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

2. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS BY ALL MTEF SECTOR WORKING GROUPS IN FORMULATING AND PREPARING THE SECTOR PROPOSALS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS. I RECOGNIZE THE GUIDANCE BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES, CONVENERS FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND THE CO-CONVENERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING OF THE

SECTOR WORKING GROUPS IN THE ENTIRE PROCESS. THE MTEF SECTOR WORKING GROUPS REPORTS OUTLINE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND EMERGING ISSUES IN IMPLEMENTING THE 2020/21 BUDGET; AND PROPOSED MEDIUM TERM BUDGET PROPOSALS. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN LARGELY INFORMED BY THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS PREPARED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING IN

**CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRIES,
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

**3. THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-
TERM BUDGET PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PREPARED
BASED ON DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES OUTLINED
IN THE THIRD MEDIUM TERM PLAN OF KENYA
VISION 2030, AND THE "BIG FOUR" AGENDA AS**

WELL AS THE RECENTLY DEVELOPED POST COVID ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY. AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS HAD NEGATIVE EFFECTS TO GLOBAL AND DOMESTIC ECONOMY PARTICULARLY SINCE MARCH, 2020. THE BUDGET PROPOSALS HAVE THEREFORE INCORPORATED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGIES AIMED AT PUTTING BACK THE ECONOMY TO A GROWTH TRAJECTORY AS OUTLINED IN THE THIRD MTP.

4. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE SECTOR BUDGET PROPOSALS HAVE FURTHER BEEN INFORMED BY POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING ASPIRATIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND AFRICA'S AGENDA 2063 AND OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS. AS THE COUNTRY IS

IMPLEMENTING ITS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN, IT IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING THE AGREED GLOBAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA TO ENSURE 'NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND'.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

5. AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, THE 2022/23-2024/25 MEDIUM TERM BUDGET WILL IMPLEMENT THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR (2022/23) OF THE MTP III.

THE MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET WILL ALSO PROVIDE ESTIMATES THAT WILL GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST TWO FINANCIAL YEARS OF THE FOURTH MTP 2023-2027. SETTING OF DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022/23-2024/25 MEDIUM TERM BUDGET THEREFORE TOOK COGNIZANCE OF: DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES IN MTP III, CHALLENGES FACED SO

FAR IN IMPLEMENTING MTP III; AND ONGOING PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

6. THE MEDIUM-TERM DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE SECTOR BUDGET PROPOSALS WILL INCLUDE: FAST-TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION OF MTP III PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS; AND STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "BIG FOUR" PROJECTS.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, REVITALIZATION OF AGRICULTURE, STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

7.THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO IMPLEMENT THE POST COVID ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY TO

REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY AND BRING IT BACK TO ITS GROWTH TRAJECTORY. WE TAKE COGNIZANCE THAT COVID-19 PANDEMIC STILL POSES A CHALLENGE TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND HENCE THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS IT. THE PILLARS OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY INCLUDE:

- a. ENHANCED BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS;**
- b. ENHANCED ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE RECOVERY STRATEGY;**
- c. SUPPORT TO RECOVERY AND GROWTH OF MICRO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES;**
- d. UP-SCALE INVESTMENT IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE;**

- e. FACILITATE CLEAN, GREEN AND RESILIENT GROWTH;**
- f. INCREASED RESILIENCE OF THE ECONOMY TO GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN SHOCKS;**
- g. IMPROVED ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE;**
- h. STRENGTHENED NATIONAL CAPACITY FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT;**

- i. ADDRESSING INEQUALITY, SOCIAL COHESION, COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION; AND**
- j. COORDINATED MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION INITIATIVES**

8. THE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS BUDGETED IN THE SECTOR BUDGET PROPOSALS SEEK TO PRIORITIZE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF PUBLIC

SERVICES; IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS, RAILWAY, PORTS AND AIRPORTS) COUNTRY-WIDE, INCREASED POWER CONNECTIVITY; INCREASED INCOME GENERATION AND EMPLOYMENT CREATION. IT ALSO SEEKS TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND EMPOWER THE POPULATION THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPOWERMENT FUNDS AND CASH TRANSFERS PROGRAMMES.

9. THE SECTORS BUDGET PROPOSALS ALSO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE MEDIUM-TERM MACROECONOMIC FRAMEWORK. IN THIS REGARD, THE BUDGET PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT IT YIELDS THE DESIRED ECONOMIC GROWTH SUPPORTED BY ENHANCED REVENUE MOBILIZATION AND PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

10. THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING HAS INITIATED THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP 2023-2027). THIS WILL BE HIGHLY CONSULTATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY INVOLVING A CROSS SECTION OF MANY STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC.

11. IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO THANK ALL STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE SPARED TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE BUDGET SECTOR HEARINGS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL ENRICH THE SECTOR BUDGET PROPOSALS. I THEREFORE WISH YOU ALL CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.