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THE ECONOMISTS II/STATISTICIAN II**

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Senior Government officials present,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

It is indeed a great pleasure to join you today in the official opening of this induction training. I wish to congratulate you, the new Economists/Statisticians, on your appointment into the public service. I also must appreciate you for being patient as you waited for this induction to materialize. It has indeed been a long wait. This induction is a noble task that requires dedication and commitment to meet the expectations of Kenyans in providing efficient and effective service delivery.

Today, this is a historic moment in the National Treasury and Planning, as we usher you in to the public service. It is historic because, for a long time we have not had such a big number of young professionals joining the Ministry. There has been concerns across government, that the

public service is aging and that there was a big risk of gaps in skills transfer, that was likely to affect the performance of government services.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This induction workshop aims at equipping officers with the requisite knowledge and skills necessary to enable you effectively execute your mandate. It is the expectation of H.E President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta that entities owned by the Government promote and accelerate economic growth and development; and drive social progress and economic transformation of our Country. This can only be achieved if such entities follow proper governance of their Human Resource and financial obligations.

H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, through his government conceptualized the Big Four Agenda in appreciation of the fact that, for us to accelerate the achievement of Kenya Vision 2030, we would need to take a new approach to our medium-terms planning, and focus on the issues that would have the greatest impact on the well-being of our people. The Fourth Medium Term Plan therefore, will be driven by the Big Four Agenda.

As you may be aware, during the recently concluded 2nd anniversary of ICPD 25, the government through my Ministry, assured Kenyans that the ICPD countries' commitments, will be integrated in the upcoming MTP IV, 2023-2027, whose preparation process has commenced. The MTP IV concept paper is already drafted for adoption and onward implementation during the next medium term planning period.

The success of the Big Four plan also largely depends on successful partnership between the National government and the county governments. This is primarily because affordable housing, Universal healthcare, food and nutrition security, and manufacturing are all devolved functions, initiated at the National level. It is therefore commendable that National Planning County offices have been created and officers, including the new economists, have been posted to provide this link and to ensure efficient effective service delivery, towards the achievement of the Big Four Agenda.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The constitution has significantly addressed the question of leadership, governance and management of public resources. While working in offices, dear Economists, you must therefore exercise high standards of professional ethics and stay true to national values, that define our collective identity and our beliefs. This is important in the pursuit of our socio-economic and political aspirations as a nation.

The Public Service Commission calls for effectiveness and efficiency in the utilization of resources. You are therefore expected to be responsive, prompt, impartial, accountable, and transparent in discharging your duties at all times.

As youths, you are the Nation's largest and the most active constituency and you represent the aspirations of our beloved country. You possess the zeal, the trust and the energy necessary for the transformation of our nation to an admirable society. I therefore ask you to be diligent in whatever you do.

Dear Economists and Statisticians,

I believe that the government will benefit immensely from the years of your service. This is because, you will share your innovativeness to enable the government deliver the Kenyan promise of a growing economy. I urge you to be positive and enthusiastic if you are to transform yourselves, your families and our country.

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. It is therefore my expectation that by the end of this induction workshop you will all be more equipped, with skills and knowledge on effective execution of your mandates.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, I assure you of my support and facilitation as required. Let me remind you that I expect you to always remember that the National Treasury will provide all the required support, and therefore you should deliver your mandates in the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies as expected.

It is now my honour and privilege to declare this induction workshop officially open.

Thank you and God bless you all.

