



**SPEECH OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT
FOR PLANNING MR. SAITOTI TOROME ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ICPD25 HELD ON 16TH
NOVEMBER 2021 AT SERENA HOTEL**

The Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury & Planning, Amb. Ukur Yatani

The Cabinet Secretary, Health, Senator Mutahi Kagwe

The Cabinet Secretary, Education, Prof. George Magoha

The Cabinet Secretary, Labour, Mr. Simon Chelugui

The Cabinet Secretary, Public Service, Gender, Citizen Affairs and Special Programmes, Prof. Margaret Kobia,

The Cabinet Secretary, ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs, Mr. Joe Mucheru,

Chair, NCPD Board, Hon David Ngugi

The Director General NCPD, Dr. Sheikh Mohamed

The Danish Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Ole Thonkes

UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Stephen Jackson

UNFPA Country Representative, Dr. Ademola Olajide

Members of the Diplomatic Cooperation,

Members of the Forth Estate,

Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today we mark two years since Kenya made 17 commitments aimed at improving the welfare of our people. There have been challenges that we have faced and they have given us an opportunity to learn new ways of delivering our promise.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we will present the progress that the country has made in implementing the National commitments. It will be recalled that in Cairo, the wellbeing of human population was put at the center of development.

I wish to mention that the State Department of Planning has taken measures to strengthen the County Planning Departments in each of the 47 counties through reorganization of the departments, provision of more staff and resources. These measures are aimed at ensuring that county and sectoral development plans are in tandem with national plans and policies, are more cost effective and address the priority needs.

We have started the development of the MTP IV. This will come in effect from 2022 July to June 2028. The MTP IV will integrate the commitments in respective sectors to ensure budgetary allocation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another important step that has been taken by the State Department for Planning is the integration of indicators for the ICPD25 Kenya Country Commitments into the online National Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System otherwise known as e-NIMES. This digital platform will enable implementers of the various commitments to upload the implementation progress on a quarterly, bi-annual, or annual basis and produce implementation status reports.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The effective implementation of the ICPD25 Kenya Country Commitments will enable the country to achieve other national, regional and global goals such as Kenya Vision 2030, African Union Agenda 2063, and Sustainable Development Goals. Given the important link between the ICPD25 Commitments and these goals, I would like to urge all the implementers from the different sectors, including civil society organizations and private sector, to work together for the good of the country's population.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, I note with appreciation the role partners have played in complementing the government in the implementation of the 17 commitments. As we start the third year of implementation of the commitments let us continue the collaboration of working as a team to create synergy in delivery.

THANK YOU ALL, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU