

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING, HON. ERIC WAFUKHO, DURING FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN (2023-2027) DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE VALIDATION WORKSHOP AT KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE. 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

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**Representatives from Ministries, Department and Agencies;**

**Representatives from Independent Commissions;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am deeply humbled to be part and parcel of this momentous workshop whose objective is to validate the draft Concept Note for the preparation of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP 2023-2027). This is indeed a critical phase in the Country's development agenda, being the last complete 5-year phase of the Kenya Vision 2030 plan period.

As you are aware, we are at the tail end of the implementation of the Third Medium Term Plan 2018-2022, which has brought with it key lessons, challenges and opportunities that may serve as a script to inform the future. We are therefore presented with an onerous task of ensuring the preparation of a successive Medium-Term Plan that is robust, inclusive, and borrows from the shortfalls of the current MTP.

For this plan to capture the aspirations of all citizens, ladies and Gentlemen, it is important to have an effective guide in form of a concept note that is a product of good and wide consultation. This forms part of the Initial Stages of MTP IV development process.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning developed the draft Concept Note through consultation with all Ministries and State Departments. This was a complete shift from the past, where the State Department would engage MDAs only during validation forums like this one.

In the process of preparing the draft MTP IV concept note, Consultations have greatly improved the level understanding on the stages of MTP development process, besides providing a spotlight for the identification of development strategies that must be employed over the medium-term period.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Concept Note before us today is a draft outlining key achievements, challenges and emerging issues during the implementation of MTP III. It also outlines the medium-term development strategies, macroeconomic framework, administrative arrangements, and timelines in the production and implementation of the Fourth Medium-Term Plan.

The ongoing lengthy and engaging exercise of preparing MTP IV invites us all with a passionate call for selfless dedication and honest engagements with all stakeholders. This is in line with the constitutional requirement for public participation on public policy making.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

According to the Eighth State of the Nation Address by His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta in Parliament yesterday, we have come a long way towards ensuring economic growth and transformation, social progress, and local and regional cohesiveness through the Medium-Term development strategy.

In the process, we have picked significant lessons from the implementation of the previous and the current Medium-Term Plans of the Kenya Vision 2030. That is, MTP I, MTP II, and MTP III. While the Government has made significant strides by completing projects like the LAPPSET, and phases of the Standard Gauge Railway and the Dongo Kundu Freeport, its capacity has been tested by other projects which, due to insufficient funds and diversion of resources, are either ongoing or yet to take off.

MTP IV will further the realization of Kenya Vision 2030 through an outline of strategic medium term development strategies geared towards driving economic growth, creating employment and poverty reduction. This is expected to change the country's fortunes by ensuring that every citizen is empowered to live a decent life in a clean and secure environment, as well as contribute to overall national development.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We gather here today in cognizance of the challenges that have impeded full realizations of MTP III and targets contained in the "Big Four" agenda. Covid-19, drought, locust invasion, impacts of climate change, and high oil prices have presented us with opportunities by challenging us to design policies, programmes and projects that will support resilience in all sectors of our economy.

I therefore urge everyone to have an open mind and look back through the MTP III journey to inform our development strategies moving forward. The MTP IV draft Concept Note outlines medium term development strategies that each sector will pursue over the medium-term period.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As I conclude, I wish to recognize the fact that this half-day workshop constitutes various sectors, providing us an early opportunity to improve on the draft, and ensure that it captures the aspirations of all of us.

I therefore wish you an interactive session that will inform sectoral policies, programmes and projects that falls within our institutional mandate.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL**