

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



STATEMENT BY CABINET SECRETARY, NATIONAL TREASURY & PLANNING, AMB. UKUR YATANI, EGH, AT THE LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE OF THE 4TH MEDIUM TERM PLAN, SERENA HOTEL, 14 DEC' 2021

Head of Public Service, Dr. Joseph Kinyua

All Principal Secretaries present;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am glad to join today to officiate the first National Steering Committee meeting for the Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023-2027. The NSC has been formed to provide overall guidance in preparation of the 4th Fourth MTP of Kenya Vision 2030.

The Fourth MTP, a successor to the 3rd MTP 2018-2022 currently under implementation is expected to guide the Country's development agenda for the period 2023-2027. The fourth phase, which is also the 2nd last of the Kenya Vision 2030 is expected to set momentum for the next long-term development blue-print for Kenya. Like the rest, the development of

the 4th Medium-term Plan will be guided by Kenya's Constitution, Vision 2030 & lessons learnt in implementation of previous MTPs (MTPI,2,& 3).

In its focus to integrate policies, programmes and projects to drive attainment of the Kenya Vision 2030 goals, the 4th MTP will place particular attention on; achievement of sustained economic growth; address income inequality; empower youth, women and person with disabilities; and revitalize all sectors of the economy to generate employment opportunities.

Additionally, the MTP will also seek to address challenges arising from Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and other disasters. The plan will further integrate programs and projects aimed at achieving Sustainable Development Goals, aspirations of Africa's Agenda 2063 and other regional and global development agenda.

The Government has achieved key milestones in implementing MTP III policies, programmes and projects as outlined in the Draft Concept Note. Indeed, the president highlighted key transformations and socio-economic progress attained under this plan in his 8th state of the Nation Address, thus providing foundation upon which the MTP 4 will stand.

In the course of implementation of the plan, we have picked important lessons from the previous and the current Medium-Term Plans of the Kenya Vision 2030. These ranges from; the government making significant strides in completion of many of the targeted projects, to its capacity being tested while managing on-going and yet to take-off

projects, which calls for change of approaches and adaptation that will bring harmony between the unfinished priorities and the new focus areas.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Given that the preparation of the 4th MTP will be lengthy, the National Steering Committee is called upon to provide leadership throughout the process to ensure that Ministries and State Departments, and sector Agencies actively participate through the MTP Sector Working Groups.

As we move towards the actual preparation of the next MTP, we shall be relying on the Sector Working Groups headed by various Principal secretaries, for the designs of sector policies, programs and projects. On the other hand, Directors of Planning in the Central Planning and Project Management Departments will serve as Sector Secretaries.

I urge all concerned officers to focus on projecting the country on the path of prosperity, sustained economic growth, employment creation especially for the youth, reduction in poverty levels, and empowering all to effectively contribute to national development.

Ladies and Gentlemen

In compliance with the dictates of the Constitution, of citizen engagement in public policy making, the 4th MTP will be taken through consultative and participatory process involving cross sections of stakeholders, including creating forum at all the 47 counties. This is to allow an inclusive and comprehensive approach in designing priorities that the Government will implement over the next medium term.

I am glad to note that unlike in the past, the early development of the draft concept Note and subsequent consultations with ministries and departments, by the State Department for Planning will promote better understanding of the MTP preparatory process while also providing opportunity for conceptualization of sector priorities.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Draft Concept Note we are reviewing today, will not only guide the 4th MTP preparatory process but provide broad medium term development strategies and roadmap towards production of 4th MTP. This meeting, therefore, is expected to provide an opportunity for improving on the Draft Concept Note to make it an effective guide on the process.

As we review the draft Concept Note, we need to be alive to the reality of the Global Economy as occasioned by the negative effects of Covid-19 pandemic. The need to develop relevant interventions to fit the recovery plan and place our economy back to growth trajectory of annual GDP target of 10% as outlined in the Kenya Vision 2030 remains fundamental.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am aware that during the validation workshop of the draft Concept Note by the State Department for Planning in October, 2021, valuable inputs by the participants were incorporated and it's also my hope that this review will further enrich and enable the State Department for Planning to come up with a final and representative Concept Note.

In Conclusion, I thank the Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning and the team for the timely preparatory process of the 4th Medium Term Plan. I am confident that the National Steering Committee will support successful production of the Fourth MTP.

I Thank you