

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, DURING PIM TRAINING OF CPPMUS AT THE LAKE NAIVASHA RESORT ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022.**

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**Representative of CPPMUs**

**State Department for Planning Officials**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

## **Good Morning**

- **It is my pleasure to join you this morning during this CPPMUs capacity building workshop on Public Investment Management (PIM). As you are all aware, the State Department for Planning was assigned an additional mandate on Public Investment Policy and Oversight through Executive Order No. 1 of 2020 (Revised in May 2020). This is a positive development in asserting the role of planners in public investment cycle.**

- **PIM is a tool that will facilitate actualization of development plans by translating the priorities captured in the Plans into viable projects that deliver tangible products and services on time.**

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

- **Upon execution of the PIM function, there will more returns on public investments that will spur our country's economic growth as per Kenya Vision 2030 aspirations. Partial evidence of how this can happen exists. One of our development partners, the**

**International Monetary Fund recently found that improvements in public investment management can help countries close up to two-thirds of their efficiency gap and realize twice the economic growth impact from their investments.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

- **Given the aforementioned, it is imperative to have clarity of our roles as economic planners and strategize on deploying resources towards this mandate that is being spearheaded by the PIM Directorate. I am aware that prior to this workshop, some of you**

**may have had encounters with near similar trainings in the past. However, in this version of engagement, we have taken time to notice specific challenges that may face us as planners in complying with provisions of the PIM guidelines.**

- **Subsequent to my communication with State Departments over PIM procedures, we have been reviewing and providing technical backstopping on project concepts notes submitted by MDAs. Am happy to inform you that gaps that have been identified during review of the project concept notes will be highlighted during this**

**workshop. I urge you to also highlight additional technical and administrative challenges you have experienced in your positions the process of complying comply with the provisions of the PIM guidelines. This will help us further adapt the guidelines as well as suggest potential policy or guideline alignments.**

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- **Given the scope of PIM guidelines, we do understand the importance of technical departments in the PIM process in all**

**MDAs. This training will therefore serve as 'Training of Trainers' (ToTs). It is therefore envisaged that you will be able to propagate this training to other technical departments and agencies in your institutions. The State Department for Planning will support this process through provision of technical support upon request. This is to ensure that there is a critical mass of technical officers in implementing agencies who can execute the PIM agenda and enhance the level of compliance.**

- **As ToTs, I expect that you will all internalize the content of the training materials and be conversant with the non-financial aspects of PIM for your respective sectors. We shall also be keen on your feedback regarding future capacity needs, which will enable us plan for any contingencies relating to any specific technical issues around PIM. I assure you that all comments received during this workshop will be incorporated in the training materials and operational manuals.**



## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

- **As I conclude, I want to emphasize on the importance of CPPMUs and Planners in providing technical support to project committees.**
  
- **I assure you our full support in implementing provisions of the PIM Guidelines, and I look forward to a briefing on the outcome of the workshop.**

- **Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my singular pleasure to officially launch this training workshop.**

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**