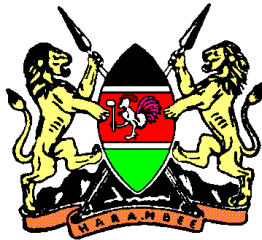


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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**KAJIADO COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT**



**MAY, 2022**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Overview**

Kenya Vision 2030 is the country's long term development blue-print that aims to transform Kenya into a newly-industrializing, middle income country providing high quality of life to its citizens. The Vision is being implemented through five-year successive Medium Term Plans.

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning is preparing the Fourth MTP 2023-2027 of Kenya Vision 2030. The Fourth MTP will succeed the Third MTP 2018-2022 and outlines policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the Plan period. The Fourth MTP will implement the fourth and second-last phase of Kenya Vision 2030 and will set the momentum for transition to the next long-term development agenda for the country. It will be guided by Kenya Vision 2030 and lessons learnt in implementation of previous MTPs (MTPI, MTPII and MTPIII). It will also be guided by the Constitution and will incorporate the priorities outlined in the Manifesto of the Political Party forming the Government after the next general election scheduled for August, 2022.

The Fourth MTP is being prepared through wide consultations in line with several Articles of the Constitution that calls for the involvement of the public in the formulation of public policies and plans. In line with the Constitution Article 10 2 (a), 2 (c), Article 174 (c) and the Fourth Schedule, the Fourth MTP consultations and consensus building will be undertaken through National Stakeholders Forum (NSF); MTP Sector Working Groups (MTPSWG); County Consultation Forums; and National Stakeholders Validation Forum.

### **1.2 Fourth MTP County Consultation Forums**

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning held MTP County Consultation Forums in all counties between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The Consultation Forums provided opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide views that will form basis for the design of sector policies, programmes and projects in the Fourth MTP.

### **1.3 Objective County Consultation Forums**

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- i. To appraise stakeholders and the public on progress made in implementation of MTP 2018-2022, and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
- ii. To provide a forum for consultation with stakeholders and the public to propose priority programmes and projects for incorporation in the Fourth MTP; and
- iii. To provide a platform for consultation between the national government and county government on development and implementation of MTP and CIDPs.

## **1.4 Participants/Target Group**

The County Consultation Forums targeted representatives from the National Government in the counties, County Governments, Non-Government Institutions and the public. The Participants from non-government institutions included representatives from Religious organizations, Private Sector, Development Partners, Civil society, Media, Academia, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and Women. A total of 150 participants were invited in each County Forum with strict adherence to gender balance and sub-county representations. A total of 164 participants attended the Kajiado County Consultation Forum.

## **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Saitoti Torome, the Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning. The team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and briefed him on the Fourth MTP preparatory process and the programme of activities and logistics for the forums. The Consultation Forums programme was as follows:

- i. Welcoming remarks by County Commissioners and County Executive Committee (CEC) in charge of Finance and Planning;
- ii. Remarks by the County Governor;
- iii. Statement by Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Planning read on his behalf by Principal Secretaries (Team Leader);
- iv. Presentations on:
  - a) Objective of the Consultation forums;
  - b) County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP) Guidelines;
  - c) Achievements of Third MTP and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
  - d) Key achievements on implementation of County Integrated Development Plans 2018-2022; and
- v. Group Discussions based on the three pillars & Enablers. Participants were divided into four groups to discuss Emerging Issues & Challenges, and proposed County sector priority programmes and projects.

## **1.6 County Consultation Forums Output**

The Consultation Team prepared county specific Consultation Forum reports. The report contains highlights of the remarks made during the opening sessions, emerging issues and challenges, and proposed priority programmes and projects for Fourth MTP.

# **2. HIGHLIGHTS OF REMARKS MADE DURING OPENING SESSION**

## **2.1 Remarks from Kajiado County Commissioner**

The County Commissioner Mr. Wilson Wanyanga noted that though he was barely 1 week old in the County but he had learnt a lot about Kajiado from the other officers. He noted that

there was strict adherence to the criteria for selecting the participants to the forum to ensure representation of all groups and sub-counties.

## **2.2 Remarks from Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning**

The speech of the Cabinet Secretary (CS), The National Treasury and Planning (TNT) was read by the Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Planning, Mr. Saitoti Torome.

The PS overemphasized the need for citizen participation at all levels of development planning initiatives. Further, he informed the participants that consultation fora were taking place across all the Counties and thus the need to give it the seriousness it deserves.

He singled out the road from Ngong to Imaroro, through Kiserian and Isinya as one of the major infrastructure being undertaken by the National Government. He reiterated the need for integrated planning of major urban centres in the county as a key ingredient to enhanced Own Source Revenue (OSR) for the county, and hence development.

He thanked the participants for their time, assuring them the Department will look keenly at the proposed priorities and assign them between the national and county government, accordingly.

## **2.3 Remarks from Kajiado County Secretary**

The Kajiado County Secretary, Mr. Francis Ole Sekuda represented the Governor, Kajiado County. He began his remarks by welcoming the incoming County Commissioner and all the other participants to the County. He noted that Kajiado had made tremendous progress towards the realization of the Kenya Vision 2030. He added that the County had tried as much as possible to align its development programmes to the Kenya Vision 2030 and its MTPs including the Big 4 Agenda. He urged the participants to appreciate the strides made during the implementation of the Kenya Vision 2030.

## **3. PLENARY DISCUSSION**

During the plenary session, the below specific questions were directed to the PS, Mr. Saitoti Torome, CBS and the County Commissioner;

<b>S/No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response/Recommendation</b>
1.	Lack of special needs children capitation and also Special Needs Education (SNE) school	Construction of SNE school to be explored given that the county has land
2.	Illicit trade along the border with Tanzania	The county administration will work with all stakeholders to ensure controlled trade along the borders

3.	Lack of a public university in Kajiado County	Most public universities are expanding their reach and Kajiado will soon be a beneficiary.
4.	The <i>Nyumba Kumi</i> members are not facilitated.	The National Government will look for ways to strengthen the initiative

#### 4. GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The participants were split into four groups and they were advised to be free to contribute in any groups they felt could be of interest to them. It was explained to the participants the importance of advocating for Programmes/Projects that will serve them well, they needed to identify the challenges/problems and emerging issues that impact on their lives then propose solutions for them.

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The county has unexploited tourism potential, undefined tourism circuit areas and has not taken advantage of themed tourism.</li> <li>• Inadequate/lack of value addition companies e.g. For tomato sauce.</li> <li>• Limited cross-border trade regulations.</li> <li>• Low embrace of agribusiness sector.</li> <li>• The market information on the products being produced in the county are unavailable to the public.</li> <li>• Low saving culture in the county</li> <li>• Increased influx of immigrants from other counties</li> <li>• Illiteracy of financial management knowledge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of cultural centres</li> <li>• E-marketing of cultural and tourism products – ushanga and herbal medicine</li> <li>• Need to ensure quality of leather products – currently, the Isinya tannery is not in use due to lack of quality hides</li> <li>• Reduce the high cost of production</li> <li>• Support agribusinesses</li> <li>• Implement spatial plans</li> <li>• Provision of market information to farmers</li> <li>• Develop/support the establishment of value addition infrastructure e.g., tomatoes and sunflower – reverse integration processes</li> <li>• Make Kajiado an industrial hub given its proximity to the capital city</li> <li>• Capacity building of residents on financial matters for improved inclusion</li> <li>• Enforce border control to improve the county's competitiveness</li> </ul>
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequality in resource distribution</li> <li>• The community is not involved in the accountability process for the public projects</li> <li>• Inadequate number of courts in the county</li> <li>• Unsupported <i>Nyumba Kumi</i> initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure equity in distribution of resources</li> <li>• Establish and implement community social accountability tools</li> <li>• Design and implement civic education programmes</li> <li>• Enhance <i>Nyumba Kumi</i> initiative</li> <li>• Establish more courts in Kajiado</li> </ul>

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SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operationalization of the Loitoktok water and sewerage project</li> <li>• There is no full transition of primary to secondary.</li> <li>• Inadequate funding of schools</li> <li>• Insecurity within some of the schools</li> <li>• Inadequate education facilities for pupils with special needs</li> <li>• There are many health facilities not operational yet the structures have been constructed.</li> <li>• The existence of a dumpsite in Kajiado town is pausing health risks.</li> <li>• Inadequate number of health personnel at the facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a public university in Kajiado</li> <li>• Increase capitation funds especially for Special Needs Children i.e., Special Needs Education is not free.</li> <li>• Establish education facilities at all levels – with disability friendly infrastructure</li> <li>• Establish more SNE facilities since there is only one (1) school for SNE in Kajiado</li> <li>• Operationalize and equip health facilities –.</li> <li>• Strengthen the Community Health Strategy</li> <li>• Relocate the dump site in Kajiado Town.</li> <li>• Enforce regulations on counterfeit goods, human trafficking and drugs along the Border with Tanzania</li> </ul>
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encroachment of road reserves.</li> <li>• Increased abuse of drugs among the youth along the border. e.g., marijuana from Tanzania.</li> <li>• Inadequate/lack of community involvement in evaluation of county projects.</li> <li>• Inadequate street lights along the major roads.</li> <li>• Inadequate youth promotional innovation hubs.</li> <li>• Low/ unevenly distributed internet connectivity throughout the county.</li> <li>• Delays in issuance of title deeds.</li> <li>• Biasness/nepotism during recruitment</li> <li>• Child labor is still a challenge.</li> <li>• Inadequate number of police posts and stations.</li> <li>• Inadequate disaster response units. E.g., fire stations</li> <li>• Inadequate number of dams for water reservation.</li> <li>• Inadequate electricity connectivity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of roads infrastructure i.e. roads connecting to <i>Loitotok</i></li> <li>• Involvement of local communities in participatory monitoring of implementation of infrastructure facilities</li> <li>• Construct commuter rail to connect Kajiado to Konza Technopolis</li> <li>• Increase number of street lights in major urban centres</li> <li>• Plan all urban centres in the county</li> <li>• Establish youth empowerment centres and innovation hubs</li> <li>• Expand internet coverage in the county coupled with enhanced capacity building on ICT</li> <li>• Fast track issuance of title deeds</li> <li>• Capacity build local administrators to be able to disseminate information to the grassroots</li> <li>• Implement merit-based recruitment, more employees should be from the community.</li> <li>• Address child labor issues</li> <li>• Sensitize communities on national values and ethics</li> <li>• Construct security facilities in all parts of Kajiado</li> <li>• Establish a fire station in Kajiado and other major urban centres</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct mega dams and water pans – the water table is low during drought and most boreholes dry up.</li> <li>• Ensure gender inclusiveness across all sectors</li> </ul>

## 5. CONCLUSION

The County Commissioner urged consistency in participation whenever called upon, to ensure that the stakeholders can verify the MTP IV has incorporated the input collected during consultations, he also assured the members of the public a good working relationship in the future considering the fact that he was still new in the county.

The Principal Secretary, Mr. Saitoti Torome expressed his appreciation to the participants for their active contribution to the discussion groups, and noted that all the inputs will be destined to either the national level plan (MTP IV) or the CIDP, through the respective sector plans. He finally declared the forum officially closed.