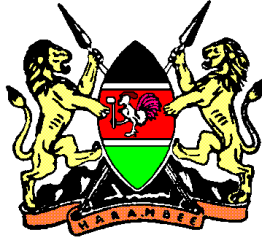


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KISHI COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 through the State Department 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 (MTPSWGs); 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 28th March and 5th 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 152 participants attended the Kisii County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Principal secretary in the State Department for Physical Planning, Mr. Enosh Momanyi. The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and briefed them 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 form County Commissioner

The remarks were made on behalf by the DCC for Kisii central Mr. Wilberforce Kilonzo. He started by thanking the PS for creating time to officiate the forums and for his intention to be present throughout all the sessions in the day's activities despite his busy schedule.

He also thanked the participants for honoring the invitation to the forum and requested them all to hold on up to the end of all sessions of the forum. He then welcomed the Principal secretary to give read the official speech by the CS TNT&P and thereafter make his remarks.

2.2 Remarks from Principal Secretary

He requested participants to be free to express their views and pointed out their views will be captured in the county specific report which will be the outcome of the activity. He pointed out the government has made great progress in achieving its socioeconomic development objectives and that Kenya was on track towards achieving the vision 2030. He also pointed out that the achievement of vision 2030 was dependent on governments' collaboration with all stakeholders in the development process.

He finished his remarks by appreciating the participants for coming to the function and reiterated his commitment to ensure success of the forum. He requested them to represent the people well while engaging on the deliberations of the forum.

2.3 Remarks by Chief officer in charge of planning

Some of the key highlights of his remarks include:

- He appreciated the support received from the national government in building capacity of the county government. He pointed out that it is through the cooperation of the county government and the county commissioner's office that has contributed to the success of most of the projects implemented within the county;
- He assured members of the commitment by the county government in building a robust Monitoring &Evaluation framework;
- He appreciated the guidance received from the national government in the preparation of their CIDP in the past. The guidelines provided by the state department for planning were very instrumental in helping develop the CIDP 2017-2022;
- He mentioned that the various achievements made in the last CIDP was to be presented in the forms of sectors and the presence of various directors will be able to affirm the achievements presented;
- He pointed out that members of county assembly were not present because the forum took place during a campaign period.

3. 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 that for them to choose 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.

ECONOMIC PILLAR	
CHALLENGES/EMERGING ISSUES	PROPOSED PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/POLICIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabaka soapstone has not been fully utilized • Unidentified tourism sites • Expensive Artificial Insemination services • Weak producer marketing groups • Inadequate extension services • Land ownership problem • Pre- and post-harvest losses which is at 32% to 40% • Low funding to the agricultural sector • Soil acidity • High cost of farm inputs • Low access to credit facilities • The coffee sector has weakened • Closure of Kisii bottlers leading to unemployment • Poor valuation addition to animal products e.g. hides& skins and sugarcane in South Mugirango • Low tea production due to poor pricing • High interest rates hindering loan uptake • Lack of Collateral/ security to take loans • Expensive fishmeal • Lack of markets for fish locally produced • Outbreak of pests and diseases • Low awareness on Crop & Livestock Insurance • Effects of climate change • Reduction of arable land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value addition on Tabaka soapstone • Carry out renovation of Lake Okari & Sameta Ridge • Set aside a cultural week once a year • Construct a cultural museum • Embrace Public Private Partnership across all sectors • Strengthen agribusiness policies and regulations • Strengthening and formation of commodity producer and marketing cooperatives/ organization in the county • Adoption of new farming technologies • Subsidize farm inputs • Zoning of land • value addition through agro-processing technology development • Development of strategic cold storage handling facilities • Allocation of at least 10% of National and county resources to agriculture as per Maputo Declaration • County to develop an agribusiness development fund • Conduct capacity building to farmers on all agricultural services • Adoption of climate smart technologies; water harvesting • Revival & facilitation of Coffee sector • Revive Kisii bottlers • Construct tannery factory for hides and skins • Construction of a sugar factory within the county • Diversification of tea products • Creation of a revolving fund to support business • Reduce requirements on collateral needed to secure loans • Subsidize fishmeal • Linking fish farmers with available market • Construction of storage facilities to curb post-harvest

	losses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct exploration/research on minerals • Conduct pest and disease surveillance • Capacity building of farmers to embrace insurance • Carry out land zoning • Support of climate interventions by both levels of government
SOCIAL PILLAR	
CHALLENGES/EMERGING ISSUES	PROPOSED PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/POLICIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate infrastructure • Inadequate health personnel • Inadequate teachers, ratio of teacher pupil low • High cases of school drop-outs • Insufficient supply of tracer drugs and supplements • Low uptake of family planning • High teenage pregnancies • Increased mental health issues • High Population growth and pressure • Absence of county spatial plans • Poor Solid waste management • Poor Liquid waste management-existing system is old and overwhelmed • Groundwater depletion • Encroachment into water catchment areas /riparian land • Land degradation • Water Pollution • Poor enforcement of environmental policies • Inadequate water infrastructure • Unemployment • Negative perception towards agriculture by youth • Drug and substance abuse • Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) practice in Kisii still high • Rampant indiscipline in schools • Effects of Climate change • Migration of working class to seek greener pastures causing family strife • Increasing Gender Based Violence • Radicalization of youths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of fund to support development of education infrastructure • Hire more teachers to increase the teacher learner ratio • Provision of sanitary towels to young girls • Support school re-entry of teenage mothers • Sensitization on dangers of early sexual engagements for under age • Increase budgetary allocation for purchase of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies • Employ more health personnel • Create more awareness on Family Planning • Creation of more youth friendly health services • Adopt Public Private Partnerships in housing sector • Review County housing policy • Conclude spatial plans for urban areas • Construction of designated waste management sites • Rehabilitate catchment areas and afforestation • Removal of eucalyptus trees from water catchment areas along rivers and swamps • Gazettement of forests, wetlands and protection • Awareness creation on effects of pollution • Environmental Management and Conservation Act (EMCA) of 1999 to be enforced • One-stop youth empowerment centers to be equipped and operationalized; • Inter-agency collaboration to support startups especially in agriculture • Explore green economy opportunities • Carry out sensitization on drug and substance abuse • Construction of market shades for mama mbogas • Continuous engagement and sensitization of the youth; multi-sectoral approach including the church as an important

	<p>stakeholder in character development of the young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitize community to embrace alternative rites of passage • Upscale on provision of sanitary towels to young girls • Mainstreaming climate change adaptations in all sectors during planning • Enhance the medical waste microwave management • Provide skills and training on financial literacy and enterprise development • Family consent needed before emigrating to seek jobs • Market oriented skills development and training • Creation of more Gender Based Violence rescue centers; Counseling centers
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POLITICAL PILLAR

EMERGING ISSUES/CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/POLICIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate inclusivity • Political interests affecting public service delivery in county government through unregulated employment, deployment and promotions • Limited resources • Weak oversight roles /institutions • Untimely disbursement of funds from the National Government • Regional Integration • Coalition government and Initiatives • Economic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the public participation and civic education • Independent audit and compliance unit to check on employment and affairs of the human resource • Inter-county transfer of personnel • Timely disbursement of funds from government • Capacity build the Members of County Assembly (MCAs) on their role of oversight, checks and balances on the executive • Amendment to the existing legislations to empower independent institutions • Funding towards law enforcement up to the location and sub-location level • A clear policy on Political coalitions • Strengthen the economic blocs by enhancing specialization and diversity among the member counties

ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS

EMERGING ISSUES/CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorly maintained roads • Failure to meet upgrading target of 300kms (170kms) • Depletion of construction material (gravel) • Encroachment of road reserves and way leave • Vandalism of road infrastructure • High cost of energy/power • Frequent blackouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent maintenance and rehabilitation of roads • Continuation of projects in MTP III • Undertake multi sectoral on infrastructure development and maintenance • Strengthen Policies on vandalism • mapping of ground water resources • Employ use of alternate energy program • County energy plan to address energy issues

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism • Depletion of natural resources • Digital divide • Disposal of obsolete Information Communication Technology (ICT) equipment • Lack of collaboration with information department • Breaking into technology institutions and vandalism • Mismatch of skills to demand of labor • Uncoordinated management towards foreign employment • Limited linkage between industrial and education institutions • New administration units not in use • Violent extremism • Inadequate security officers • Inadequate security for National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) at the locational and sub locational levels • Landslides, mudslides and lightning strikes • Drought and floods • Effects of climate change • Fire • Abuse of social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in the ICT infrastructure • Enforcement of e-waste management policy • Enhance collaborations in implementing ICT infrastructure projects • Carry out programs for fencing and improving security • Sensitization and awareness creation to foreign job seekers • Policy formulation on linkage between institutions and markets • Awareness creation of land use • Installation of lighting arrestors • Disaster management plan • Addition of firefighting equipment
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4. CONCLUSION

The forum was generally successful and members appreciated the efforts taken by government to ensure their participation in development planning. A vote of thanks on behalf of the county commissioner was done by the Assistant County Commissioner, Joshua Muthoka. He thanked them because despite change of date they were able to come in large numbers to ensure the success of the forum.

In his closing remarks, the PS requested that the deliberation be captured correctly. He also encouraged members to continue to make sacrifices in the respective roles in order to make a difference in the society in future. He pointed out that the outcome of this forum will make their way in the MTP IV that is under preparation. The forum was officially closed by the PS at 1530hrs.