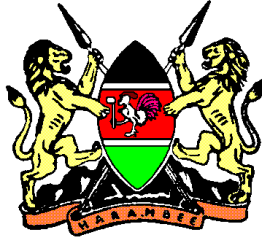


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KISUMU COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 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 (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 167 participants attended the Kisumu County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by the Principal Secretary for Fisheries and Cooperatives, Dr. Francis Owino. The teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and Office of County Governor 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 DURING OPENING SESSION

The Director of Administration, Mr. Makori moderated the opening session assisted by the Deputy County Commissioner Kisumu County. The DCC did the introduction of the participants, the Nairobi team was introduced by Mr. Makori, CECM in charge of Planning introduced the County Government officers.

2.1. Deputy County Commissioner

The Deputy County Commissioner thanked the PS for gracing the occasion and appreciated the participants for honoring the invitations. He noted that the Principal Secretary taking time from his busy schedules to be with the people of Siaya in such an important exercise should not be taken for granted. He reminded the participants that presence of the PS should be appreciated through effective participation in the Forum.

2.2. CECM, Finance and Planning

The CECM, Finance and Planning joined the Deputy County Commissioner in welcoming the Principal Secretary to Kisumu. He reassured the PS of the commitment of County Government to the exercise and promised full participation. He indicated that they were aware of the MTP IV preparation process. The CECM urged locals to air their views freely since the forum provides for an avenue for public participation in the Government processes with regards to planning and budgeting. He promised that they will try to link the National Government MTP IV to CIDP.

2.5. Principal Secretary

The Principal Secretary, Dr. Francis Owino thanked the Deputy County Commissioner, the County Government through the Deputy Governor and the technical team from the State Department for Planning for making the forum successful. He appreciated the participants for acknowledging the invitation by attending the forum that gives them an opportunity to interact with the National Government policy makers. The PS indicated that the exercise was very important as it give the people opportunity to identify Programmes/project they wish to be implemented within Kisumu County by the National and the County Government.

The PS reminded the participants that it is their day and they should freely articulate their problems well to enable the National Government plan accordingly. He noted that the County government was significant in the process as they drive most of the development agenda within the county so their presence is necessary and should be felt. However, he explained to the participants that accruals of the process will benefit them and their generations. The PS informed the representatives of the County Government the process of the CIDP preparation will also follow the same process as the MTP IV.

3. PRESENTATIONS

The presentation on Objectives of the County Consultation Forum (CCF), highlights of Vision 2030, achievement for MTP III, and the Process preparation of MTP IV was presented by the Team from the State Department for Planning while the achievements of CIDP was done by the County Government of Homabay. Highlights of the Presentations:

- i. Highlights Vision 2030, achievement for MTP III, and the Process preparation of MTP IV (see Presentation)
- ii. Achievements of Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)
 - Development of CIDP to guide development of the County
 - Employed more ECDE and Constructed ECDE classrooms across the county
 - Constructed new health facilities to improve Health services and improved existing Health facilities, and employed of more nurse;
 - Opened roads across the County;
 - Dug drenches and canals to help contain floods in Kano area
 - enhancement of agricultural production by employing more extension officers;

3.1. Plenary Discussion

The plenary was agreed to be during group discussions and presentations so that all issues are handled together.

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 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.

Emerging Issues, Challenges and proposed Priority Projects and Programmes

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inadequate hotels for accommodation to support conferencing• Lack of public awareness on the marketing of tourists sites especially the recreational beaches around lake Victoria• Inadequate utilities (water, electricity, sewerage systems)• Persistent Floods and drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revamping of RIVATEX (Kikomi) and the finalization of the proposed Ahero Rivertex• Setting Fish Learning Sites in Kabony nduru beach• Enhancement of Public Private Partnership to support implementation of projects and programmes• Construction of Nyandiwa Fish Landing-New Beach and more landing sites along the lake• Fish Caging to be regulated and supported• Empowerment of Sugarcane farmers

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<p>threatening food security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurring out-breaks of diseases and pests • Inadequate trained extension officers to support agricultural production • High cost of agricultural inputs • Limited crop diversification and support for key cash crop -sugarcane production, rice , beans and cotton • Lack of trade policy and inadequate market structures limiting access to local produce like rice • Inadequate storage facilities like cold room for fish, stores for farm produce to reduce post -harvest loses. • Inadequacy in value addition • Lack of tax incentives • Lack of awareness on the BPO Sector and how it operates • Inadequate and very expensive financial Services and mostly requiring collaterals • Weak Cooperatives formation and support within the county • Pollution in the Lake and Water hyacinth choking the lake in most cases interfering with fish breeding sites • Lack of landing sites • Cross Border interference/conflicts • Inadequate safety in mineral sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of legislation and policies for trading • Enhanced marketing strategies local produce like rice, tomato, vegetables including value addition • Establishment of the proposed special economic zones in Muhoroni • Awareness creation on BPO • Strengthening cooperatives formation for farmers • Capacity building on financial services • Review on legislations and policies on minerals resources • Creation of awareness on Blue Economy • Construction of cold storage facility and enhance value addition for fish • Expedite Cross Border conflict resolution • Work on the eliminating water hyacinth • Establishment of Centre of Excellence for fingerlings (Tilapia and Nileperch) breeding in Kabonyo nduru and building fish processing plant in Kisumu port • Rehabilitation of the beaches • Kanyakwar cultural Centre to be put to function for the community to increase visitations. • Construction of modern multipurpose rice mills in West-Kano irrigation scheme and Ahero irrigation scheme.
SOCIAL PILLAR	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate specialized professional teachers and understaffing of tutors on special needs • Delays in disbursement of bursaries for school going vulnerable students • Inadequate special schools and equipment/materials for pupils/students with special needs • Inadequate drugs and medical supplies in the health facilities • Increased mental health cases in the country • Inadequate safe drinking water and contamination of piped water • Poor sanitation and sewerage and drainage system within the city • Encroachment of KEWASCO water points • Eruption of informal settlement due to poor physical planning • Early pregnancies, sexual and gender based violence • Muslims are denied Identification cards due to their religion • Youth unemployment • Neglect of talent and sports • Recurrent floods causing erosion during heavy rains period due to poor drainage systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote training and recruiting tutors for special needs and increase supply of materials for special needs • Put policies for disbursement of educational funds • Establish structured distribution channels for drugs and medical supplies • Establish mental health units in all sub counties and creating awareness and providing centers for mentally challenged • Increase bed capacity in hospitals • Increase human resources in hospitals • Establishment of talent academic institutions • Planting trees, building gabions and drilling of boreholes • Promote rain water harvesting • Promote proper Soil and water conservation mechanisms • Partner with NGOs to streamline operations • Creating awareness through seminars and workshops on sexual and Gender based violence • Creation of Gender Based Violence centers • Social Protection for people living with disabilities • Provision of flood lights • Increase of funding on the youth fund • Recommend on girl child to improve on their talent • Encourage the youth to join SACCOs to be able to get funds for investment • Encourage cultural activities, sports and competitions • More funding for sports from grassroots • Protection of land meant for recreation activities • Rehabilitation of street children • Develop database for different groups
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reallocation of funds to programmes and projects is a big challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review on the constitution, legislation and regulation on the stated areas

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited public participation • Unemployment and poor resource allocation. • Lack of implementation of comments made at public participation • Violation of law and human rights • Bills passed in the county assembly are politically influenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing youth development policies • Disability inclusion in fund allocated to the PWD and increasing mode of access of information • Civic education on devolution and governance justice and rule of law • Alternative dispute resolution programs • Level 4 and 5 hospitals be handled at national government • Institutionalize village units(village and ward administrations)
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor infrastructures - road network, ICT, internet connectivity etc • Low compensation for land for expansion of Ahero town • Unregulated Land transaction leading to sale of land more than once • Insecurity. Border conflicts in Koru Sondu • Poor infrastructure ICT and road network across the County • Inadequate centres for research, development and innovation • Process and acquisition of land is too long and also proper land compensation and distribution is lacking • Inadequate residential buildings for public officers • Enforcement of 30% (affirmative action) employment requirement as stated in the constitution • Vandalism of Government property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngwisi Katito-ogwedhi kamanda road need to be constructed • Bondo Kachola Conner-gerliech school road to be repaired • Ombeyi market-Ramula road to be redone • Kogony-Kirembet road to the lake has no connecting roads to the villages • Manyatta B-Chiga Road requires maintainace • Poor access of ICT in the county • Peace committees be inclusive of youths, women and people with Disability • Roads kakamega, Gita,Guba,filter,Kere,Sondu Nyabondo,Obuolo,Masogo,Chiga,Kenya ports and Onjiko Awasi road to be done • Katito market to be established • Nyando River to be worked on. • Construction of GSU units along the borders • Water connectivity for nyakach • Drainage Chiga Rice Scheme dam to be constructed • River Nyamagoria nyamtha to be worked on and be reserved and open it with canal • Building water pals for harvesting rain water and dikes in Awasi River • Establish dams in Kiro-soon and Magwagwa • Establish evacuation centres in Nyando, Muhoroni and also Nyakach • More offices for Kadibo sub county • Digitalization of Land

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access of ICT through decentralizing ICT in every sub county • Introduce ICT centres to provide digital literacy to citizens • Access to ICT to persons with visual impairment and older persons

5. CONCLUSION

The forum was well attended with active participation by the participants. The participants acknowledged that the objectives of the Forum had been met and recommended that Kisumu County should prioritize programmes/projects to be incorporated in MTP IV.