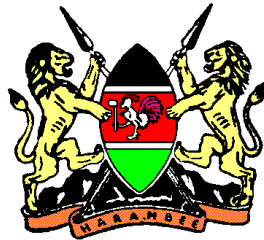


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MACHAKOS COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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 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, the Private Sector, Development Partners, Civil society, Media, Academia, and Persons with Disabilities, Youth, and Women. A total of 150 participants were invited to each County Forum with strict adherence to gender balance and sub-county representations. A total of 152 participants attended the Machakos County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Mrs. Mary Kimonye, Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Service. The team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and Office of the County Governor and briefed them on the Fourth MTP preparatory process and the program of activities and logistics for the forums. The Consultation Forums program 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 programs 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 programs and projects for Fourth MTP.

2.0. HIGHLIGHTS OF REMARKS MADE DURING OPENING SESSION

2.1. Remarks by the CEC Finance and Planning

The Chief Officer, Ms. Romana Kimende, on behalf of CEC Finance and Planning, welcomed all participants to the Forum. She informed the forum that Machakos County has been working together with the national government and the partnership has borne significant fruits. Ms. Kimende further informed the Forum that Machakos County had achieved 90% of what had been outlined in the current CIDP. She informed the Forum that when Devolution started, Counties did not have enough resources and personnel to function effectively, but expressed gratitude to National Government for its support.

The Chief Officer reiterated that the County Government would continue working with the National Government in the implementation of programs and projects in the County. She added that the county had faced challenges during program and project implementation such as late disbursement of funds. She noted that the Governor has continued to provide leadership in the County during the implementation of the CIDPs and concluded her remarks by thanking the Principal Secretary for finding time to visit Machakos County.

2.2 Remarks by the County Governor

The Forum was informed that the Governor, Dr. Alfred Mutua would not join the meeting due to pre-planned official engagements. His remarks were therefore read by the CEC Finance and Planning who began by recognizing the presence of PS Mary Kimonye and all the participants. She noted that the Machakos CIDPs are aligned to National Plans and are implemented through annual work plans for the various departments. She informed the forum that the county government works closely with the National Government and had achieved great milestones through this healthy collaboration. She then read the statement by the Governor, of Machakos County.

2.3. Remarks by the County Commissioner (CC)

The County Commissioner, Ms. Rhoda Onyancha, started her remarks by welcoming the participants to the forum. She informed the participants that the main agenda for the forum was to interrogate achievements made under the MTP III and appreciate the challenges faced. The CC noted that lessons learned in implementing MTP III would inform programs and projects identified for the MTP IV. She urged participants to be candid and bring out issues that would be included in the MTP IV to ensure development in Machakos County.

The County Commissioner assured the County Government of her support in areas of partnership and collaboration as the coordinator of National government functions at the county level. She noted that the office of the County Commissioner, under NGAO, would continue collaborating with the office of the Governor, Machakos County to facilitate public participation

in the furtherance of sustainable development within the county. The CC then invited the Principal Secretary to deliver the Statement by Cabinet Secretary, the National Treasury.

2.4. Statement by the CS, The National Treasury, and Planning

In her opening remarks, Ms. Mary Kimonye, Principal Secretary, State Department of Public Service, thanked participants for finding time to attend the Forum. She noted that between 2007 and 2008, Kenya embarked on a consultative/Participatory journey which culminated in the development of the Kenya Vision 2030. The PS reminded the forum that the Kenya Vision 2030 was aimed at transforming Kenya into a Globally Competitive country where Kenyans enjoy a prosperous life in a secure and safe environment. She noted that Vision 2030 is based on 3 pillars (Economic, Social, and Political) and anchored on the Enablers/Foundations, and is implemented through five-year successive medium-term plans. The PS stated that the main Agenda of the Forum was to take stock of achievements made by both the County and National Government under the Third MTP and the CIPD as well as the challenges faced during the implementation process.

She then read the statement by Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury & Planning, and declared the forum officially opened.

3.0. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Objectives of the Forum

The presentation on the objectives of the County Consultative Forum was made by Ms. Victoria Wanjala, Senior Economist, State Department for Planning. The objectives were to:

- Appraise stakeholders and the public on progress made in the implementation of MTP 2018-2022, and the preparatory process of the Fourth MTP;
- Provide opportunities for county stakeholders to identify and prioritize development programs & Projects for incorporation into the Fourth MTP. The prioritized projects and programs will also inform the preparation of CIDPs 2023-2027; and
- Provide a platform for consultation between the national government and county government on the development and implementation of MTP and CIDPs

3.2 Presentation on Achievements of Third MTP and preparatory process of Fourth MTP

The Presentation on the Achievements of the Third MTP and the preparatory process of the Fourth MTP was made by Ms. Ada Mwangola Director of Social Pillar, Vision Delivery Secretariat. The presentation highlighted the following: an overview of Kenya Vision 2030; Implementation of Kenya Vision 2030 and Medium Term Plans (MTP); Achievements of Third MTP 2018-2022; Challenges in implementation of Third MTP 2018-2022; and Preparatory process of Fourth MTP 2023-2027.

3.3. Highlights of Achievements on Implementation of County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP-2) 2018-2022

The presentation was done by Ms. Romana Kimende, County Chief Officer responsible for Planning. She informed the forum that the County Integrated Development Plan (2018-2022) addressed the many underlying challenges facing the residents. It set a road map that directed the future course of Machakos County in a bid to solve the diverse needs of its citizens. The presentation highlighted the achievements made in implementing the CIDP over the last five years.

3.4. Plenary Discussion

The following issues were raised during the preliminary discussions:

- The strategies put in place to assist the PWDs
 - **Response:** Visit county offices for assistance
- Equipping of Mua Hills Dispensary in the county
 - **Response:** Equipping will be completed in August.
- The MTP III presentation did not touch on National Housing Projects in the county
- County Reports need to be disseminated
 - **Response:** Participants were urged to visit the county's website for more information
- Upgrading of county institutions to TVET level
- The Cancer Centre in Machakos has equipment that is not functional. This forces locals to seek for the services in private hospitals
 - The Expenditures of the projects were not included in the presentations

4.0. GROUP DISCUSSIONS BASED ON THE THREE PILLARS AND ENABLERS

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
ECONOMIC PILLAR	•
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate awareness of tourism sites within Machakos; • Multiple taxes and licenses in the hospitality sector; • Tourism sites not identified; • Low promotion of domestic tourism; • Low investment in water harvesting and conservation technologies; • Low-value addition and adequate market linkages; • Low prices on farm produce; • High input prices e.g. fertilizers and seedlings; • High interest on loans and requirement of collateral to access loans; • Inadequate strategies for sustainability of completed water projects; • High cost of doing business exacerbated by multiple licenses and harassment by enforcement officers; • Inadequate capacity building on business management skills; • Inadequate incubation centres; • Inadequate provision of information to the public; • High land rates; • Low participation of youth in business; • Low absorption of the local workforce in contracted businesses; • Escalating prices of gas and oil; • Exploitation by middlemen; • Dereliction of land after mining; • Inadequate mapping of minerals; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic education on tourism potential; • Promote domestic tourism and annual cultural exhibitions; • Establish County Museum Centre and Theatre; • Amalgamate business licenses for ease of doing business; • Investing in recreational facilities along with major tourist sites; • Excavation of two (2) mega-dams in every sub-county; • De-silting existing dams; • Inclusion of community for project ownership and sustainability through project committees; • Embrace the PPP to invest in water harvesting and conservation technologies; • Construction of agro-processing plants in each sub-county; • Establish feed production plant; • Linkage with private sector and Chamber of Commerce for market linkages; • Establish local production units for farm inputs and fertilizers; • Establishment of a Government system of buying local produce directly from farmers; • Creation of a farmers' fund; • Enhance provision of extension services to farmers; • Develop a contingency plan to address agricultural-related disasters e.g. Locust, drought/famine, and deadly livestock diseases • Establish Smart Markets for Vendors and Consumers;

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment of the public and private land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Business Incubation and Innovation in Smart markets; • Construct Export centres with Cold storage; • Establish Special Economic Zones (SEZs); • Harmonization of business licenses; • Promote civic education on public participation; • Construction of sewer system in water polluting areas specifically Mlolongo, Syokimau; • Come up with regulations on absorption of local workforce in contracted businesses; • Sensitization on utilizing existing low interest loans ; • Continuous Sensitization on mineral processing, grading and packing; • Continuous road maintenance along mineral areas; • Conversion of derelict land to minor dams / water sources; • Regulations on encroachment of public and private land • Come up with a policy to regulate local mining • Mapping of local mineral sites
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate school feeding program in schools. • Inadequate Facilities & Programs for special needs children coupled with underfunding • Inadequate School Infrastructure e.g. classrooms, • Insufficient PWDs friendly classrooms • Inadequate Day schools for PWDs • Free primary education program still costly • Inadequate Health care personnel, medical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance food security for school going children and School feeding program • Increase budget and diversify programs for Special needs children • Increase School Infrastructure classrooms, Electricity and ensure PWDs friendly facilities • Free primary education– Make it free and remove school levies • Population to match school infrastructure – Urban areas – allocation of more resources to

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<p>supplies & Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient Public health surveillance on foods & sanitation with the latest technology. • Masinga dam water not fully utilized for domestic use • Inadequate sewerage lines for the towns • Inadequate water recycling plants in urban areas • Silting problem in existing dams • Inadequate rehabilitation of existing boreholes • Unprotected water towers within the county (Iveti hill) • Corruption on Pollution cases • Inadequate staffing for forestry department • Inadequate weirs along streams & Gabions to deal with soil erosion • Mental issues due to unemployment • Inadequate Seed money for innovation among youths • Inadequate rescue centres for the vulnerable • Poor urban planning and non-compliance with regulations in implementation of urban plans 	<p>school infrastructure & staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve teacher student ratio for rural areas • Construct TVET institutions at all sub counties • Girl child education, menstrual hygiene products to improve performance, retention & transition • Boy child education & welfare – Dignity kits for boys • Establish Day schools for PWDs • Employ adequate Health care personnel, Provision supplies & Equipment • Establish a referral hospital for Machakos county • Enhance Public health surveillance on foods & sanitation with the latest technology. • Provision of Universal health coverage through NHIF and review of NHIF rates for the unemployed • Community and family health care – Staffing • Equitable distribution of health infrastructure • Link water & Sewer infrastructure from Nairobi to the immediate urban areas (Syokimau, Mlolongo Athiriver, Katani) • Utilize Masinga dam water for domestic use • Heavy investment in water sector for Provision of sustainable clean water • Heavy investment in sewerage lines for the towns • Waste recycling plants for urban areas • Build new water pans, mega dams & de-silting all existing ones • Drill new boreholes & rehabilitate existing ones • Protect water towers within the county (Iveti hill) • Construction of Miwongoni dam to be revived and installed with water treatment plants

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction mega dam for Mwala and Yatta sub counties at near Kabaa along Athi river • Irrigation scheme be installed in the mega dam for Mwala and Yatta sub counties • Nthyungululu to be upgraded into a mega dam • Expansion of the sewerage and drainage system in Machakos town • Construction of recycling plants in major towns in the County • Deal with corruption on Pollution cases • Increase forest cover and mitigate climate change • Adequate staffing for forestry department • Support Eco tourism centres in the forests • Reticulate water to homes • Intervention programs for people with mental problems • Introduce an affirmative fund for PWDs • Youth friendly centres at ward level • GBVs desks • Increase budgeting for children issues • Build more rescue centres for vulnerable • Ensure disability friendly approval of all building • One stop shop for all building approvals (Huduma centre like) • Attractive affordable housing both middle class and the lower class • Inclusivity in sports for PWDs • Culture & arts centre for Machakos • Reclaim sporting grounds and provide new ones.
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern on geographical boundaries; Nairobi East, Kajiado, 14 Falls, Kiambu and Makueni. • Inconvenience and proximity to public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for the IEBC to clearly state the geographical boundaries to solve the issues • Completion of stalled public projects to be anchored in the transition policy

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<p>services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge with devolution, some services not being brought closer to the Machakos residents despite the decentralization • A gap in sharing civic information; citizens not receiving the relevant civil information • Staffing within the county • Inadequate physical public offices for use by the public servants; there are few and inconvenient offices • A problem with the revenue sharing between the national government and the county government. • Need for devolution of the office of the Ombudsman • Late disbursement of funds to the county government by the national treasury • Restructuring of the electoral boundaries to give clear boundaries • Inadequate court that can meet the needs of the county residents • Stalled projects due to corruption e.g. Stadiums and health facilities • Weak harmonization and political goodwill within the county on South Eastern Economic Block, legislation. • Land accusation and compensation not being followed up clearly • An issue with the Kiima-Kimwe land despite the recently concluded court case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for establishment and digitalization of registries. Decentralize land registries to sub-counties • Need to solve the problem of revenue collection allocation between the national government and the county government. Increase revenue share to not less than 40% • Staffing of offices in order to solve the issue of Convenience and proximity to public services • There is need for harmonization and political goodwill within the county • Land registry – proposal is to bring the registries close to wananchi • Need to share relevant civic information; citizens should be receiving the relevant civil information to improve on public participation
ENABLER/FOUNDATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substandard roads which depreciate during rainy seasons • Poor roads that connect the sub-counties • Inadequate tarmac roads in Masinga • Poor electricity connection and services in the rural areas of YATTA • Poor sewerage and drainage systems in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarmacking of Mjini-Kariobangi road and rehabilitation Rashid road • Police Station-Massmart roads tarmacking • Machakos Kalama road to be tarmacked • Tarmacking of Lukenya-Muthwani – Kenol road • Tarmacking of Utawala-Githunguri-Joska

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<p>Machakos town and other towns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low internet connection in public institutions • Inadequate equipment and modern facilities in Vocational Training Centres (VTCS) owned by County Government and the Technical Training Centres (TTCs) owned by National Government • Poor utilization of the youth centres • Inadequate title deeds for public institutions • Grabbing of public land • Poor services and corruption in land offices • Inadequate information on land issues to reduce court cases and land grabbing • Expensive fees for services • Limitations to apply for the KYEOP because it's not available to all the youth in the county • Rampant corruption in Government • Insufficient budget allocation for disaster risk management • Inadequate security in the villages 	<p>road (Kinka road)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarmacking of Wamunyu-Yathui-Kalawa road • Tarmacking of Main roads at Masinga town • Tarmacking of Katangi-Matuu Road • Construction and Expansion/Servicing of electricity sub-stations • Establishment of green energy plants/ Harnessing of solar powers in all sub-counties/major towns (8 sub county headquarters) • Instalment of fiber optic cables in all areas on the county and construction of ICT incubation centres in all public facilities and rural areas which is friendly to all and PWDs • Install free wifi in Machakos and major towns • Construction of a public library for Machakos town. We have 2.5 acres behind huduma centre to be utilized • Equipping of all VTCs centres with modern tech and equipment • Equip all youth centres to promote/act as science and technology hubs in the Machakos county (Mavoko, Kangundo and Yatta) • Capacity building of the youth centres staff to offer better services • Construction of a major fully equipped Business, innovation and incubation hubs/centres managed by the National Government in Machakos • Joint Comprehensive land reforms and support by both National and County Government • Implementation of land reforms in Machakos county • Digitalization /incorporate land registry service in the e-citizen for Machakos county and make it online for better efficiency • Providing title deeds to the land owners

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County government to be financed to provide land civic education • Collaboration with the National Government in Development of County Spatial Plans • Subsidize huduma centres fees by a half for all services e.g. driving license, good conduct, HELB certificates and all paid services. • Provide sign language interpretation in Huduma centres • Provide efficient government services in all and inclusive services, service charters to hasten service delivery • Construct one main block for all National government departments for efficient & effective services • Devolve fully the housing function to the county government from national government to reduce duplications, national government to remain with policy, research and legislation • Funding to Enhance Efficient and effective scheme (NEA) in Machakos County • Capacity building for the youth to partake the KYEOP project. Popularize the project in the rural areas for the rural youth • Performance contracting for all officers • Establishment of Independent anticorruption centres in Machakos • Allocation of specific fund for all disasters by the national government (Disaster management kitty) annually • Increase CCTV on major roads and centres • Install street lights in all areas • Upgrading infrastructure for police and their personnel, convert all police posts into police stations • Budget for procurement of land for the police to have enough space • Increase police recruitment

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remuneration of Nyumba Kumi through the National Government system (NGAO) • Proper planning and implementation of urban plans

5.0 Conclusion

In her closing remarks, Ms. Catherine Mutwiwa-, Chief Officer of Project Delivery and Monitoring & Evaluation, commended the participants for their active involvement throughout the forum. She was impressed that the voice of the people of the county came out through the prioritized programmes. She reiterated that the people's strategic plan had been launched and it would be useful to the next County Government. She stated that the secretariat should differentiate all the programmes and projects proposed to ensure that there was a clear demarcation between what can be handled by the National Government and County Government.

The County Commissioner said she was passionate about the youth and thanked them for participating in the forum. She urged the State Department for Planning to capture the issues discussed and priorities enumerated clearly. She then welcomed the PS to make her closing remarks.

The Principal Secretary stated that she was impressed by the people of Machakos. She lauded the participants for their honesty and candid conversations as well as their participation to ensure that their proposals were well captured and assured them that their pleas had been heard by both the National and County Government. The PS emphasized the need for further consultations between the National and County Government to facilitate filtering of programmes and projects to ensure that each level of government captures what clearly belongs to them for implementation.

The PS challenged the participants to ensure that National Values and Ethics are inculcated in the society as this would form bases of achieving all other proposals in all pillars. She challenged the youth to look into other forms of employment as they are living in disruptive times with changing technology and advised them to look into technology driven initiatives for employment. She encouraged the participants to think broad and advocate for mega projects in order to attract residents from others counties. She concluded her remarks by commending the County Commissioner for mobilizing a diverse team that was able to represent Machakos County comprehensively in the Forum.

The forum was officially closed at 3.30 pm with a reiteration that a National Validation Workshop would be organized later in the year during which members would endorse the MTP IV. The meeting was also reminded that after finalization and publishing, the document would be disseminated to the 47 Counties in March 2022.