

**REMARKS BY MR. SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, DURING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN III AND THE BIG FOUR AGENDA REPORT PREPARATION WORKSHOP AT ENGLISHPOINT MARINA IN MOMBASA FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

**Director MED**

**Officers from the State Department for Planning**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Morning!**

- It is with great pleasure that I join you to officiate this opening session of the preparation of the Fourth Annual Progress Report (APR IV) of the Third Medium Term Plan (MTP III) and the “Big Four” Agenda Implementation Status Report. At the onset, allow me to take this early opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to recognise all your efforts and commitment in continuously improving the quality of these reports in terms of content and timeliness. This increases the use of the reports by various stakeholders in decision making which is our key objective as a State Department.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- The objective of this workshop is to refine the information submitted by the implementing agencies for the FY 2021/2022 APR and the “Big Four” Agenda Implementation Status Report which will later be validated in consultation with the MDAs and other stakeholders. I urge you all to go through the draft reports, fill in the gaps, address any outstanding issues and ensure we have a clear picture of our progress towards achieving Kenya’s Vision 2030 as well as the status of implementation of the Big Four Agenda.

- I wish to remind you that as you work on these reports, be cognizant of the fact that we have a duty as a State Department to respond to the questions lingering in the minds of many Kenyans regarding achievement of the Kenya Vision 2030 priorities. This is because we are only eight years away into the year 2030. The reports should therefore be precise and contain information that can be consumed by all. In this regard, I highly support the preparation of popular versions of the reports to reach wider audience.

- Further, I urge you to bear in mind that the MTPIII is coming to an end and that the process of preparing MTP IV is underway. APR IV should therefore in addition to the usual parameters address two issues: One, bring out key lessons that will improve planning during the MTP IV process; and secondly, lay ground for the End Term Review of the MTPIII which is expected to be conducted in the next financial year.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- Moving forward, I expect you to demonstrate the State Department's commitment to improving the quality of reports generated including their timeliness by ensuring that the reports are generated through e-NIMES. Towards realizing this, am aware that a lot of improvements have been done to the system as well trainings for both MDAs and Counties hence making this dream possible and easy at the same time.
- As I conclude, ladies and gentlemen, I urge you to focus on fast tracking the reports enable our key stakeholders use them. I wish

you fruitful deliberations and trust that we will be able to improve on the quality of the reports even further and also produce them earlier than the previous years.

- With those few remarks, it is now my singular honour and pleasure to o declare this workshop officially opened.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU**