

REMARKS BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MR. SAITOTI TOROME, DURING THE FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023-2027 SECTOR CONSULTATIVE CLINICS AT EAGLE PALACE HOTEL, NAKURU ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2022.

1. It is my greatest pleasure to be part of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) Sector Consultative Clinics. The Consultative Clinics adds to the very many consultations we have had during the MTP IV preparatory process from the development of MTP Concept Note in 2021 to date.
2. From the outset, I wish to thank all the MTP Sector Working Groups (MTPSWG) for actively driving the preparatory process of respective MTP Sector Plans. I am impressed that since we launched MTP preparatory process in February, 2022, you have dedicated your time in developing various drafts that have culminated to the draft MTP IV Sector Plans we are reviewing in the Clinics we are holding today.
3. The Consultative Clinics we are holding over the next two weeks focuses at reviewing the draft Sector Plans to ensure that they communicate with the **priorities outlined in the Government Manifesto**.
4. As you have read in the Manifesto, the Government has prioritized several sector policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the next five years. I am also aware that many of your institutions have held discussion with H.E President on your respective mandates and how interventions in the Manifesto will be implemented.
5. The integration of the Government Manifesto will build on the draft policies, programmes and projects earlier proposed in the draft MTP Sector Plans. It will be important therefore that we review them and ensure the priorities in the Manifesto are fully incorporated. As professionals in development planning, I am confident you will unbundle the priorities to fit the design of programmes and projects.
6. As outlined in the MTP IV Concept Note, we were expected to prepare a revised draft MTP IV document together with its Sector Plans by end

of September, 2022. I am glad that we remain on course and the Consultative Clinics we are engaging in will provide a clear opportunity to deliver on the timelines.

7. These Clinics have been organized in such a way that, once we finalize these Consultations, the Drafting Team will prepare **revised MTP IV document by Mid-October, 2022** based on the reviewed Sector Plans.
8. We take cognizance of the fact that, the preparatory process for the **2023/2024 and the Medium-Term Budget process** has been initiated. The policies, programmes and projects in your respective MTP IV Sector Plans will form basis for budgetary allocation within Program-Based Budgeting. I am aware that your institutions are in the process of developing MTEF Sub-Sector reports. In this regard, I encourage you to ensure that priorities in the MTP IV Sector Plans supports negotiations for the budgets.
9. In the due course, a new Cabinet together with Principal Secretaries will be unveiled. The reviewed Sector Plans and the draft MTP IV document that we will generate from these Clinics will form part of the core briefing documents to new Cabinets Secretaries and Principal Secretaries. As outlined in the Concept Note, a **National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting** will be convened to provide a platform for briefing the NSC Members on the MTP IV preparatory process and receiving guidance on what will be remaining in terms of its finalization.
10. It important to note that the draft Sector Plans and the MTP IV document we will develop from these Clinics form the foundation for **enhanced consultations and improvements**. They will be subjected to **validation process to promote consensus building** on priorities for implementation over the medium-term period. The State Department for Planning will continue engaging all Ministries, Department and Agencies until we finalize this process.
11. I therefore call upon all of you to actively participate in these clinics and ensure that your respective Sector Plans are reviewed and ready for further validation. I am confident that you will have adequate time

to refine them through consultation within these clinics and with those who are not represented here.

12. With these remarks, I am honored to declare the fourth MTP Sector Consultative Clinics officially open.

Thank you and God bless you.