



**REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, MR. SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, DURING THE SCENARIO BUILDING AND FORESIGHTS PLANNING IN ALIGNMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 SECOND TEN YEAR PLAN – SAFARI PARK HOTEL, NAIROBI**

**The Representatives from AUDA-NEPAD,**

**The Representatives from Institute for Security Studies,**

**Distinguished participants,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- i. Am delighted to join you during the introductory training on strengthening National capacities on scenarios building and foresights planning in alignment to the implementation of Agenda 2063 Second Ten Year plan.
- ii. It is also my pleasure to welcome participants from outside Kenya and to thank their Governments for facilitating them to be here for the next two days.
- iii. I wish to equally appreciate and sincerely thank the leadership of AUDA-NEPAD and Institute for Security Studies for organizing such an insightful training.
- iv. As you are aware, Agenda 2063 is Africa's blueprint and a strategic framework that aims to actualize the Continent's goal for inclusive and sustainable development. It is a concrete manifestation of the pan-Africanism and drive for unity, self-determination, freedom and the urge for collective posterity.

- v. The Agenda is a refocus by African leaders to reprioritize Africa's critical social-economic development, continental and regional integration, democratic governance, peace and security amongst other issues.
- vi. The First Ten Years Implementation Plan of the Agenda 2063 that spans 2014 to 2023, comes to an end next year (2023). We are therefore presented with an opportunity to outline a set of goals, priorities and targets that the continent seeks to achieve at national, regional and continental levels over the next ten years.
- vii. The AUDA-NEPAD and AUC has already initiated the journey for the preparation of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan.
- viii. I am happy to note that this training launch provides us with an opportunity to interrogate and appreciate the achievements of the Agenda's First Ten Year Implementation Plan, gauge it against our existing resources, then lay strategies for the next cycle of the Ten Year Plan.
- ix. This defines the scenario building and analysis that we are engaging in today to project on the interventions for the next plan based on the performance of First Ten Year Implementation Plan.
- x. In essence, the training will help countries develop focus for managing possibilities for better results by navigating uncertainties, risk and constraints, and develop realistic strategies.
- xi. The training comes at a very opportune time and one would wish it covers more countries to be more inclusive.
- xii. The scenarios building and foresights approach will also bring out regularized reporting on progress in the implementation of Agenda 2063 across countries. This would be an appropriate template to be applied by the African Union Commission and African Union Development Agency (AUDA- NEPAD) for uniform results across Countries.
- xiii. We however note that, the Continent is still grappling with the data gaps and uniformity in measurement systems. In view of this, the

AUDA-NEPAD is expected to take due consideration of the need for setting realistic outcomes indicators and targets that match the Aspirations objectives and goals. This will make interpretation of expected results and outcomes easier.

- xiv. I encourage participants to engage in an open discussion to contribute to the success of this training.
- xv. In conclusion, I urge the technical officers to give this exercise the utmost attention and request the Experts to make this training a resounding success. We will be expecting feedbacks from the participants including effectiveness and applicability of the training knowledge to the Continents planning context.
- xvi. I once again wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the AUDA-NEPAD and Institute for Security Studies for heeding the call for technical support on building traction of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan for Agenda 2063.
- xvii. It is now my pleasure to declare the "Training workshop" officially opened.

*Thank you for your attention.*