

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING**

**REMARKS BY MR. JAMES MUHATI, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE
DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING DURING THE LAUNCH
OF PUBLIC SECTOR HEARINGS FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL
YEAR AND THE MEDIUM TERM BUDGET AT KICC
ON 11TH JANUARY, 2023**

**Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Cabinet Secretary, The National
Treasury and Economic Planning;
Cabinet Secretaries present;
Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, Chairperson, Parliamentary Committee on
Budget and Appropriation;
My Colleague Principal Secretaries;
Representatives from the Development Partners and the
Private Sector;**

Representatives from the Civil Society, Academia, Media and the Public;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure and honour to be part of the Public Sector Hearings for the Financial Year 2023/2024 and the Medium Term Budget. This Forum provides a platform for stakeholders to review and build consensus on priority policies, programmes and projects that the Government will implement over the Financial Year

2023/2024 and the medium term. The Public Sector Hearings are critical in ensuring public participation and inclusivity in the budget making process.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

As you may be aware, the budget preparation process entails various stages as provided for in Section 35 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. The Act envisages strong linkage between

planning and budgeting in order to ensure optimal allocation of the scarce resources.

Towards this end, the State Department for Economic Planning co-convened the Medium Term Expenditure Framework Sector Working Groups that prepared the 2023/2024 budget proposals.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Over the last five years, the budget making process was guided by the Third Medium Plan (MTP), 2018 - 2022 which will come to an end in June 2023. This will pave way for the Fourth Medium Term Plan (2023-2027).

The Fourth Medium Term Plan will focus primarily on the Core Pillars of the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto i.e. "**The Plan**", namely:

Agriculture; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME); Housing and Settlement; Healthcare; and Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy. The Fourth Medium Term Plan will prioritize the implementation of economic recovery strategies to re-position the economy on a steady and sustainable growth trajectory.

Implementation of the Fourth Medium Term Plan will foster growth, wealth and employment creation, poverty reduction and improved livelihoods for all Kenyans from the bottom of the pyramid. The Medium Term Plan will also inform annual budget priorities.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

During the Medium Term Plan period (2023-2027), the State Department for Economic Planning will undertake periodic monitoring

and evaluation and prepare annual progress reports that will inform future planning and budgeting.

In conclusion **ladies and gentlemen**, I wish you fruitful deliberations as we review the sector proposals for the 2023/2024 and the Medium Term budget.

Thank You and God bless you