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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING**

**REMARKS BY JAMES MUHATI, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, DURING
THE SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP FOR COUNTIES ON
ALIGNING COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS
(CIDPs) 2023 - 2027 TO THE BOTTOM-UP ECONOMIC
TRANSFORMATION APPROACH (BETA), HELD AT PRIDEINN
PARADISE RESORT, MOMBASA ON 13th MARCH, 2023.**

Njuguna Ndung'u, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning;

Chairman, Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board;

Members of the President's Council of Economic Advisors;

All County Executive Committee Members for Finance and Economic Planning present;

Chief Execution Officers of SAGAs in the State Department for Economic Planning;

Economic Planning Secretary;

Directors, State Department for Economic Planning;

Representatives for the Council of Governors;

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to welcome you all to this workshop which brings together leaders from both the National and County Governments. The workshop provides a platform for discussing and devising mechanisms for aligning County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) 2023 -2027 with the National development priorities as outlined in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Approach (**BETA**) and the draft Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023-2027. The workshop would not have come at a better time than this when both

levels of Government are setting development priorities for the next five (5) years.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The aim of this workshop should not be misunderstood. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 established two levels of government with distinct mandates. Though distinct, the two levels of government are inter-dependent and complement each other in operations. The Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya assigns the National Government the role of national economic policy and planning and capacity building and technical assistance to the counties.

Further, The Executive Order No. 1 of 2023 on the Organization of the Government of the Republic of Kenya assigned the State Department for Economic Planning various functions. Some of the functions, upon which the thematic issues to be discussed in the workshop are anchored, include:

- Undertaking National and Sectoral Development Planning;
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Economic Trends; and
- Co-ordination of Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The specific objectives of this workshop are to:

1. Apprise counties on the Government development priorities under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Approach – (BETA)
2. Guide counties on alignment of County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) 2023-2027 to the BETA and Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTP).
3. Ascertain the status of preparation of CIDPs across counties, lessons learnt and challenges experienced.
4. Agree on the way forward on modalities for review of the CIDPs before finalization by the respective County Governments.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As outlined in the objectives of this workshop, you will be taken through various sessions including the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Approach (BETA), highlights of the Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023-2027, mechanisms of aligning CIDPs 2023-2027 to the government development priorities as well as emerging issues in monitoring, evaluation and reporting. It is envisaged that these engagements will not only foster strong linkages between National and County economic planning but also harmonize tracking and reporting on economic outcomes across the two levels of government.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to reiterate the commitment of the State Department for Economic Planning in building the capacity and providing technical support to counties during preparation of County Development Plans as well as monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

This is demonstrated through the development and dissemination of the County Integrated Development Plan guidelines, deployment, on need basis, of technical officers to counties to support CIDP development processes and the continued capacity building on

electronic County Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Systems (eCIMES) currently launched across 45 out of 47 Counties.

Further, in an effort to enhance the above function, the Public Service Commission, in July 2020, approved the establishment of the National Planning Offices at the counties to coordinate National Government development planning and Intergovernmental relations matters among others. Currently, 18 out of the 47 National Planning Offices have been operationalized. The rest of the offices will be operationalized in due course.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, let me once again welcome and wish you fruitful deliberations during this two days' workshop.

It is now my humble duty to invite the Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning to give his Key Note Address and officially open the workshop.

Thank you