

COUNTIES TO ALIGN CIDPs TO THE BOTTOM- UP ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

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The 47 Counties have been urged to align County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) to the Kenya Kwanza administration's Bottom - Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) to spur quick economic growth.

Speaking in Mombasa, the National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u said that there are various mechanisms that have been established for the facilitation of the Intergovernmental relations at the National and County levels of jurisdiction.

Prof. Ndung'u said that the National Government through the National Treasury and Economic Planning has supported the Counties overtime in developing various development plans for implementing projects and programmes. These plans include, County Sectoral Plans, County Spatial Plans, County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), County Annual Development Plan (CADP), Strategic Plans and many others. This is done with the aspiration of ensuring that rural development touches every corner of the Country.

The Cabinet Secretary said this while addressing the National and County Government officials attending a Sensitization Workshop in Mombasa on aligning County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) 2023-2027 to the Kenya Kwanza Administration, Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and the Fourth Medium Term Plan MTPIV (2023 - 2027).

As he quoted from the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Cabinet Secretary scored that there is a legal basis which caters for the citizens' rights as stipulated in Article 10 (2) on National Values and Principles of Governance. The Article prescribes the need for good governance, integrity, transparency, accountability and sustainable development.

He pointed out that the Country has experienced negative economic storms in recent times which affected the economic trends ranging from the Covid -19 pandemic, the Ukrainian crisis and persistent drought. This situation caused disruptions in supply of crucial commodities such as fuel, foodstuffs, electricity and other essential goods resulting into increased poverty, inequality and economic recession.

In order to address these challenges, Prof. Ndung'u explained that the government has adopted the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) which he said will

leverage on value chain model which if successfully implemented will be a game changer in improving the livelihoods and welfare of all Kenyans.

He added that the government will soon implement policies and structural reforms that will promote investments on the five priority pillars which are; Agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); Affordable Housing and Settlement, Healthcare; and Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy.

He further stated that in order to make these five pillars feasible, the government will also implement strategic interventions on the key enablers ranging from Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Blue Economy, Mining, the Services Economy and others.

He also pointed out that his Ministry is at the final stages of preparing the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027, which will implement the Kenya Kwanza Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) that will drive the economic turnaround and increase inclusive growth agenda for Kenya.

To get maximum impact from investment in BETA priorities, alignment of the CIDPs with MTP IV, there is an urgent need to ensure that the two Plans are concluded in time for implementation from the next financial year.

“I believe the collaboration between the National Treasury and Economic Planning and the County Governments will continue working closely towards enhancing the National Development Agenda that will lead to greater improvement of the livelihoods for all Kenyans. Therefore, we should play our rightful role to make this a reality.” Concluded Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u.

Present during the meeting were Economic Planning Principal Secretary, James Muhati, Director Generals of the SAGAs under the State Department for Economic Planning, Council of Governors Representatives, County Chief Officers among other invited guests.

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