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

**SPEECH FOR THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT  
FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, DR. BONFACE MAKOKHA, DURING  
OFFICIAL HANDOVER/TAKEOVER CEREMONY HELD ON THURSDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 AT THE NATIONAL TREASURY**

**APRIL 2025**

**Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning –  
Hon. FCPA John Mbadi;**

**Principal Secretary, the National Treasury – Dr. Chris Kiptoo;**

**Outgoing Principal Secretary – Mr. James Muhati;**

**Incoming Principal Secretary, Public Investments and Assets  
Management - Mr. Cyrell Wagunda Odede;**

**Chief Executive Officers, Director Generals, and Executive Directors  
from SAGAs in the National Treasury and Economic Planning;**

**Head of Directorates and Divisions present;**

**All invited guests;**

**Ladies and gentlemen.**

**Good afternoon**

It gives me great pleasure to be here with you today at this auspicious occasion. I would like to start by thanking His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, EGH for appointing me to serve in our broad-based government. Its indeed an honor and privilege to part of this administration transformative agenda.

Allow me CS Hon. FCPA Mbadi to take this opportunity, to appreciate PS James Muhati, for diverse courtesies accorded to me from my nomination to appointment. Under your guidance, PS Muhati, the State Department for Economic Planning (SDEP) has registered milestone achievements, notably:

- Preparation, launch and dissemination of the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) and Fourth National Reporting Indicator Handbook for the MTP IV;
- Review and obtaining approval for the SDEP Robust Organization Structure and Staff Establishment which created among other positions, one Director General, Economic Planning and three additional Secretaries, Economic Planning;
- Capacity built economists/statisticians at SDEP and at the Ministries, Department and Agencies.

All these being strategic and integral components towards the re-engineering of the economic planning function. I join the planning team in applauding your passion and zeal in this endeavor.

As I take the helm of leadership at SDEP am conscious of the great expectation of the citizenry in provision of efficient service delivery by the government. This is as espoused in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and MTP IV development objectives which is geared towards economic turnaround and inclusive growth.

The State Department for Economic Planning plays a critical role in actualizing the BETA objectives. My vision and shared commitment is to position SDEP as the government's strategic nerve centre—where planning

is data-driven, people-centered, and results-focused—driving Kenya's transformation from the grassroots up.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

As the Principal Secretary, among other things I am immediately prioritizing the following interventions:

- 1) Boosting the morale and effectiveness of our staff through targeted capacity-building initiatives. I believe that an empowered workforce is central to responsive, smart, and citizen-focused planning;
- 2) Rolling out a robust results-based M&E framework for MTP IV with specific emphasis on tracking the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). This will ensure implementation fidelity, provide feedback loops, and reinforce accountability; and
- 3) Institutionalizing planning innovations such as geo-referencing of development projects to the constituency level. This is not merely a technical exercise—it is a moral imperative to ensure equity, transparency, and visibility in resource allocation.

As I conclude CS, through your stewardship, I urge all of us to collectively purpose to establish clear and citizen-based communication systems to effectively communicate our achievements from time to time.

I am excited to be part of this team. I look forward to working with you and inculcating invaluable synergy for the growth and prosperity for our country Kenya.

**Thank You**  
**Asanteni Sana**