

## **1. Opening: institutional framing**

Kenya welcomes Deputy Secretary-General Ruzicka and acknowledges the OECD's role as a provider of high-quality analytical evidence, comparative data, and policy benchmarking. We recognise the OECD Development Centre as a specialised platform that facilitates structured dialogue between OECD and non-OECD economies on development policy design and implementation.

## **2. Status of Kenya's consideration of membership**

The Government has taken note of the framework for membership in the OECD Development Centre. This matter is under active inter-ministerial consideration, with final direction resting with senior leadership, taking into account alignment with Kenya's reform priorities, fiscal implications, and strategic value-add.

## **3. Assessment of potential value proposition**

From a technical standpoint, Kenya recognises that Development Centre membership could potentially strengthen access to comparable cross-country data, policy diagnostics, and peer learning mechanisms. Any determination on membership will depend on the extent to which these tools demonstrably enhance domestic policy effectiveness and reform sequencing.

## **4. Alignment with national policy objectives**

Kenya's current reform agenda prioritises investment climate improvement, productive transformation, fiscal sustainability, and climate-resilient growth. The relevance of deeper engagement with OECD instruments will be assessed against their ability to support these objectives in a practical, measurable, and cost-effective manner.

## **5. Technical appreciation of the Development Centre's approach**

Kenya notes the Centre's multidimensional approach to development, its emphasis on context-specific analysis, and its convening role across regions and income groups. We particularly acknowledge its capacity to integrate sectoral perspectives — including competitiveness, social protection, migration, and innovation — into coherent policy frameworks.

## **6. Position on the AU–OECD Africa Virtual Investment Platform (AVIP)**

Kenya views AVIP as a potentially useful mechanism for improving transparency on investment conditions, enhancing data comparability, and supporting evidence-based

investment policy reforms. We are engaging with the African Union Commission and OECD to assess how Kenya's participation could be structured to maximise analytical and policy benefits.

### **7. Technical areas of potential collaboration**

Kenya is examining the applicability of specific OECD tools, including the Multi-Dimensional Country Review as a diagnostic framework for reform prioritisation, and the Energy Subsidies Toolkit as a technical resource for evaluating subsidy efficiency, fiscal risk, and distributional impacts. Any formal engagement in these areas would be subject to internal approval processes.

### **8. Procedural considerations on membership**

With respect to Development Centre accession, Kenya is reviewing the procedural steps, governance implications, and assessed contributions. Should a formal expression of interest be deemed appropriate, this would be communicated through the established diplomatic channel at a time determined by senior authorities.

### **9. Closing**

Kenya values continued technical dialogue with the OECD Secretariat and remains open to structured, evidence-based cooperation that demonstrably supports national development outcomes, strengthens institutional capacity, and advances Africa's productive transformation agenda.