

**TALKING NOTES FOR THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FINANCE
HON. OBURU OGINGA, DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY
OF THE GRANT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR**

**“ICT INTEGRATION AND HEALTHY LEARNING FOR QUALITY EDUCATION”, THROUGH
SUPPORT OF KENYA EDUCATION SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME (KESSP)
ON MAY 29, 2009 AT 10.00AM**

**Madam Lut Laenen Fox
The Country Representative VVOB-Kenya,
Prof. Karega Mutahi, Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education,**

Joseph Kinyua, Permanent Secretary, Treasury,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Let me on behalf of the Government of Kenya take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Treasury and to convey warm greetings from Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance. He was very keen to be with us this morning but because of other official commitment elsewhere, he could not make it.

2. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, the Grant Financing Agreement we have signed today amounting to **Ksh. 315.6 million** is for supporting the Government's efforts on integration of information communication technology in the Education Sector. Implementing the Programme will contribute towards adopting healthy learning strategies in schools.

3. The Flemish Association for Development Cooperation (VVOB) of Belgium and the Government of Kenya has had a cordial bilateral development cooperation relation since 2002.

4. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to VVOB of Belgium and the Government of Belgium at large for the continued support to this country throughout our development cooperation.

5. We particularly appreciate your assistance on Technical Personnel and Equipment to various ministries such as Education, Science and Technology; Environment & Health sectors; Museums of Kenya and Home Affairs. The areas of support include:

- The Skill slab Expansion Project at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC).
- Development of the management training modules for school principals, board of governors and school management committees in collaboration with Kenya Education Staff Institute (KESI).
- Poly ICT project at Kenya Polytechnic,
- the KMTC-VVOB Learning Resource Project and;
- The interactive project National Museum of Kenya (NMK)

6. Let me also appreciate your effort to firming up the cordial bilateral relation that we have always enjoyed, by renewing your cooperation agreement with Kenya this year for another period of five (5) years.

7. I am aware that by doing so you expanded your commitment from a total funding of Ksh. **100 million to Ksh.300 million** annually. This support will go a long way in implementing our Vision 2030 as we are determined as Kenyans to transform this Nation from its current low income to middle income in the next 20 years.

8. There is no doubt the task is challenging but we are confident that where there is will there is a way. We are therefore determined to achieve it. To achieve The Kenya We Want, our plan is to accelerate economic growth rate to 10% by the year 2012 and sustain it at that level thereafter. This will require investments in all key flagship projects identified to drive the growth process.

9. I want to assure you that the resources earmarked for the new programme will be utilised by our Government within the environs of the principles of aid effectiveness echoed in the Kenya Joint Assistance Strategy (KJAS) and Paris Declaration 2005.

Thank you