

SPEECH BY HON. AMB. UKUR YATANI, CABINET SECRETARY, THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 2019 KENYA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

Your Excellency,

As I welcome you to the launch of the final countdown to the 2019 Population and Housing Census slated for the night of the 24th August, allow me to take this earliest opportunity to sincerely thank you for finding time to grace this occasion. Indeed, your presence is a clear testimony of the importance you attach to this milestone exercise, the 6th since independence of our country.

Your Excellency,

Today's event marks the final leg of a long process of careful preparation since 2016 that started with cartographic mapping exercise which established 129,123 enumeration areas each with an average of 100 households. A pilot census was also carried out in August, 2018 designed to test adequacy of the various aspects including logistics, personnel, accuracy of the maps, admissibility of the questionnaires, as well as other data capture application.

Further, in compliance with UN recommendation to ensure accuracy, reliability and comprehensives of the data, including timely processing of results adequate measures have been instituted by adopting use of electronic devices for the first time.

Your Excellency,

I wish to confirm that so far, all necessary personnel for the exercise have been recruited, trained and deployed while all materials and equipment have been delivered to the various counties and sub-counties in readiness of the census day.

Additionally, over the remaining days, we shall scale-up publicity and advocacy campaigns from all fronts to ensure that Kenyans get

requisite information regarding the count. Further, we shall continue to collaborate with all our partners and relevant Government agencies, especially the Ministry of interior for the smooth management and delivery of a credible census.

Your Excellency,

I wish to recognize the immense contribution of both the National Steering and the County Census Committees for their stewardship role during long period of preparation which has undoubtedly put us on a successful delivery trajectory so far.

As I conclude, I reiterate our deep commitment as a ministry to deliver a credible census and to this effect I call upon all Kenyans to play their patriotic role towards our collective success by making themselves available during the said period.

It's now my humble duty to invite **HE the president Hon Uhuru Kenyatta** to address us and officially launch **The 2019 population and Housing census count Down.**