

STATEMENT BY CABINET SECRETARY, THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING HON. (AMB.) UKUR YATANI DURING LAUNCH OF FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023-2027 PREPARATORY PROCESS AT KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022

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Chairs of Finance & Planning National Assembly and the Senate

Development Partners

Reps of Private Sector, Religious and Civil Society Organizations

Reps from Youth and Women

Staff from Ministries, Departments and Agencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

Firstly, I thank you for gracing this important gathering that marks the beginning of the preparatory process for the Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023-2027 of the Kenya Vision 2030.

Noting that the implementation of the Third MTP 2018-2022 comes to an end by June, 2022,

1. It has become necessary that this stakeholders' forum comprising of Government and non-Government organizations be convened to embark on a journey of formulating this critical development guide.
2. The Government implements the Kenya Vision 2030 through five-year successive Medium Term Plans. The Fourth MTP designed to implement 4th phase of the Kenya Vision 2030, will guide the development agenda for our country between 2023 and 2027. It will also implement the 2nd last phase of Kenya Vision 2030 & therefore set momentum for the next long term development blue print.

Ladies and Gentlemen

3. The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning has developed a Concept Note to guide production of the 4th MTP. The Concept Note outlines the medium term development strategies that will guide the development agenda for our country.
4. In coming up with medium term development strategies, we were guided by how far we've come from in our development journey to enable us reflect on a vision that will guide our country's development over the medium term.
5. In doing this, we took into consideration lessons learnt and challenges faced during implementation of MTP III to inform the future strategies. The proposed development strategies will guide the Medium Term Plan Sector Working Groups in designing specific

sector policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the 5-year period.

6. The Fourth MTP will seek to transform our economy; create wealth and employment; reduce poverty and create conducive environment for investment. Indeed, improving on these thematic areas will ultimately transform our country to an upper middle-income status as envisaged in our Vision 2030.

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7. As you know well, we are emerging from a challenging period due to the devastating impact of Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic negatively affected performance of global economies. It led to loss of lives and livelihood including massive loss of jobs due to the subdued economic activities that indeed saw Gross Domestic Product contracting by 0.3 per cent in 2020 at the domestic levels.
8. However, the year 2021 looks promising from the strong recovery indicators, as shown by the 2nd and 3rd quarter that shows significant rebound growth of 11.9 and 9.9 per cent respectively.
9. With this in mind, the Fourth MTP will focus on implementing strategic interventions aimed at driving our economy towards a sustainable growth path. It is with this background in mind that the Fourth Medium Term Plan adopts the theme "***Accelerating Socio-***

economic Transformation to a More Competitive, Inclusive and Resilient Economy”.

10. The Fourth MTP will build on gains made so far in key sectors of the economy including completing projects initiated during the previous development plans (MTP I, MTP II and MTP III). It will strive to revitalize performance through productivity enhancement in all sectors of the economy as well as re-emphasizing the importance of inter-sectoral linkages and promoting cross-sector collaborations. This is expected to build synergies and drive economic growth.

11. As we are all aware, Kenya is bound by global and regional development commitments. In this regard, the Fourth MTP will seek to continue implementing the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aspirations of the Africa Agenda 2063. The Plan will also incorporate strategic programmes and projects aimed at addressing climate change, gender equality and plight of the vulnerable groups in the society.

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12. The Fourth MTP will be delivered through 25 MTP Sector Working Groups as structured in the Kenya Vision 2030 Pillars and Foundation for National Transformation. The MTP Sector Working Groups will be expected to unbundle the medium term development strategies outlined in the Concept Note and come up with policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the medium term period.

13. I call upon the Chairpersons of the MTP Sector Working Groups to provide overall guidance in the entire process of the formulation of the Fourth MTP. We are confident that, under your leadership, the Sector Working Groups will yield transformative programmes and projects aimed at improving public service delivery, addressing poverty reduction, creating the much needed employment opportunities and improving the country's investment environment.

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14. The preparation of the Fourth MTP will be conducted through wide consultations in line with requirement of our Constitution on the need for engaging citizens on public policy making. Indeed, representation in this forum is a clear indication that as Government, we are committed to bringing everyone on board in this process.

15. As well presented in the Concept Note, we have appointed members to a National Stakeholders Forum (NSF) with representatives from Government, Development Partners, Private Sector, Civil Society and representative of youth and Women. The NSF will rally their respective stakeholders to participate in formulation of sector policies, programmes and projects within the 25 MTP Sector Working Groups.

16. Further, in order to ensure that we truly achieve wide and inclusive consultations, the National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning will hold County Consultative

Forums in all the 47 Counties. These Forums will provide opportunity for Citizens to provide their views and input as the basis for designing MTP policies, programmes and projects. The forums will also promote public awareness on Government's development agenda moving forward.

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17. As we gather here today, we are reminded of the fact that close collaboration between Government and Non-Government Actors remain critical to the success of this exercise of formulating the Fourth MTP. Over the medium term, we will endeavour to deepen private sector participation in implementation of programmes and projects within the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Framework. This is in full recognition of the fact that, the private sector remains key driver of investment, technological advancement and employment creation. To this effect, the Fourth MTP will explore robust Public Private Partnership engagement than in the past.

18. The Government is also indeed grateful for continued support by the Development Partners in implementation of MTP programmes and projects. We will remain committed to enhance collaboration with our Development Partners to ensure that donor financing is well aligned, harmonized and coordinated in line with the priorities of Fourth Medium Term Plan.

19. This will involve aligning the recently developed United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and other development frameworks to the aspirations of the Fourth MTP so that we *'deliver as one'*.

20. **As I conclude Ladies and Gentlemen**, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to our distinguished stakeholders in the room and beyond for their unflinching collaboration and support in driving the government development agenda. I welcome you once again to be our partners as we roll-out the next national development trajectory.

21. It's also my hope that you'll familiarize yourselves with the Concept Note, while noting timelines of key activities leading to production of Fourth MTP.

22. The National Treasury and Planning is committed to engage with you and more importantly provide necessary information at every step towards production of the Fourth MTP.

Ladies and Gentlemen

23. It is now my humble duty and pleasure to declare the Fourth MTP 2023-2027 preparatory process officially launched.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL