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**Strengthening County Revenue Management through the ICRMS**

Kenya's 2010 Constitution devolved governance, placing the responsibility for service delivery closer to its citizens. This shift necessitates effective financial management by counties, as underscored by **Article 201 on responsible financial management and clear fiscal reporting**.

Counties primarily generate revenue from equitable shares (national government allocations), conditional grants, loans, and, crucially, **Own-Source Revenues (OSRs)**, which include property rates, business permits, and market fees. Despite devolution, counties have struggled to effectively collect OSRs, heavily relying on national allocations.

To address this gap, the National Treasury developed the National Policy to Support Enhancement of County Governments' OSRs, 2019. This policy aims to broaden revenue bases and improve administrative capacity by promoting OSR laws, developing tariffs, and establishing an **Integrated County Revenue Management System (ICRMS)**. In line with this the National Treasury, in collaboration with counties, proposes the design and implementation of an ICRMS and develop the regulations on ICRMS. A multi-agency committee was formed to manage the rollout of the proposed ICRMS in all 47 county governments. This initiative aligns with Section 12(1)(e) of the Public Finance Management Act (2012), which promotes the automation of county revenue collection for their own-source income.

The regulations will be established under the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A) and aim to govern the management of county own-source revenue through a centralized system. The regulations will **outline the structure, objectives, and administrative responsibilities** of the ICRMS to enhance **transparency, accountability, and efficiency** in county revenue collection.

**Invitation for Public Comments on Draft ICRMS Regulations**

The ICRMS Steering Committee invites the public to provide feedback on the draft ICRMS regulations. Your input is crucial and aligns with Section 5 of the Kenyan Statutory Instruments Act 2013, which emphasizes public participation in the regulation-making process. The draft regulations can be found in our **National Treasury website** [www.treasury.go.ke](http://www.treasury.go.ke) and submit your comments to [icrms@treasury.go.ke](mailto:icrms@treasury.go.ke) within 21 days after the publication of this advert.

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