



## **The National Treasury and Planning State Department for Planning**

**TALKING NOTES FOR THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, MR. SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, DURING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TRAINING ON THE TOOLKIT FOR REPORTING ON THE AFRICA AGENDA 2063**

**Representative of AUC,**

**Representatives of AUDA-NEPAD,**

**Representatives of the National Governing Council of the NEPAD/APRM Secretariat,**

**The CEO, NEPAD/APRM Secretariat,**

**The Distinguished Participants from various agencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

- I. I am greatly honored to be part of this important function that seeks to dovetail tracking of the Africa Agenda 2063 with our own National Aspirations as contained in Kenya's Vision 2030.
  
- II. This training on the Agenda 2063 Implementation Reporting Toolkit comes at an opportune time when African Countries are preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of reporting of the Africa Agenda 2063, First 10 years

## Implementation Strategy.

- III. It is instructive that, Africa's Agenda 2063 identifies with aspirations and priorities that resonate very effectively with Kenya's long term Vision.
  
- IV. Indeed Kenya takes pride in being at the center of the advocacy of the Africa's Development Agenda as does that of the Global Sustainable Development Goals. We need the two to guarantee our socio-economic and political development.

### **Dear Participants**

- V. In order to continue upholding the values of Pan Africanism that calls for among others Africa Patriotism and solidarity, we are all invited to integrate the aspirations of the Agenda into their National Development Planning and Reporting frameworks.
  
- VI. It is notable that, most of Africa agenda 2063's 7 aspirations, 20 goals and 39 priority areas find space in Kenya's our National Development Vision (Kenya's Vision 2030) and Medium Term Plan. These aspirations are also well connected with Global Development Agenda as contained in the Agenda 2030.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

- VII. As we continue to emplace strengthening of monitoring and reporting of our National Development Programmes, we need to also continually recognize that, successes in National Development cannot be independent of Regional Development landscape.
  
- VIII. This informs the reason why each country need of essence to

endeavor to ensure it plays its part in appraising its implementation of the Regional Development Agenda – in our case the Agenda 2063.

- IX. It is for this reason, that the State Department for Planning continues to collaborate with the AUDA-NEPAD Continental office and NEPAD/APRM Secretariat in Nairobi to ensure consonance in the reporting of progress made in implementation of the National Medium Term Plan and the Agenda 2063 First 10 Years implementation Plan.
- X. Through this collaboration, the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) has kindly offered to train a Critical Mass of our Economists and Planners on the template that is utilized by African Union Member Countries to report on annual progress in the implementation of Agenda 2063 targets and priorities.
- XI. This training is expected to strengthen capacity among the participants to effectively prepare for reporting on Agenda 2063 1<sup>st</sup> 10 years Implementation Strategy. It will also equip the participants with capacity to harmoniously integrating the Regional Implementation Report with that of the National Medium Term Plan (MTPs) and Sector Plans as well as that of our countries as contained in the Country Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs).

**As I conclude Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- XII. I wish to thank in a special way the team from the AUDA-NEPAD that has tirelessly worked with us to ensure this training becomes a success. Likewise, I wish to extend my gratitude to the team from the State Department for Planning for maintaining the course.

XIII. I wish you a very fruitful training during the three days' training.

XIV. It is now my duty to pronounce this training on the Reporting Tool Kit officially flagged off.

**Thank you.**