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TALKING NOTES BY THE ECONOMIC PLANNING SECRETARY DURING THE CLOSING OF THE SDGs CONTACT OFFICERS INDUCTION IN MOMBASA FROM 1ST -5TH MARCH 2021, AT MOMBASA BEACH HOTEL

To begin with, I would like to express my appreciation to all the participants for finding time out of your busy schedules and to all your organizations for facilitating you to attend this workshop.

I know most of you are from CPPMUs and this is the time the supplementary budget discussions are happening at Parliament and am aware that you spearhead the process in collaboration with Finance Department.

The objective of this training was to enhance your capacity as SDGs champions in your institutions as well as provoke discussion on how to best implement SDGs in the country and ensure we realize the set target under the Agenda by the due date. This is in recognition of the growing need to take transformative actions necessary to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs during the Decade of Action.

Looking at the program, for the last four days, I am convinced that you are now armed with the necessary skills and knowledge to propel us to our destination in terms of implementing the SDGs.

The topics to be deliberated upon namely; national development goals, case for sustainable development, your role as implementing agencies, Strategies to accelerate the SDGs, Challenges of National Development, Strategies to realise National Development and Pillars for Sustainable Development among others were carefully chosen and I urge you to share and use that knowledge to map out strategies that will fast track realization of SDGs bearing in mind that we only have 9 years.

We also expect you to assist your institutions in collection, analysis and collating of SDGs data in liaison with KNBS. This has been one of the key challenges facing the implementation of SDGs in Kenya and I urge SDGs Directorate to think of working in collaboration with KBS to ensure capacity organizing another forum to strengthen your capacity in data production if possibly by end of this Financial Year.

I also urge you to embark on training and creating awareness on SDGs in your respectively Institutions. The SDGs Coordination Directorate will be ready to offer any technical support regarding the training and any other SDGs related activity.

I encourage all of you to remain committed to the task of making the SDGs a reality in which we leave no one behind. It is my hope that the relationships and trust built will continue in our bid to scaleup efforts to achieve targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We will be calling you from time to time to support the SDGs Directorate in their work especially in the development of various SDGs strategies as well as in reporting progress towards implementation of the Agenda. Am confident that you are now aware of the various reports and publications produced by the SDGs Directorate.

I also appreciate the SDGs Directorate for the good work they have demonstrated in preparation for the workshop and throughout the training. With this spirit and with your support, we will achieve our desired vision of freeing Kenyans from Poverty, hunger and disease; provision of our citizens with quality health care services and reduce inequalities among other aspirations in the Agenda 2030 and our National Plans.

In closing, let me re-emphasize the importance of consolidating our strengths to make the spirit of Agenda 2030 come to life for all people. I express my sincere thanks to all the organizers for making this event a success.

Let me wish you safe travels back home.