

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT BY SAITOTI TOROME,CBS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING DURING THE
LAUNCH TO ACCELERATING THE PRIVATE SECTOR DECADE OF ACTION,
DELIVERY AND RECOVERY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN
KENYA ON 30TH JUNE 2021**

This is an opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during this Decade of Action. Though the Country has made commendable progress in some areas, progress is uneven and, overall, the country is not on track to deliver some of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The Government is urging all actors to dramatically increase the pace of and scale up implementation efforts to deliver the SDGs.

The Government acknowledges the contribution of all the stakeholders across the Country including the United Nations system, volunteering involving organizations, civil society, the private sector, parliament and academia to implement the SDGs

With less than nine years and still not on track to meet some of the SDGs targets coupled with the pandemic that has slowed progress, it is more important than ever for all the stakeholders to mobilize for collective resolve and accelerated action

We are all aware that COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on all 17 SDGs has jeopardized progress towards the SDGs, therefore this makes their achievement all the more urgent and necessary.

A transformative recovery from COVID- 19 may be pursued, one that addresses the crisis, reduces risks from future potential crises and enhance the implementation efforts to deliver the 2030 Agenda and SDGs during the Decade of Action.

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The government is;

- Committed to working with all stakeholders to provide innovative solutions and scaled up ambition and urgent action for the goals.
- Pledging to mobilize financing, enhance national implementation and strengthen institutions to achieve the Goals by the target date of 2030
- Identifying lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis that can help increase the Country's resilience and embark on risk-informed sustainable development pathways
- Focusing on identifying, documenting and sharing SDGs good practices to support recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic and to accelerate progress towards the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs.
- Targeting investment that increases the resilience of people and communities of diverse background to ensure no one is left behind among others.
- As we launch the Decade of Action in the Private Sector, we call upon for their increased commitment to finance the implementation of the SDGs, ensure sustainability reporting and the SDGs engagement of companies to lead to greater social and environmental awareness in business strategies.