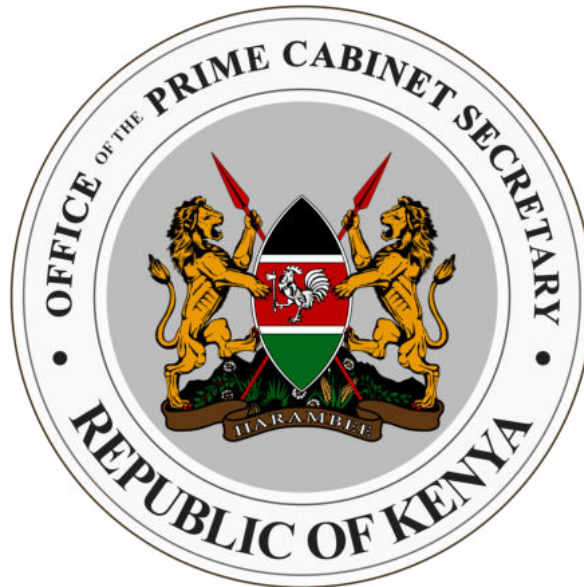




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Our Parliamentary Liaison Officers

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. May I extend my congratulations to you following your designation as Parliamentary Liaison Officers in your respective Ministries and State Departments. **YOU are now key actors in Government who should ensure the tracking of the National Government Legislative Agenda by fostering a cordial working relationship between the Executive and the Legislature.** Notwithstanding the challenges we may all have in our respective institutions; I am in no doubt that our combined efforts and commitment to serve will see us through the mandate that we seek to execute.

2. The National Government Legislative Agenda, is institutionalized in Executive Order No.1 of 2023, in my Office. It is as Chair that I "Assist the President and the Deputy President in the coordination and supervision of government".





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3. But you may as well ask; What is a Legislative Agenda? The consensus is that “Legislative Agenda” means a program of proposed legislation to support policies and programs of government. Therefore, this Workshop should empower you with tools as Parliamentary Liaison Officers, to ensure policies and legislation originating from your institutions;

- are aligned with the Government’s Development Agenda;
- are processed more efficiently and in a timelier manner;
- and
- that any challenges to the processes are identified and mitigated.

No challenge should not be left to fester under your watch.

4. For avoidance of doubt, let me state that **the success of Government will depend on the Synergy, Team Work and Partnership between my Office and yourselves under the Philosophy of Delivering as One.** You will be our boots on the ground in the MDAs in relation to a number of areas such as;

- **reporting on the progress of the development of policy and legislation;**
- **inter-ministerial liaison on cross-cutting policy and legislative development issues;**
- **supporting your Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries to effectively and efficiently appear before Parliament as they expound the Executive’s government development agenda, respond to**





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Parliamentary Questions, address petitions and follow up on the status of implementation of Parliamentary Resolutions.

5. For you to deliver, **YOU are expected to be conversant with the core functions, as well as the policy, legal and administrative framework that either governs your MDA or that your MDA administers.** This understanding is critical because of what I shall be drawing your attention to next.

6. SYNERGY AND UNITY OF PURPOSE IN GOVERNMENT

Whole of Government Approach:

One; embrace and adopt the **Whole-of-Government Approach within the Collective Responsibility Principle** in the conduct of Government business. This means the **elimination of the prevailing Silo Mentality and the enhancement of Networks and Partnerships** within and between MDAs, to yield excellent results;

Open-Government Approach:

Two, embrace the **Open-Government Partnership Strategies and Initiatives based on the Principles of Transparency, Integrity, Accountability and Stakeholder Participation for consensus and ownership.** The aim is to





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facilitate the Citizenry to effectively be included in the national government formulation of policies and programs.

Three; Develop innovative and pragmatic solutions, using new technologies, and sharing best Practices within institutions and Counties as part of the **Government's commitment to good governance.**

7. IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE DEFICIT

One of the cardinal characteristics of a democratic Government is strict adherence to the **Rule of Law**. This entails engagement of the **citizenry** in Governance, formulation of competitive policy, and in institutional and legislative frameworks. Therefore;

- a) As best practice, **Policies precede Legislation**. Consequently, **legislation that is not backed by policy or requires improvement through amendment or repeal should be audited to provide for proper legislation.**
- b) **You should be in the know about the Parliamentary Calendar affecting your MDAs ranging from Bills, Motions, Statements, Questions, and Petitions.** This will be critical as your CSs commence their appearance before the Floor of Parliament. Indeed, this state of alertness will avoid embarrassment of where Parliament and the Executive proceed at cross purposes; and
- c) **Know that the Executive, Parliament, and Judiciary, are constitutionally intertwined and in**





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the same breath functionally differentiated for the realization of the Rule of Law. Synergy of purpose is imperative under the principle of the whole-of-government approach to enhance cooperation of the three Arms of Government on matters of the National Interest, notwithstanding the Doctrine of the Separation of Powers.

8. CONCLUSION

Lastly, t this critical meeting suggests that our resolve to deliver as one government shall exorcise the demons of silos. To realize this calls for strong character and steady minds, which I believe can only be a product of discipline.

Remember;

“Discipline refers to consistency of action and methods, consistency with values, with long-term goals, with performance standards, and with sustainable consistency over time. True discipline requires Patriotism, independence of mind, self-discipline and the inner will to deliver excellent outcomes, whatever it takes and no matter how difficult.”

I am further advised by Jim Collin and Morton T. Hansen in the book ***Great by Choice*** that; **Discipline is not merely Regimentation, Measurements, Hierarchical Obedience or Adherence to Bureaucratic Rules and Codes**, even though they could be important. **True Discipline, entails Humility and Servant Leadership.**





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I have no doubt that our commitment to this ethos will guarantee us our desired aspiration for Growth, Equity, and Sustainability.

THANK YOU,

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS.

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