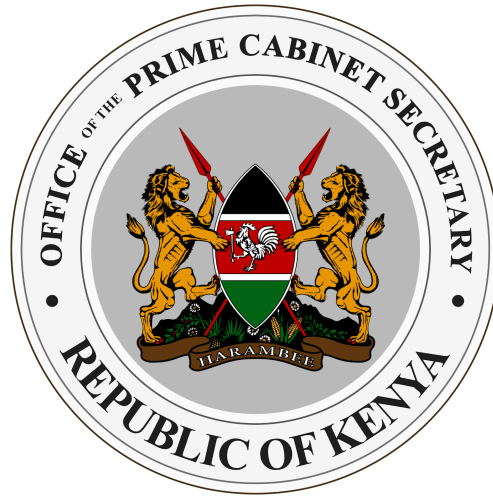




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Cabinet Secretaries,

Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,

Representatives of the United Nations Community,

Stakeholders and Partners,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

1. It is my distinct honor to address you today at this pivotal high-level consultation on the implementation of Kenya's Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme (HPCDP).
2. I wish to express my profound gratitude to all of you our development partners, private sector, academic community and diplomatic colleagues for the robust support that you continue to extend to Kenya in its pursuit of socio-economic transformation.
3. As you are aware, Kenya is at an important juncture in its development trajectory. We face challenges but also see opportunities that are defining the future of our country and our people.
4. The formidable challenges include the need for economic diversification, industrialization, value addition, infrastructure development and digital transformation.



5. Our ambitious development programs aim to turn these challenges into opportunities for scaling up economic growth and job creation, to meet the demands of our ever rising youthful and educated population.

6. Indeed, our advancements in digital transformation have positioned Kenya as a global leader in this space. It is in this context that the HPCDP, which is designed by the Government in partnership with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), defines our roadmap towards addressing these challenges to accelerate the Government's realization of Kenya's Vision 2030, the Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTP IV) and the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

7. The HPCDP presents us with a holistic framework, which has been developed in close consultation with key stakeholders. Its five interlinked pillars: economic diversification and industrialization, infrastructure and the natural environment, ICT for digital transformation, private sector development and skills formation, offer us a comprehensive approach to fostering structural transformation.

8. This initiative will enhance value-added production, human capital and diversified economic activities that are critical to positioning Kenya on the pathway to a middle-income economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. Allow me to commend you all for the efforts made in the preparatory phases of this programme. The High-Level launch of the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) in May 2023, as well as the subsequent engagements, including the High-Level Dialogue on the HPCDP in August 2023, have laid the groundwork for the implementation of this initiative.



10. The inputs provided by the Government, academia, private sector and our development partners during these consultations have been invaluable. We now stand at the threshold of a new phase, where we will operationalize the programme's goals, build productive capacities, and move forward the recommendations that emerged from the consultative process.
11. One of the key objectives of today's consultations is resource mobilization. Implementing the HPCDP is a substantial undertaking that requires concerted effort and collaboration across sectors. The projected budget of USD 20 million to operationalize the programme from March 2025 to February 2035.
12. To achieve the programme's targets, this meeting has been convened as the first step towards its implementation. In this regard, we appeal to our development partners to make firm financial commitments, with follow-up actions to be coordinated by the responsible department.
13. We are encouraged by the willingness of partners like Qatar, Germany, Turkey, Japan and Saudi Arabia to support our ambitions. We look forward to further expanding these partnerships.
14. Let me also underline the need for us to move away from short-term, project-based interventions. The HPCDP underscores the need for a long-term, multisectoral and programmatic approach. This is essential if we are to build the productive resources, entrepreneurial capacities and institutional linkages that will enable Kenya to achieve sustainable economic development.



15. The focus of this programme on fostering economic diversification, enhancing industrial competitiveness and improving national policy coordination will be central to our success. It is through this integrated approach that we will create a conducive environment for job creation, innovation and inclusive growth.
16. The Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme is not an isolated initiative. It is intricately aligned with the Government's strategic priorities and long-term vision.
17. The programme's focus on economic diversification, industrialization and digital transformation directly complements the key pillars of BETA—agricultural transformation, MSME growth, affordable housing, healthcare, and the digital economy. This synergy will drive Kenya's sustainable growth and global competitiveness.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

18. As we engage in today's discussions, I urge you all participants to consider the long-term vision and the critical role each of us plays in turning this vision into reality.
19. Let us ensure that the outputs from this consultation are actionable and that they serve to strengthen our collective resolve in advancing Kenya's development agenda.
20. Let me close by reiterating the Government's commitment to this transformative journey. We are fully dedicated to working with our partners to mobilize resources, enhance policy coordination and drive the successful implementation of the HPCDP.



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21. Together, we can and will chart a new course for Kenya's innovation and shared prosperity for all the people.

Thank you.