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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DURING THE OPENING OF THE
WORKSHOP FOR THE MDAS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP.
HELD AT THE KENYA AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK RESEARCH
ORGANISATION (KALRO), NAIVASHA FROM 11TH TO 15TH MAY
2026**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

1. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this capacity building workshop on the key Government Legislative Agenda tools.
2. Your presence here today is a clear demonstration of your unwavering commitment to the shared goal of advancing our Government Legislative Agenda through the Whole-of-Government Approach.
3. Allow me to convey the warm complements from the Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, who has expressed his goodwill and support for this noble exercise.

4. I wish, at this early juncture, to underscore, that it is now three years since we embarked on the noble task of developing and coordinating the implementation of the Government legislative Agenda that encompasses the priority policy and legal initiatives that support the National Development Agenda.
5. Our collective contribution during the three years has been documented in the inaugural report on the status of implementation of the Government Legislative Agenda as of December 2025. This report has been disseminated to the Ministries and is also available on our website.
6. The Report's recommendations include the monitoring and evaluation of various coordination tools and Strengthening MDA Capacity for effective implementation of the legislative agenda (***which constitute the core reason for this exercise***).
7. As of April 2026, the State Department has recorded a total of **One Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Two (1,342)** initiatives across the three segments. This comprises **Six Hundred and Eighty-Nine (689)** statutory instruments, **Two Hundred and Ninety-one (291)** policy initiatives, and **Three Hundred and Sixty-Two (362)** legislative initiatives. Of the total, 246 initiatives have progressed to implementation, 903 at

different stages of formulation and 136 have been discontinued for different reason.

8. From the recently concluded roundtables, which your respective State Departments participated in, **567** initiatives were prioritized, to form part of the administration's key legislative agenda for the 5th and 6th sessions of the 13th Parliament.
9. The focus now is on institutionalizing the GLA implementation and Parliamentary liaison services across government operations by enhancing the utilization of the different tools that have been developed for effective coordination of the government's legislative agenda and parliamentary liaison. This is the premise as to why we have the capacity building exercise which will also serve as a platform to get valuable feedback on the tools.
10. The State Department has developed key tools to facilitate its mandate and foster Government Agencies capacity to contribute to the effective implementation of the Government's legislative agenda namely: the Public Policy Handbook for Kenya and the Guidelines for the Development of National Government Policy and Legislation, the Parliamentary Liaison Framework and the Public Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

11. The Policy Handbook seeks to establish a standardized and structured process that enhances coordination and improves the quality of public policy across government.
12. The Guidelines for the Development of National Government Policy and Legislation, 2024 are critical in providing direction on the milestones applicable in the policy and legislative development processes. They are the backdrop against which we are all expected to progress, track and report on the status of our initiatives.
13. The Parliamentary Liaison Framework seeks to institutionalize the parliamentary liaison service and cooperation between the National Executive and Parliament, with the goal of deepening and widening the relationship between the two arms of government in the effective dispatch of business in Parliament.
14. The execution of the Parliamentary liaison mandate has ensured active and responsive engagement between MDAs and Parliament enhancing the accountability of MDAs as envisaged by Article 10(2) of the Constitution on National Values and Principles of Governance. Our collaboration with Parliamentary leadership remains core towards supporting the Executive's legislative and policy priorities.
15. Despite the progress made over the years, several challenges continue to affect policy effectiveness. These

include fragmented policy development processes, weak linkages between policy, planning, budgeting, and legislation, as well as inadequate integration of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. Such gaps undermine the effective implementation of Medium-Term Plan IV and the achievement of national development goals.

16. Addressing these challenges requires strong collaboration across MDAs. As institutions responsible for translating national priorities into actionable programmes and policies, MDAs play a central role in ensuring that government interventions are practical, aligned, and results oriented.
17. From the discussions from the recently concluded roundtables, we have identified key bottlenecks impacting the delivery of the Government legislative Agenda. A roadmap has been developed that will guide all stakeholders in enhancing engagement and consultations in addressing bottlenecks in delivering the GLA priorities.
18. We call upon the MDAs to mobilize and provide the necessary resources required to support the formulation of the different initiatives. The State Department shall, on its part, marshal whatever support it can within its mandate to ensure that the Government delivers on its identified priorities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

19. It is our aspiration that this workshop will deliver its objectives and yield desired outcomes in the management of our respective GLA portfolios. This is the essence of the current administration; to be responsive to the national development goals and needs of the wananchi.
20. Once again, I extend a warm welcome to you all and wish you a fruitful and productive time in Naivasha.
21. It is now my singular pleasure to declare this workshop officially opened.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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