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KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CPA AURELIA CHEPKIRUI RONO., CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DURING OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP FOR DEVLOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA MANAGEMNTE INFORMATION SYSTEM (LAMIS) HELD AT PYRETHRUM BOARD OFFICES, NAKURU FROM 2ND - 7TH, OCTOBER 2026

Colleagues from the State Department for Parliamentary Affairs,

PFMR representatives

Technical Personnel from ICT Authority,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

1. It with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this workshop.

2. Your participation is key in ensuring the successful delivery of LAMIS, an innovative digital platform intended to facilitate the effective tracking of the development of policies and legislation by MDAs.

3. Let me begin by expressing our appreciation to the Public Financial Management Reform programme (PFMR) for partnering and supporting this important exercise. We value that partnership and the support it has provided in helping us take forward this work. In this regard, allow me to make special mention of PFMR's support towards the State Department's consultative exercise convened last year for purposes of identifying areas of policy, legal and operational conflicts and inconsistencies that impede the effective realization of the GLA. This exercise, held from 29th September to 3rd October, made an

invaluable contribution to the advancement of our GLA coordination mandate.

4. The State Department continues to prioritize the sensitization of MDAs on its various GLA coordination tools, including *the Government Legislative Agenda Schedule, the Public Policy Handbook for Kenya, the Guidelines for the Development of National Government Policy and Legislation, and the Parliamentary Liaison Framework*. These tools are essential in supporting a harmonized and standardized approach to the delivery of GLA across all MDAs, as well as the processing of Government business in Parliament.

5. LAMIS embodies this administration's commitment to a **Whole-of-Government Approach** and **Open Governance Principles**. It addresses systemic challenges that have long curtailed our progress, including:
    - Fragmented information on ongoing legislative initiatives;
    - Inadequate progress monitoring mechanisms;
    - Policy, legal and operational conflicts, duplicities, overlaps and inconsistencies that impede the effective realization of the GLA; and
    - Limited stakeholder and public engagement.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. LAMIS is intended to have five end user modules once fully operational, namely: GLA, Bills, Policy, Public Policy Resource Portal, Statutory Instruments, and Parliamentary Liaison Modules.

7. This exercise will focus on enhancing the four priority modules i.e the Policy, Bills, GLA and Public Policy Portal Modules. It goes without saying that the System will require continuous improvement post operationalization. Your active contribution and participation in providing technical support will be instrumental to the platform's initial success.

8. The key benefits derived and envisioned from LAMIS include: Ensuring timely and continuous monitoring of policy and legislative proposals; Enhancing transparency and accountability in the development of policy and legislative proposals within the Executive; Fostering compliance with applicable standard procedures for policy

and legislative development; and Improving data integrity and information management.

9. Policies and legislation directly and indirectly impact the overall quality of life of the citizenry. While Policies articulate Government priorities, provide direction for implementation and, in many cases, lay the foundation for legislative initiatives and other Government interventions, legislation facilitates the operationalization and actualization of these aspirations within the rule of law. Therefore, the importance of the accessibility, accuracy, authenticity, timeliness, and efficient management of the GLA cannot be over-emphasized.

10. Accordingly, I invite us all to view LAMIS as a wholesome platform with a wealth of resources for facilitating the effective coordination of the GLA, and ultimately, the effective delivery of the National development agenda.

11. As we navigate through the footprints of enhancing the system, the need for seamless interaction and linkages across all the modules cannot be over-emphasized. On the other hand, each module should still maintain its individuality, offer a clear purpose, and deliver an intuitive experience for users.

12. I also invite the team to enrich the System's development by benchmarking against similar platforms, particularly IFMIS, EGP, and Kenya Law, and other aligned models from various jurisdictions. There is value in learning from what has worked elsewhere, particularly on matters such as search, classification, metadata, accessibility and presentation. At the same time, we should develop a system that optimally responds to the needs of all intended users and aligns with the mandate of the State Department.

13. Ultimately, MDAs, key process owners, members of the public, researchers, development partners, and other stakeholders should be able to access reliable GLA related information, without necessarily having to understand the internal architecture of Government systems.

14. The proposed use of artificial intelligence can also add value, particularly in helping users obtain concise information from lengthy

policy and legislative documents. Nonetheless, as we embrace such innovative tools, we must retain the principle that original, validated documentation remains the authoritative source.

15. As we progress with the system's enhancement and progress towards implementation, I urge us to remain focused on four things: simplicity, accuracy, ownership and sustainability.

    Simplicity, because policy and legislative development processes should be easily adaptable to users and efficiently institutionalized across MDAs;
    Accuracy, because policy information must be reliable and authenticated;
    Ownership, because every part of the process must have a clear institutional responsibility; and
    Sustainability, because this should not be a one-off exercise that produces a new platform which is eventually left with outdated information.

16. Since inception, the development of LAMIS has faced numerous challenges which the State Department has, in collaboration with like-minded partners, endeavored to unlock. In this regard, we are engaging the National Treasury and Ministry of ICT with a view of securing adequate financing for LAMIS as a project.

17. I appreciate the team's dedication and industry towards the System's development so far, and once again, commend the PFMR for the support that has actualized it. I'm happy to report that your efforts are not in vain. Once operationalized, LAMIS will be instrumental in resolving key policy, legal and operational conflicts, overlaps and inconsistencies that impede the effective realization of the GLA, which the State Department successfully identified during the FY 2025/26, through PFMR's support. This LAMIS enhancement exercise therefore aligns with the requirements of PFMR DLI 5.2 (ii) that calls for the addressing of these identified challenges, during the FY 2026/27.

18. I encourage the team to adopt the findings and solutions from this enhancement exercise and more importantly, to translate them into practical interventions that will strengthen our approach to coordinating the implementation of the GLA, as well as the processing of Government business in Parliament.

19. Once again, I commend all of you for the good work and wish you fruitful deliberations.

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