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DESPATCH FROM CABINET

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, PhD, C.G.H., has, this morning chaired a meeting of Cabinet at State Lodge, Sagana. Today's Cabinet meeting was the Administration's first to be held outside our nation's capital; heralding a new dawn of grassroots driven governance.

INSPIRED BY the beautiful backdrop of the majestic Mount Kenya, Cabinet took stock of the status of various seminal projects being undertaken within the region and the country at large. The meeting was also appraised on the progress of other State programmes including the **revival of the dairy sector and cash crops** that are the mainstay of millions of Kenyan households.

CABINET ALSO considered various Bills, Policies, State Programmes, and State interventions that form part of the Administration's plan for a better Kenya espoused as the **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**.

THESE TRANSFORMATIVE actions strengthen Kenya's socio-economic fabric by fostering inter-generational equity through **an improved framework for social protection** coupled with the revival of State Corporations within the agriculture, petroleum, and energy sectors.

TO GIVE the people of Kenya the assurance that their labour will bear bountiful returns, Cabinet considered various policy interventions geared towards the resurgence of our nation's greatest asset – our people, as the lynchpin of our socio-economic renaissance. **In tapping our nation's most promising frontier of growth,** and as Kenya seeks to enhance our influence within the community of nations, Cabinet considered and approved the National Labour Migration Policy.



THE POLICY positions our nation's human resource at the heart of Kenya's growth strategy by addressing the profound internal systemic inefficiencies that deny many Kenyans the opportunity to fully explore the immense opportunities available on the international stage.

THIS GROUNDBREAKING policy is expected to enhance Kenya's international presence and influence by better coordinating labour migration through the official classification and regulation of all forms of Labour. This will have the added benefit of increasing the number of Kenyans working lawfully and safely abroad, which in turn is expected to result in doubling of diaspora remittances to Kenya – **our nation's leading foreign exchange earner.**

IN KEEPING with the Administration's commitment to securing the dignity of all citizens, and in **honour of the contribution of our senior citizens;** Cabinet sanctioned a fresh wave of registration of persons under the **Inua Jamii Safety Net Programme** of senior citizens, persons living with disability, and vulnerable households. The process of onboarding the new registration of new members will commence on **1st September, 2023.** Currently, the Inua Jamii program benefits 1,233,129 Kenyans, including 353,000 Orphans and Vulnerable Children, 833,129 elderly citizens, and 47,000 persons with Severe Disabilities.

TO PREPARE the youth with the requisite skills to enhance their competitiveness for employment as well as their entrepreneurial skills, Cabinet approved the upscaling of the **Kenya Youth Empowerment and Opportunity Project (KYEOP)** to the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Programme. The up-scaled programme will targets youth **aged between 18 to 35 in all our nation's 47 counties.**

TO ENHANCE the earnings of dairy farmers and improve their livelihoods, Cabinet considered and approved the framework for duty free importation of raw materials for processing of animal feeds. The State intervention seeks to **address the cost of production of animal feeds** as part of the long-term strategy to enhance the competitiveness of Kenya's dairy sector within the region.



IN RESPONSE to the plight of Sugarcane Farmers, Cabinet considered and approved the programme for the revival and commercialization of State-owned Sugar Companies, being: Nzoia Sugar Company, Chemelil Sugar Company, Miwani Sugar Company (In Receivership), Muhoroni Sugar Company (In Receivership), South Nyanza Sugar Company, and Mumias Sugar Company (In Receivership). **Today's decision sets the Sugar Sub-Sector on a path of renewal** by vacating the earlier decision by Cabinet to privatize State-owned entities within the sub-sector. If the proposal by Cabinet receives Parliamentary approval, the State-owned entities would be operated under a lease and operate framework.

TO ADDRESS the high retail price of sugar fueled by an acute cane shortage in the country, Cabinet sanctioned the extension of the framework for duty-free importation of milled sugar to **bridge the supply deficit**.

CABINET ALSO considered and approved the proposal to revive and commercialize the **National Oil Corporation of Kenya (NOCK)**. Under the proposed turnaround strategy, NOCK will benefit from a partnership that restructures it into three subsidiaries segmented around the petroleum products value-chain as follows: NOC Upstream Limited, focused on exploration and upstream production activities and services; NOC Downstream Limited, focused on marketing and distribution of petroleum products; and NOC Trading Limited, specializing in holding strategic stocks of petroleum products for import and export.

AS PART of the Administration's plan on the revitalization of the Economy as set out under **the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**, the Government will continue to accelerate investments with a view to growing manufacturing and exports, create jobs and achieve inclusive growth. In this regard, Cabinet welcomed the approval by the Pan African financial institution (AFREXIM Bank) for debt free, 100% equity investments of **Ksh 420 Billion** in Special Economic Zones in Dongo Kundu, Naivasha and Isiolo as well as Export Processing Zones in Sagana, Del Monte, Eldoret and Busia, Regional Centres. The Economic hubs are additionally expected to incubate Export Quality Assurance and Packaging as well as the



roll out of **Electric Boda Bodas** with the ancillary **infrastructure to support eMobility**.

TO STRENGTHEN the framework for governance as envisaged under Article 10 of the Constitution on National Values and Principles of Governance, Cabinet approved the transmittal to Parliament of the following Bills: **The Public Relations and Communications Management Bill, 2023** and the **Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2023**. The latter Bill seeks to make amendments to the following Statutes: the Oaths and Statutory Declarations Act, the Advocates Act, the Notaries Public Act, the Civil Procedure Act, the Trustees (Perpetual Succession) Act, the Industrial Training Act, the Sexual Offences Act, the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, the Universities Act, the National Employment Authority Act, the Civil Aviation Act, the Fisheries Management and Development Act, and the Public Private Partnerships Act.

TO POSITION Kenya as the destination of choice for **Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE)** tourism, and to cement her place as a diplomatic and commercial hub, Cabinet approved the establishment of the **Bomas International Convention Centre (BICC)**. The ultra-modern convention will feature a Conference Centre, a Presidential Pavilion and atleast five hotels. This State initiative, fifty years after the groundbreaking of Kenya's first international convention centre (KICC), is expected to further the growth of conference tourism, hospitality, and event and aviation industries as set out in the **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**.

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