



## SPEAKING NOTES: KEPSA CHAIR, NIK NESBITT

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### THE PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON FINANCE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT NETWORK (FINTRINET)

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2020, 10.30 to 12.30

#### Distinguished guests

#### Ladies and Gentlemen

- KEPSA is leading the business response on COVID-19 across all the sectors and working closely with the Government. In an endeavour towards economic recovery, KEPSA has originated the Finance, Trade and Investment (FINTRINET) project as part of private-sector efforts noting that many sectors have been affected and numerous jobs lost.
- The creation of a very focused platform to bring capital and investments around the identified 10 sectors will be a catalyst to economic recovery. Several investors who have visited Kenya during the last 3 years have had challenges finding an entry point into investments since we have not been well organised. Some of the immediate opportunities include expanding regional markets and active participation in the African Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) which is coming in force.
- KEPSA leadership has endorsed FINTRINET as a flagship project and look forward to a strong partnership with the SDG partnership in the U N. We appreciate Mr. Siddharth Chartterjee's support on this project. Very soon we shall bring more partners on board and partner with the Government too.

Wishing everyone the very best.

Thanks, Nik Nesbitt.