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To all Stakeholders

Dear Sir/Madam.

RE: INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DRAFT NATIONAL QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY AND STANDARDS BILL WORKSHOP

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) is mandated to provide Standardization, Metrology and Conformity Assessment services in the country.

KEBS is in the process of conducting stakeholder consultations on the draft National Quality Infrastructure Policy and the revised Standards Bill 2019. The review of the Standards Act and drafting of the National Quality Infrastructure Policy was undertaken with support from Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA). The Act was reviewed to provide clear definitions of all terms used in the sector or principles, which govern standardization in line with the World Trade Organization Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures, as well as the East African Community Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing Act of 2006. The Act has been enhanced to cover issues of conformity assessment and enforcement in relation to the control at the border or within the territory of the Republic of Kenya and further provides an enhanced list of offences and penalties. It is therefore important for stakeholders to be conversant with the draft National Quality Infrastructure Policy and the changes in the revised Standards Act.

In this regard, KEBS has identified you/your institution as one of the key stakeholders, and hereby invites you to attend, or send a suitable representative, to the workshop nearest to you which will be held as follows:

1. Mombasa workshop, Whitesands Hotel	-	2 nd April 2019
2. Kisumu workshop, Imperial Hotel		4th April 2019
3. Kakamega workshop, Kakamega Golf H	lotel -	5th April 2019
4. Nakuru workshop, Merica Hotel	_	9th April 2019
5. Nairobi workshop, Boma Hotel	-	11th April 2019
6. Nyeri workshop, Green Hills Hotel	-	15th April 2019
7.Embu workshop, Izaak Walton Hotel	-	17th April 2019
8. Garissa workshop, Lantern Hotel	-	24th April 2019

Kindly note that the participants will bear their costs of transportation. Participants must confirm attendance by sending an email to marketing@kebs.org with a copy to ikonyal@kebs.org by 31st March 2019. We look forward to your participation. Attached please find a draft programme for information.

