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DESPATCH FROM CABINET

Cabinet convened this morning for the 6th Meeting chaired by His Excellency the President at State House, Nairobi.

Cabinet considered various policy proposals and programmes; including the state of the economy, agriculture, an assessment of the status of the rains on seasonal performance and the required interventions to address the drought.

Cabinet reviewed the Status of the Digital Super Highway and Digitization of Government Services in furtherance of the commitment to enhance the delivery of public services as part of the Administration's blueprint, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Cabinet received the Tribunals Bill, 2023, which proposes to transition Tribunals to the Judiciary in compliance with Article 169(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, which requires Parliament to enact Legislation conferring jurisdiction, functions and powers on the courts (which include Tribunals). The Tribunals Bill, 2023 proposes to reform the Tribunal System in Kenya by Rationalizing and regulating the administration and functions of Tribunals, establishing the Tribunals registry and providing for the structure, membership and administration of Tribunals. Cabinet approved the Tribunals Bill, 2023.

To entrench fiscal discipline, Cabinet received and approved a Memorandum on the Establishment of a Multistakeholder Pending Bills Verification Committee. The Committee will carry out a thorough analysis of pending Bills that have accumulated from June, 2005 to June, 2022 with a view of advising the Government on resolution of the same.

The Nation's Top Policy Organ considered the Memorandum for Decentralization of the State Law Office and Department of Justice. The proposal in the Memorandum is anchored on Article 6(3) of the Constitution of



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Kenya to ensure reasonable access to services of national state organs in all parts of the Republic, so far as it is appropriate to do so.

Cabinet approved the Memorandum and directed the Attorney-General; and the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration to fast track and facilitate the decentralization process by establishing the State Law Offices in all Forty-Seven (47) Counties, hosted in County Commissioners' offices.

On matters ICT, Cabinet was briefed on the status of the Digital Superhighway and Digitalization of Government Services. The Digitalization Programme is informed by the Kenya National Digital Masterplan 2022-2032. The Government is committed to enhancing last mile connectivity, and to implementing strategies that will facilitate access to low-cost internet devices and universal access to communication services.

Recognizing that the Government of Kenya has identified ICT as a prime mover in acceleration of the BETA, His Excellency the President will launch the E-Citizen services and the digital signature on Friday 30th June, 2023. This is in fulfilment of the Administration's commitment to digital transformation and delivery of services to the grassroot in an efficient and effective manner.

The apex body approved the conclusion of a Host Country Agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The establishment of the Nairobi sub-regional office will present opportunities for deeper collaboration with implementing partners and assure more efficient operations in the sub-region.

On Sports, Cabinet was apprised on the progress of Kenya's bid to host the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), 2027. His Excellency the President affirmed the Government's intention to host the 2027 AFCON alongside Tanzania and Uganda, a gesture that would further advance the East African Community Integration Agenda.

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Tuesday, 27th June, 2023.