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DESPATCH FROM CABINET

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT chaired a meeting of Cabinet at State House, Nairobi. The day's session **considered various policies** and assessed the progress being made in the implementation of the Administration's seminal programs. Towards bolstering Kenya's place of honour in the community of nations, **Cabinet evaluated our nation's foreign policy positions by considering various proposed treaties, conventions, and bilateral agreements** seeking to improve investment opportunities and driving economic growth as part of the **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**.

TO PROVIDE a framework for determining terms and conditions of service that **promote efficient, effective and prudent use of public resources**, fiscal sustainability and performance of State Corporations; Cabinet considered and approved the **Revised Guidelines on Terms and Conditions of Service for Board Members and Staff of State Corporations**.

THE NEW policy provides a framework for establishment of new State Corporations and subsidiaries in a manner that guards against proliferation and duplication. Further, **the guidelines herald a new dispensation in the categorization and re-categorization of State Corporations** by including parameters such as the mandate of organization, scale and complexity of operations, affordability and sustainability, and past performance and compliance record.



AS PART of this new dispensation in governance of our nation's State Corporations, **the revised guidelines provide an enhanced standard for corporate governance of State Corporations** generally as well as **the ethical behaviour of board members and staff of State Corporations**. They also provide salary bands and allowances for Chief Executive Officers, Board Members, Vice-Chancellors, Chancellors and Members of University Councils.

IN FURTHERANCE of its constitutional mandate, the Salaries and Remunerations Commission, together with the State Corporations Advisory Committee, will have a **critical role in determining the terms and conditions for service within State Corporations**.

TO DEEPEN accountability, transparency, and the dictates of good corporate governance within State Corporations, **Cabinet also set the term limit for Chief Executive Officers of State Corporations at three years**, which is renewable only once, with the exception of University Vice-Chancellors; and further sanctioned a review of the law so as to align all existing laws to this new policy.

CABINET WAS apprised on the severe impact of the heavy rainfall affecting many parts of the country. The meeting **noted with regret that the severity of the situation had resulted in the loss of lives, wide spread destruction of property**, critical infrastructure damage, and significant displacement of people in various parts of the country.

IN RESPONSE to the devastation caused to Kenyans across the country from the flooding and the ensuing humanitarian crisis, **Cabinet sanctioned the provision of alternative settlement to the most vulnerable members of society** as well as ramped up the distribution of relief supplies by way of food and non-food items to populations across the country. The meeting also authorized the rehabilitation and restoration of destroyed infrastructure.

CABINET WAS briefed that the Kenya Meteorological Department's weather forecast indicated that the **nation will continue to receive** above



normal rainfall up to Monday, 29th April, 2024. In that regard, **Cabinet urged all Kenyans to exercise caution on account of the possibility off-loads, landslides, reduced visibility, and other adverse effects of the heavy rains.**

AS PART of the plan to ensure that the **abundant rainfall does not merely wash away and is instead harnessed for national development**, the meeting **considered and approved** the terms of a **negotiated settlement** for the Commercial Contracts and Financing Agreements for the **Arror, Kimwarer, and Itare Dams Project.**

THE APPROVAL places the nation on an irreversible path to achieve sustainable management of water resources by **addressing the increasing water needs for Kenya's domestic, agricultural and industrial requirements.** The grant of approval by Cabinet sets in motion the resumption of works on the stalled Itare Dam, while the construction of Arror and Kimwarer Dams can now commence in earnest.

IN KEEPING with the nation's proactive response to climate change and **Kenya's support for urgent action to reverse global biodiversity loss** as well as to harness the bountiful rains following the onset of the long rains; the meeting **assessed the progress being made in the Administration's Greening Campaign**, a globally acclaimed transformative initiative that seeks to grow 15 billion trees in a decade.

CABINET WAS apprised on the interventions made thus far, which include the **use of technology to restore degraded landscapes** by utilization of drones, aerial seeding, and long rooted seedlings. In that regard, Cabinet **urged Kenyans to seize the opportunity and plant trees over this rainy season as part of their individual and collective contribution** to enhancing tree cover, creation of more green spaces, and reduction of the risk of flooding in the long term.

THE MEETING was apprised on the National Fertilizer Subsidy Programme, and the meeting observed **that fertilizer had been distributed in 42 counties; with 5,349,829 bags of assorted fertilizers having been distributed, which is a 175-percentage increment** compared to the same period in the previous year.



It was further observed that thus far, 1,008,762 farmers had been served across the 42 counties since the fertilizer digital programme commenced.

ON SUPPLIERS of sub-standard fertilizer, the meeting directed that **firm measures be undertaken against anyone who adulterates supplies being distributed** under the Administration's flagship programme on fertilizer subsidy, as well as for any other products supplied by the Government or the private sector.

THE NATION'S top policy-making organ was briefed on the **progress made to resolve the issues raised by the industrial action in the public health sector.** The meeting observed that the dispute is pending before the Courts, which have all declared the ongoing strike by the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) as illegal and ordered the striking Union members to return to work. The meeting noted that **those orders have been flagrantly violated by the leadership and members of the Union,** leading to the Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRC) extending the period for compliance on three different occasions.

IN CATALYZING the transformation of Africa's digital landscape, and to bolster Kenya's digital landscape and its standing as **a leader in technological innovation on the continent,** Cabinet noted that the Ministry of Information, Communications & the Digital Economy alongside the Kenya ICT Authority was successfully hosting the **ongoing Connected Africa Summit 2024** that commenced on 21st of April, 2024.

TO POSITION Kenya as part of the groundbreaking innovations in technology and **the transformative power of artificial intelligence,** while **cementing our nation's place as a diplomatic hub,** Cabinet approved the Host Country Agreement for **hosting of the Eastern Africa**



Sub-Regional Forum on Artificial Intelligence (AI) between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

AS PART of the plan on transfer of knowledge and technology, Cabinet similarly approved the hosting of the **African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)**, as well as its enhanced capacity building programme with the Government of Kenya. AERC is a public not-for-profit organization **devoted to the advancement of research and postgraduate training in economics** to inform economic policies in Sub-Saharan Africa and the rest of the world.

TO UNDERSCORE Kenya's commitment to regional cooperation and the global fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, Cabinet considered and approved the **hosting of the 48th Summit of the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)** and the 24th Council of Ministers and 7th Public-Private Sector Dialogue (PPSD) Meeting on AML/CFT in September, 2024. **The international conventions are expected to draw delegations from twenty-one(21)counties in the Eastern and South Africa region;** including Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

CABINET ALSO ratified the **World Trade Organization Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies**. The thrust of the Agreement is to **safeguard the world's seas, oceans, and marine resources for posterity** by promoting sustainable and responsible fishing practices through preventing overflowing and over-capacity. As such, it creates a level playing field in the international fisheries trade by ensuring that subsidies do not distort competition or create unfair advantages for certain countries or fishing fleets. Following the receipt of Cabinet approval, **the treaty will be forwarded to Parliament for approval in keeping with the Treaty Making and Ratification Act 2012.**

TO SOLIDIFY our **nation's valiant efforts to promote peace and development** within the Region, Cabinet considered and approved



the **2023 treaty re-establishing the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**; constituted by Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, and the Sudan as partner states.

THE NEW treaty, as adopted by the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on 12th June, 2023 in Djibouti, is the successor to the Agreement establishing the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development of 21st March, 1996.

IN DISCHARGE of the Government's commitment as set out under the **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**, Cabinet reaffirmed the Government's intention to acquire one million acres of land to settle the landless and improve their livelihoods by fostering economic activities, including the growth of industries. In that context, **Cabinet approved the acquisition of 11,000 acres of land in Naivasha through the Land Settlement Fund**; with the parcel of land being designated to be utilized as 6,000 acres for settling squatters and 5,000 acres for industrial purposes.

THE CABINET is scheduled to reconvene next week in accordance with the Cabinet's calendar to consider the **Financial Year 2024/25 and the Medium-Term Budget**, alongside all Budget related Bills, Policies and other Statutory Instruments.

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Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024