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**DESPATCH FROM CABINET**

**His Excellency the PRESIDENT William Samoei Ruto, Ph.D., C.G.H.**, today chaired a meeting of Cabinet at State House, Nairobi.

**The Cabinet** Meeting was preceded by Cabinet Committee meeting under the chair of His Excellency the Deputy President. Cabinet considered various Bills, policies and State Programs geared towards the implementation of Government blue print the Bottom – Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

In line with the President announcement at the **African Continental Free Trade Area in Nairobi and UN Habitat Assembly**, Cabinet considered and approved the implementation of a **Visa-Free Regime**.

The implementation of a Visa-Free Regime will enhance trade relationships and bolster Kenya's position as a regional economic force. It will also boost tourism, enhance regional and global trade, and contribute significantly to the Country's economic growth.

**The Cabinet** discussed and approved the National Skills Development Policy and the National Policy framework for career guidance. The National Skills Development Policy **seeks to align skills development to labour market demands in order to enhance employability, maintain competitiveness and contribute to social economical growth.**



On the other hand, **the National Policy framework for Career Guidance** has been developed to provide a robust and professionalized career guidance system that enables people to manage their learning and career pathways within the context of a rapidly changing education, training and labour-market system.

In furtherance of the Administration's agenda for agricultural transformation and inclusive growth that is aimed at quick turnaround of the economy, lowering of the cost of living, foreign exchange earnings, jobs creation and source of income for two thirds of Kenyans, **Cabinet considered and approved the Kenya Agricultural sector extension policy, 2023 and the National Agricultural Insurance Policy.**

The provision of Agricultural extension and Advisory Services in particular, is central to ensuring that value chain players employ best practices in the business of farming thus making the sector and country's agricultural commodities more competitive. Meanwhile, **the National Agricultural Insurance Policy will build farmers resilience, promote investments in agriculture and increase sector productivity will the goal of improving sustainable food and nutrition security for the country.**

In recognition of the Constitution, article 44 (1) and (2) that every person has the right to use the language and participate in the cultural life, of the person's choice and that a person belonging to a cultural or a linguistic community has the right, with other members of that community to enjoy the person's culture and use the person's language, the nation's top policy organ considered and **approved the languages of Kenya Policy.** The policy will provide **guidelines for the planning and management of languages as well as provide structures on the implementation at National and County level.**

The strengthening of the Institutional framework for improved forest Governance, resource allocation, partnerships and collaboration with the National and County governments; and non-state actors, **Cabinet deliberate and approved the National Forest Policy.** The proposed National Forest policy will among others strengthen Forest sector



governance; enhance public and private sector participation; mainstream forestry in sustainable development; incorporate elements of climate change mitigation and adaptation, green growth, ecosystem security; propose innovative ways of funding the forestry sector including the setting up of a conservation trust fund; safeguard the ecological integrity of forests and security for present and future generations.

**Cabinet** was also apprised on the progress being made in the implementation of various programmes that included National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), implementation of KENGEN's 42-5 MW Seven Forks Solar Power Project, and Revamping of the commuter rail. In that regard, Cabinet **considered** and **approved** the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), Implementation of KENGEN'S 42-5 MW Seven Forks Solar Power Project and Revamping of the commuter Rail through the French Government soft loan.

The meeting took note of the impact of the **El Nino rains** in the various parts of the Country and the recovery interventions and financial resources required to bounce back the displaced population to normalcy.

In honour of our nation's international obligations, and in furtherance of our national quest to remain a global leader in balanced advance of economic growth and environmental sustainability, **Cabinet approved** Kenya's Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). The GGGI is a treaty – based international, intergovernmental organization whose vision is a low-carbon, resilient World of inclusive and sustainable growth by supporting members in the transformation of their economies to a green growth economic model.

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