

## **THE PS PLANNING DR MUIA CONGRATULATES THE NEW NCPD CHAIR FOR HIS APPOINTMENT, URGES THE BOARD TO BE INNOVATIVE**

The Principal Secretary State Department for Planning Dr Julius Muia has congratulated the newly appointed Chairman of the National Council of Population and Development (NCPD) Mr. Sam Kona for his appointment to the Board.

Mr. Kona was appointed by President Uhuru Kenyatta vide a Gazette Notice No. 4283 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> may, 2019 to serve for a term of three years.

The PS said his appointment was recognition of his vast corporate Board experience as Chair, having served in several Boards in the past. He observed that the NCPD will tap and benefit greatly from the Mr. Kona's experience and professional background on governance issues.

Dr Muia was speaking during the NCPD Board and senior Management Retreat on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Baobab Beach Resort in Ukunda, Kwale County.

The aim of the induction workshop was to sensitize the new members on their roles as committee members as informed by the Mwongozo Code as well as have the Council identify its goals and targets and discuss on the Strategic Plan to achieve the same. Mwongozo is the Code of Governance for State Corporations and is the policy document by the government of Kenya that seeks to incorporate the principles of corporate governance in the management and governance of State Corporations in Kenya.

Mwongozo addresses matters of effectiveness of Boards, transparency and disclosure, accountability and risk management, internal controls, ethical leadership and good corporate citizenship.

Other issues discussed were NCPDs draft Bill, ICPD summit, Risk Mitigation Plan and the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) proposed structure for the NCCP Secretariat.

The PS noted the new chairman takes the mantle at an opportune time when landmark population and development events are scheduled to take place that NCPD will be spearheading and or actively be participating;the

Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 and the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census being the notable ones. "Plan the ICPD25 conference like no other, learning from other conferences which have successfully been held in Kenya, always upping the bar". He said.

He urged the Board to adopt transformational mindset in the way business at NCPD is conducted adding that the Government expects the entities it owns to promote and accelerate economic development and to drive social and economic transformation by identifying themselves with the Big Four Agenda. "It now business unusual for the Government but not business as usual", The PS said.

Dr Muia said Kenya has been implementing policies and strategies geared towards advancing implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) and Vision 2030 and urged the NCPD to identify itself with them.

He urged the Board to mitigate risks by looking for ways to attract resources instead of relying on Government to run its operations."The State Department for Planning has over the years supported the NCPD in terms of lobbying for increased resource allocation to enable the entity discharge its mandate. I'm aware that the available resources for NCPD is inadequate and this is an area that the Board needs to strategize on how to mobilize additional resources from diverse sources to enable the Council effectively perform its mandate", He said.

Others who addressed the retreat included the Director General of the National Council for Population and Development Dr. Josephine Kibaru-Mbae among others.

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