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**DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONTINENTAL  
ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON THE DOMESTICATION OF  
AGENDA 2063 SECOND TEN-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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**Your Excellency, Representative from the Africa Union  
Commission**

**Your Excellency Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, Chief Executive  
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**Excellencies**

**Distinguished Participants**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Good morning!**

I am delighted to join you here today at this official opening of the Continental Orientation Workshop on the Domestication of Agenda 2063, Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan.

Allow me to take this early opportunity to welcome participants from outside Kenya, to Nairobi, the green city in the Sun. I exclusively appreciate respective Governments for honouring the invitation from the Africa Union Commission (AUC) and the AUDA-NEPAD, to advance the conversation on this very important continental engagement.

I wish also to express Kenya's appreciation for the kind gestures by the AUDA-African Union Commission to have this important event hosted in Nairobi. Kenya is indeed humbled to host this workshop among the others in the past, that are making Nairobi the second home in the implementation of the Africa Union Agenda 2063.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

The Africa Agenda 2063 provides the strategic framework for actualization of Africa's goal of inclusive growth and sustainable development. The Agenda 2063 manifests Pan-Africanism; and the

drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, collective prosperity and a clear path towards the desired future. It amplifies the call for ***"the Africa we want."***

This continental development blue print aims at eradicating poverty and improving living standards characterised by increased income levels and enhanced industrialization throughout the African continent. It aspires for seamless continental integration anchored on infrastructural connectivity that is key in placing Africa as a respected global player.

It is imperative therefore, that the implementation of the Africa Agenda 2063 be accelerated to create a better African continent within the shortest possible time.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

You will recall that, in December 2022, we converged here for the Africa Agenda 2063 Evaluation Report Validation Workshop. Member States had undertaken an end term evaluation exercise on the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of the Africa Agenda 2063. This not only gave countries the opportunity to review implementation status of indicators and targets of the Plan, but also to identify any implementation challenges so as to put in place appropriate corrective measures to address deviations.

The evaluation report, which was compiled by a diverse group of experts and was a product of concerted effort by all Member States, highlighted significant lessons for the future. These include, among other, essential lessons regarding:

- a) **Leadership:** That strong and transformative leadership is required to champion Agenda 2063 implementation. The leadership should span continental, regional, national and sub-national levels and be anchored on and supported by explicit policies and management decisions.
- b) **Communication and Awareness:** That effective implementation of Agenda 2063 calls for active participation of multi-stakeholder groups. Hence, continuous communication and advocacy is necessary to raise public awareness on the Agenda 2063.
- c) **Design and Implementation Considerations:** that The African Continent development landscape is dynamic, prone to political instability, and socio-economic challenges which include internal and external shocks and disruptions such as pandemics, global security threats, climate change, financial crises and exchange rate volatility. Accordingly, the plans should incorporate resilience and sustainable measures as integral components of the implementation architecture.
- d) **Costing and Financing:** that Agenda 2063 Ten-Year Implementation Plans should be costed as a solid basis for resource mobilisation and enhancing allocative efficiency of financial resources embodied in the Plan.
- e) **Reporting:** that periodic reporting is important in providing the implementation progress of Agenda 2063. Subsequently, to ensure credible reporting there is need for urgent capacity enhancements in public data infrastructure, statistics, data management and analysis at all levels.

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It is also worth remembering that in **December, 2023**, the Continent again gathered in Nairobi for the validation of the core indicators and costing framework for the Africa Agenda 2063 Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan. This workshop resulted in the adoption of the Agenda 2063 Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan by the African Union Summit in February 2024.

The Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan presents a period of convergence; steering Africa towards a common journey premised on standardized domestication, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting. As a first step towards convergence, domestication and integration of the Africa Agenda 2063 into Member States National Plans is critical; while creating awareness on the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan. This will ensure a tight grip on the achievements of the continent's aspirations.

Many countries have made commendable progress on this, attributed to the continued guidance by the AUC. Kenya, on its part, has integrated the aspiration of the Agenda 2063 and that of the Country's Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV). Kenya also submitted to the AU, the Africa Union Special Project Country Report in 2022 and the Second Country Progress Report in October 2023. The country rating improved from 59% to 61% occasioned by improvements in Aspiration 1 and 2.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

The Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan is also expected to provide focused acceleration of the implementation process with a clear mind-set on results.

Accelerating the speed of the implementation of Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan, will require: strong and transformative leadership; effective communication and awareness; enhanced data quality for periodic and standardized reporting; continuous human capital development to anchor realization of the African dream; and strong synergies that assure consistent flow of funding towards the targeted programmes and projects.

In this regard, the proposal to reflect on the Africa Union Agenda 2063 Development Fund is a noble idea that calls for support across countries. Likewise, it is important to underscore the prominent role of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in enhancing Africa integration and stimulating growth and development in all Partner States.

**In conclusion ladies and gentlemen,** I invite you for candid discussions on the subject matter, guided by the objectives of the workshop.

As it is said, all work and no play, makes Jack/Jane a dull boy/girl. During your free time, as is the tradition, I would encourage you to sample the warmth offered by the Green City in the Sun.

It is now my humble duty and privilege to declare the Workshop Officially Open.

***Thank You Very Much***

***Asanteni Sana***

***Merci Beaucoup***