



REMARKS DURING THE BRIEFING MEETING ON THE STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR REFORMS AND INITIATIVES HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2024

The Principal Secretaries,

Chief Executive Officers of State Corporations and Agencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Kenya's success and prosperity as a nation are fundamentally linked to the fulfillment of the commitments outlined in the **BETA Plan**, which guides our development priorities. Through the BETA Plan, we are building a resilient agricultural sector that uplifts our farmers and secures food for all Kenyans.
2. The **key agricultural sector reforms** under the BETA Plan are as follows:
 - **Coffee Reforms:** Enhance farmers' earnings by addressing historical issues in the coffee value chain, including exploitation by middlemen, poor governance, and low productivity.
 - **Tea Reforms:** Address inefficiencies in the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) and increase earnings for small-scale tea farmers.
 - **Sugar Sector Reforms:** Revive the sugar industry by resolving debt, improving mill operations, and creating a conducive environment for investment.

- **Livestock Sector Reforms:** Support pastoralists and livestock farmers by enhancing resilience, increasing productivity, and improving market systems.
- **Fertilizer Subsidy Program:** Ensure affordability and accessibility of fertilizers to increase agricultural productivity and reduce food insecurity.
- **Fisheries Management**
- **Status of AFA/KALRO**

3. Acknowledging the immense potential of the agricultural sector, the Office of the Deputy President has been mandated to spearhead and coordinate efforts to unlock this potential. Our office is committed to serving as the nucleus for driving reforms, enhancing efficiency, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders to achieve our collective goals.

4. This meeting has been convened to apprise ourselves on the current priority interventions, anticipated reforms and status of agricultural sector reforms. We shall also be seeking to proffer solutions for a harmonized common front and build synergy for the delivery of the promise as one Government.

5. Let us remain committed to working together to transform this vision into a tangible reality for all Kenyans. I welcome you to this meeting and wish you fruitful deliberations as we forge the path forward together.