**SPEECH**

BY

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DURING THE

**MULTISECTORIAL WORKSHOP TO REVIEW KENYA CREDIT ACCUMULATION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM**

HELD ON

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 AT

**LAKE NAIVASHA RESORT HOTEL, NAIVASHA**

* **The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Hon Ezekiel Machogu, CBS;**
* **The Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET- Dr. Esther Muoria;**
* **KNQA Ag. Director General - Dr. Alice Kande;**
* **The Kenya Credit Accumulation & Transfer System (KCATS) Technical Working Committee;**
* **KNQA Staff;**
* **Ladies & Gentlemen;**

**Good morning**,

It is with utmost gratitude and pleasure that I welcome you all to this workshop. On behalf of the KNQA Council, may I extend our gratitude to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education - Hon. Ezekiel Machogu and the Principal Secretary for TVET - Dr. Esther Muoria for the support they have accorded the Authority in ensuring effective implementation of the Kenya National Qualifications Framework.

I wish to thank KNQA Management and staff for the immeasurable commitment towards ensuring that the Authority effectively executes its mandates, among them being development of national policies to inform quality, credibility and relevance of our national qualifications.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**, join me in appreciating the Cabinet Secretary for moving swiftly in constituting a national team to review the KCATS Policy. I note with deep appreciation that this is a multi-Agency and multi-Sectoral team that brings onboard diverse expertise that will undoubtedly come up with a well thought through national document.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Qualifications landscape in Kenya encompasses multiple stakeholders who must work together to ensure relevance, portability of qualifications, mobility of labour and global competitiveness of our qualifications. We have worked with multiple stakeholders previously and I call upon all of us to leverage the diverse expertise that each one of us brings to the table.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**, this workshop is timely as it has happens at the backdrop of implementing recommendations of the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms; specifically on the need to support progression and mobility of TVET graduates through credit transfer.

From the regional and global lens, implementation of the Kenya Credit Accumulation and Transfer System Policy is a key enabler towards portability of qualifications, skills, services and workers hence, a conduit towards realization of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area agenda and the East Africa Commission (EAC) integration agenda, among other international commitments.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** I wish to acknowledge and appreciate your readiness to embark on the task ahead of us. Your expertise, insights, and dedication to this vital cause will go a long way in getting a final practical policy document. I invite you all to engage actively and share your perspectives. Let us approach this workshop with enthusiasm, open minds, and a shared commitment to shaping the future of education and training in Kenya. Together, we can make a lasting impact and create a brighter future for our nation.

**Lastly,**

I urge each one of us to scrutinize every aspect of the KCAT system policy and ensure that it aligns with our national goals, vision and international goals and best practices. I am confident that, through our collective efforts, we shall end this workshop with a comprehensive draft policy framework, ready for the next stages of approval.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**, with these few remarks, I wish to reiterate my appreciation for your presence and wish you all a productive workshop.

*Kindly allow me to welcome the Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET- Dr. Esther Muoria to make her remarks.*

**GOD BLESS YOU!**