**REMARKS BY CPA ROSEMARY NJOGU, CHAIRPERSON KENYA NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (KNQA), DELIVERED DURING A CEREMONY OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE TO THE KENYA COAST NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC (KCNP) IN MOMBASA ON 3RD MARCH 2023 AT 10.AM.**

**Principal Secretary, State Department of Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) - Dr. Esther Muoria,**

**TVET County Director - Mr. Peter Mwangi,**

**Ministry of Education Officials,**

**Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) Acting Director General/CEO- Dr. Alice Kande,**

**Kenya Coast National Polytechnic Principal - Ms. Mary Muthoka,**

**Kenya Coast National Polytechnic Staff,**

**KNQA Staff,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Hamjambo!**

Receive greetings from KNQA. It is with utmost gratitude and pleasure that we witness this momentous occasion - the Accreditation of the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic as a Qualifications Awarding Institution (QAI).

I am proud to note that this institution has continued to impact our TVET sector as far as competency-based education and training is concerned. I applaud you for keeping a fort in the country’s TVET development agenda. We recognize this Polytechnic as a center of excellence in advancing skills, knowledge and competencies.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

To get to this point, various stakeholders have been involved. To mention, in a special way, is the TVET-Authority whose mandate among others is to quality assure the training programmes in accordance with the Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) standards. This is a key step towards accreditation as a Qualification Awarding Institution (QAI) by KNQA. I recognize the role that the industry has played in ensuring that the curriculum for the five programmes that we have registered in the framework are in tandem with industry expectations, thus assuring us of relevance in the labour market.

The programmes are very strategic to the country and will go a long way in supporting the blue economy which is a priority in the Kenya Kwanza government agenda as it will deliver social, economic, and environmental benefits to Kenyans.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

I would like to recognize the efforts that this distinguished institution has put in place, investing heavily in state of the art and technologically advanced equipment.

We are cognizant of the stupendous achievements the Polytechnic boasts of, from the EASTRIP projects to the Radio station **Mvita FM** and the well-equipped workshops. It is truly commendable that this institution has invested in making learning interesting, relevant and accessible to students. These technological advancements are in line with **Sustainable Development Goal Number 17** and **Vision 2030** on ICT.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

The **Vision 2030** emphasizes the relationship between education and training and the labour market for a relevant, knowledgeable, and well-equipped workforce. As a country we must match skills produced and labour market needs. The Kenya National Qualifications Authority will continue working with other stakeholders in the sector to ensure that the agenda of TVET remains robust and able to spur the economy of Kenya through the production of well skilled youth. I know how passionate the PS -TVET is, in raising the bar for our TVET institutions and enabling them to provide the much needed skills for both individual and national development.

As recently directed by the Education Cabinet Secretary - Hon Ezekiel Machogu, KNQA will effectively play its role in ensuring quality, relevance and global competitiveness of our national qualifications. This, ladies and gentlemen, is attainable if all the stakeholders including - Public and Private sectors; Government Agencies; education and training institutions; professional bodies; players in both formal and informal sectors; and development partners pulled together.

I take this opportunity once again, to congratulate the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic (KCNP) on your successful accreditation and registration in the Kenya National Qualifications Framework as a Qualifications Awarding Institution (QAI). We look forward to our continued working engagement in shaping the future of our country with relevant and competitive qualifications.

**Ahsanteni Sana!**