



SPEECH DELIVERED BY MR. ALFRED CHERUIYOT, CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR POST TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPEMNT. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, DURING A STAKEHOLDERS SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) IN KENYA

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Director General Kenya National Qualifications Authority, Dr. Juma Mukhwana,
Director General Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVETA), Dr. Kipkirui Langat,
CEO TVET CDACC, Dr. Lawrence Guantai,
CEOs, Principal, Policy makers and Administrators,
Members of the Private Sector Present,
Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be part of this function and more so at the closing ceremony of this Virtual RPL Stakeholders sensitization workshop. May I take this early opportunity to applaud the KNQA for organizing this very important sensitization workshop that brings together all key stakeholders within the RPL eco-system from basic education to University level to share their thoughts and experiences and promote the concept of Recognition of Prior Learning Popularly Known as RPL.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I take cognizance of the fact that the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) is established by the Kenya National Qualifications Framework (KNQF)



act no. 22 of 2014 (and KNQF Regulations, 2018) to enhance relevance and quality of education and training. Key to note is that, the KNQA is mandated to develop a **system of competence, life-long learning and attainment of national Qualifications** in the country with a focus on promoting productivity, employability, mobility, and inclusivity.

I am Pleased to note that KNQA's mandate of coordinating and supervising the development of all policies on National qualifications is geared towards supporting the realization of the mandate of PT&SD of *providing an Institutional Framework to devise and implement national, sectoral and workplace strategies to develop and improve the skills of the Kenyan work force and to Integrate those strategies within the National Qualifications Framework(NQF)*;

I consider this workshop a significant milestone in ensuring that the Ministry's agenda of promoting quality, relevance and inclusivity in education as well in relevant and quality skills development as an enabler for socio- economic development and global competitiveness will be achieved.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Recognition of Prior Learning(RPL) is globally being used as a Liberatory tool for promoting lifelong learning to the Marginalized, discouraged and disadvantaged individuals who attained skills, knowledge and competencies outside the formal school systems but cannot be recognised and certified to practice.

I am therefore delighted that, the Kenya National Qualifications Authority has developed this RPL Policy Framework and the Implementation Guidelines to



guide Recognition of Prior Learning in Kenya. It's my desire that this policy will be embraced and supported by all to achieve the envisioned objective.

With these few remarks Ladies and Gentlemen, it's my hope that today's deliberations will be properly utilized in the implementation of RPL in the Country. May I therefore declare this sensitization workshop officially closed and wish all of you success in your endeavour to roll out Recognition of Prior learning in Kenya.

Thank you all and God Bless