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Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be part of this function and more so at the opening ceremony of this validation workshop of **Standards for Assessing National Qualifications in Kenya**. May I take this opportunity to applaud the KNQA for organizing this workshop that brings together all key stakeholders within the qualifications' system from basic to University level to share their thoughts and experiences and promote professionalism in the assessment of national qualifications.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) was 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 **National System**



for Assessing National Qualifications in the country with a focus on enhancing the quality, relevance and lifelong learning. I consider this workshop a significant milestone in ensuring that the Ministry's agenda of promoting quality and relevance in education as well in skills development as an enabler for socio- economic development and global competitiveness will be achieved.

I am delighted that, the Kenya National Qualifications Authority has developed these standards and guidelines to guide assessment of National Qualifications in Kenya. We desire that these standards will contribute to achieving the envisioned quality education and training in Kenya. I would like to thank the KNQA for spearheading this important process in our country. These Standards forms the backbone that the Authority, regulators, qualification awarding institutions and assessment bodies will apply in administering assessment, accrediting, monitoring and auditing qualification awarding systems and processes to ensure they continually comply with quality standards.

The purpose of this workshop is thus to fulfill the requirements of law by involving the stakeholders of which you are part today. This is so in order to ensure that standards developed and quality of assessment in Qualification Awarding Institutions are strictly regulated, maintained and enhanced by Quality Assurance Agencies and Qualifications Awarding Institutions.

With these few remarks Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to declare this workshop open and I wish you a very fruitful workshop. Thank you