

CLOSING REMARKS BY AMB. PETER OLE NKURAIYIA, VICE CHAIRPERSON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING THE STAKEHOLDERS VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT PSC REGULATIONS 2018 AT KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2018

Fellow PSC commissioners,

Secretary/CEO Public Service Commission, Dr Alice Otwala

Distinguished stakeholders,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have come to the end of a very fruitful and engaging two days Stakeholders' Validation Workshop on the Draft PSC Regulations 2018. I thank you all for honoring our invitation to attend this workshop and for your patience and lively participation since yesterday.

I believe we have all gained in one way or another considering that a workshop such as this one is also an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, make new friendships and grow our networks.

I am happy to note that this exercise has been very participatory. Consequently, the final draft can be considered to have fully met the threshold of public participation that is required in the process of developing regulations such as these ones. This engagement marks the end of the public participation stage in the preparation of the regulations. However it should be noted that this being a living document is subject to review from time to time in order to align it to prevailing circumstances in the service.

Once gazetted, the new regulations will conclude our roadmap towards complying with the Kenya Constitution 2010 that vested expanded mandates in the Commission. Similarly, the regulations will replace the largely outdated current PSC Regulations of 2005 and also enable us to operationalize the new Public Service Commission Act, 2017.

During these two days, we have discussed all the sections in the draft regulations and received very useful feedback that will go a long way to improve the final

document. We take your feedback very positively even where we may not agree on some of the views. However, we value every contribution. We will ensure that the document captures your aspirations and is as inclusive as much as possible.

From here, we will consolidate the recommendations and thereafter the draft regulations will be forwarded to the Attorney General for onward submission to parliament for eventual publication in the Kenya Gazette as the Public Service Commission Regulations, 2018. It is our hope that Parliament will expedite the enactment of this regulations to enable full implementation as soon as possible.

As I conclude, let me thank my fellow commissioners for their active role and contribution at every stage of the development of the regulations. I also commend the technical team and the working committee that organized this workshop under the able leadership of the Commission Secretary/CEO Dr Alice Otwala. Indeed it has been a long journey of hard work and commitment that involved various stakeholders, some of whom are here with us in their individual capacities or as institutions. To you all, the Commission will forever be grateful.

I also thank the Kenya School of Government for hosting us. As we all know, the School is one of our critical stakeholders in our ongoing efforts to transform the public service to be effective and efficient in delivery of public services. We will continue to partner with the school in this regard.

I wish you all safe return to your various work places and look forward to another opportunity to interact with you as we serve our country.

It is now my pleasure to declare the Stakeholders' Validation Workshop on the Draft Public Service Commission Regulations, 2018 officially closed.

Thank you and may God bless you.