

CLOSING REMARKS BY AMB. PETER OLE NKURAIYIA, CBS, ACTING CHAIRPERSON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING THE STAKEHOLDERS VALIDATION WORKSHOP WITH SCAC ON THE DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATIONS 2018 AT KICC, NAIROBI ON 27TH MARCH 2018

Fellow PSC Commissioners,

Commission Secretary/CEO Mrs. Alice Otwala,

Secretary, State Corporations Advisory Committee, Ms Jane Mugambi,

Chairpersons, Directors and CEOs of State Corporations,

Vice Chancellors of Public Universities present,

Distinguished participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have come to the end of what I can only describe as a very fruitful and engaging Stakeholders' Validation Workshop on the Draft PSC Regulations 2018 with State Corporations and public universities.

When we began this workshop this morning, I must admit I wasn't sure what to expect. Several hours later, I am a very happy man, happy because you have done us proud.

We began the program on schedule because you came early and in droves. It is encouraging to note that a great number of chairpersons and CEOs of state corporations and vice chancellors of public universities came in person and have stayed on up to this very moment.

The quality of your contributions and active participation was just amazing. Not a single one of you was caught napping as tends to happen in lengthy forums such as this one.

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.

On behalf of the Commission and indeed on behalf of SCAC, I say thank you and thank you again for honoring our invitation and being very active participants.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The conclusion of this one-day workshop caps what has been a very participatory and engaging process of developing the draft regulations. It marks the end of the public participation stage in the preparation of the regulations. Consequently, the final draft should be considered to have fully met the legal threshold of public participation that is required in the process of developing regulations such as these ones.

I have no doubt that we have done sufficient justice to this document during this period that we have spent here today. We have discussed all the sections 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 viewpoints. We will ensure that the document captures your aspirations and is as inclusive as can be.

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

However, it should be noted that even after gazettelement, the new regulations will remain a living document that will be subject to

review from time to time depending on prevailing circumstances in the service.

From here, we will consolidate the recommendations and thereafter the draft regulations will be forwarded to the Attorney General for onward submission to Parliament. We are confident that Parliament will expedite its passage and subsequent publication in the Kenya Gazette as the Public Service Commission Regulations, 2018.

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.

I also wish to appreciate all the session chairs and the resource persons for their presentations that were delivered earlier today with clarity and purpose.

And in a very special way, I wish to thank the State Corporations Advisory Committee for facilitating this workshop and mobilizing all state corporations at a fairly short notice. To you all, the Commission will forever be grateful.

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 with state corporations and public universities officially closed.

Thank you and may God bless you all.