

# MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VISION 2030

## POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

### FORUM TO DISCUSS A POLICY BRIEF ON VALUE OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Introduction:** An important policy question is whether or not improved environment and renewable natural resources (ENR) management can form the basis of economic growth and poverty reduction policies for Kenya. A first step towards addressing this is by demonstrating the (monetary) value of the contribution of ENR to Kenya's economic growth, and by extension, development. Towards this end, PEI is in the process of developing a policy brief aimed at highlighting the major issues that need to be addressed to strengthen understanding of the linkages between ENR and economic growth.

**Policy Brief Title:** Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and Vision 2030 through Sustainable Development

**Proposed Date:** Tuesday – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 **Time:** 9 a.m-12.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club, Nairobi

**Hosts:** Ministry of Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 - With support from UNEP/UNDP through the Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI)-Kenya

#### **Context:**

Kenya's Vision 2030 aims to achieve 10% GDP annual growth through six key economic sectors all of which are dependent on the ENR sector. In order for Kenya to realize a just and cohesive society enjoying equitable social development in a clean and secure environment as stated in the Vision 2030, there is need to promote better ENR management for the sector to provide the needed support to the economic sector towards the achievement of the MDGs and the realization of Vision 2030. Unfortunately, although ENR constitute key building blocks for economic growth and poverty reduction, their importance and value are largely unknown and as such tends to be under-represented in economic planning, budgeting and policy-making.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the half day meeting include;

1. Hold discussions on key issues relating to the contents of the briefing note.
2. Get input for the finalization of the policy brief
3. Have the recommendations of the policy brief validated and agree on follow up actions
4. Finalization of the policy brief

**Programme:**

<b>Policy Brief Title:</b>	<b>Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and Vision 2030 through Sustainable Development</b>
8.45 am – 9.00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrival and registration</li></ul>
9.00 am – 9.15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li></ul>
9.15 am – 10.00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of Draft Policy Brief</li><li>• Presentation by UNEP</li></ul>
10.00 am – 10.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussions and Contributions</li></ul>
<i>10.30 am – 10.45 am</i>	<i>Tea Break</i>
10.45 am – 11.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussions and Contributions</li></ul>
11.30 am – 12.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrap up and Way Forward</li></ul>
<i>12.15 pm – 1.15 pm</i>	<i>Lunch and Departure</i>

**Participants**

Up to 30 technical officers from relevant government ministries as specified below, together with UNEP and UNDP focal persons for PEI-Kenya:

1. Ministry of Planning, National Development and V2030
2. Poverty Eradication Commission
3. Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources
4. Ministry of Local Government
5. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
6. Ministry of Livestock and Development
7. Ministry of Fisheries and Development
8. Ministry of Roads
9. Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife
10. National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA)
11. Ministry of Energy
12. Ministry Water and Irrigation
13. Ministry Transport
14. Ministry Public Health and Sanitation

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